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TECHNICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

1664. # SHRI MANAN KUMAR MISHRA:
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated or proposed any Technical Internship Programme to strengthen industry-ready skills of students and young professionals in emerging technology sectors;
- (b) if so, the objectives and scope of the said programme;
- (c) the technical areas and sectors proposed to be included under this programme; and
- (d) the proposed timeline for its phased implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government is implementing various initiatives under the Digital India Programme to promote capacity building, skilling, internships, and training aimed at developing industry-ready skills among students and young professionals in emerging technology domains across the country, including aspirational districts, tribal-dominated regions, and Union Territories, through its organisations and supported institutions.

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Digital India Corporation (a section 8 not-for-profit company of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), has introduced the Technical Internship Programme in 2025. The main objective of the Technical Internship Programme is to offer students a valuable platform to gain practical experience in a real-world, professional environment.

The Technical Internship programme is a pan-India initiative, and students from any part of India can apply for the program online, at the NeGD website- <https://negd.gov.in/> and thereby contribute to the advancement of digital governance initiatives in the country.

The details of the programme are as under:

- Technical interns will be hired bi-annually i.e., - January and July.
- The duration of the internship is for six (06) months only.
- Technical Interns will receive a stipend of Rs. 20,000/- per month after the completion of 30 days.

The Programme broadly covers emerging technology domains such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Engineering & Analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), software development, DevOps & automation, cybersecurity, databases, and cloud-based digital infrastructure and other digital technologies, aligned with Digital India initiatives.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology also provides Digital India Internship for students imparting practical experience in various pillars of Digital India initiatives. The interns work on policy and implementation issues and contribute towards driving digital transformation in the country.

The Digital India Internship Scheme is a pan-India initiative, and students from any part of India, including rural, remote and aspirational districts, are eligible to apply and participate in it. Since its inception in 2018, 331 students have successfully completed the internship under the Digital India Internship Scheme.

Besides, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is also promoting skilling and capacity building through the following initiatives aimed at developing industry-ready manpower in emerging and advanced technology domains across the country:

- **National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT):** NIELIT provides digital literacy courses such as Awareness in Computer Concept (ACC), Course on Computer Concepts (CCC) etc. NIELIT has trained 43 lakh+ candidates under various courses, including digital literacy and other long-term/short-term skilling courses. Training is delivered through a wide network of 56 NIELIT centres and 8500+ Accredited Training Partners/Facilitation Centres.
- **FutureSkills PRIME:** To bridge the industry skill gap, MeitY has initiated a programme titled “FutureSkills PRIME” jointly with National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) aimed at re-skilling/up-skilling of candidate in new/emerging technologies. The portal can be accessed anytime-anywhere to earn skill certificates in line with their aptitude and aspirations at <https://futureskillsprime.in/> Under the FutureSkills Prime program, there are over 500+ courses & 2000+ digital fluency pathways offered on the platform. More than 16.20+ lakh candidates have enrolled in various courses comprising of approximately 41% women learners and candidates from 720 tier-2 and tier-3 cities have enrolled.
- **“Work Based Learning (WBL)” programme** is launched by the Government of India to strengthen and empower SC/ST/Women/EWS Graduates/Postgraduates through MeitY Institutions (i.e. CERT-IN, C-DAC, NIELIT, STQC, CMET, ERNET, and SAMEER). The

WBL project provides an opportunity for candidates to get exposed to various Design/ Developmental/ Research activities being carried out by Institutions under the aegis of MeitY. Under the project, so far, 3526 candidates have been enrolled out of which 2338 candidates have been trained.
