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Implementation of Indian language medium engineering education

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Will the Minister of *Education* be please to state:

- (a) the number of technical colleges (degree and diploma) currently offering engineering courses fully in one or more Indian languages, and total student enrolment in such language-medium programmes;
- (b) the number of additional AICTE-approved textbooks translated or originally authored in regional languages beyond the initial 22, and how many are in active classroom use;
- (c) whether any assessment has been conducted comparing outcomes of students taught in English medium versus Indian language medium;
- (d) the number of non-major or less-represented Scheduled Languages for which technical content translation has been initiated; and
- (e) the roadmap for coverage of all 22 Scheduled Languages?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (e): All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body under the Ministry of Education, grants approval for conducting courses in Technical Education at diploma, undergraduate and post graduate levels to Technical Institutions.

For the Academic 2025-26, 44 institutions across 9 States are offering AICTE-approved degree/diploma programs in Indian languages in Engineering and Technology branches such as Computer Science and Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, AI & Machine Learning etc.

Government of India has taken several steps towards promotion of multilingualism in education as enshrined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. University Grants Commission (UGC) and AICTE have issued guidelines for preparation of text books and supporting the teaching-learning process in the mother tongue/local languages.

AICTE's Technical Book Writing Initiative has been introduced in 12 languages, i.e. Hindi, Tamil, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Bengali, Telugu, Punjabi, Odia, Assamese, Malayalam and Urdu. The translated books are available for free download on e-KUMBH portal.

AICTE has also developed 'Anuvadini' Application to translate books for Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses and Technical books in multiple Indian languages.

For promotion of mother tongue in teaching and research, AICTE launched ‘Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and nurturing of Indian Languages (VAANI)’ initiative which provides financial assistance to approved institutions for organising seminars/ workshops/ conferences.

The Budget 2025-26 has provided for Bhartiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme for availability of text books and study materials for the subjects being offered in schools and higher education in 22 Indian languages in digital form.
