

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
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IT TRAINING UNDER PMGDISHA

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries who have received Information Technology (IT) training under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) till July 2025;
- (b) the percentage of beneficiaries who are Anganwadi and ASHA workers; and
- (c) the manner in which technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robotics have been incorporated under the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): The Government launched Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) in 2017 to ensure digital literacy. Against the target to train 6 crore individuals, a total of 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country.

The Scheme was implemented by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited through 4.39 Lakh Common Service Centres (CSC) run by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). The scheme was officially concluded on 31st March 2024.

The PMGDISHA Scheme was aimed at empowering the citizens in rural areas by training them to operate computer or digital access devices (like tablets, smart phones etc.), send and receive emails, browse internet, access Government services, search for information, undertake digital payments etc. and hence enable them to use the Information Technology (IT) and related applications especially Digital Payments to actively participate in the process of nation building.

Thus, the scheme aimed at bridging the digital divide, specifically targeting the rural population in the age group of 14 to 60 years. The marginalized sections of society like Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST), Below Poverty Line (BPL), women, differently-abled persons, and minorities were covered under the said scheme. The duration of the training was 20 hours to be completed in minimum 10 and maximum 30 days.

Further, as per the guidelines, a household was defined as a unit comprising of Head of the family, spouse, children, and parents. All such households where none of the family members was digitally literate would be considered as eligible household under the said Scheme.
