

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the present status of Digital India Programme along with the success achieved against the target set and the funds allocated to States under the programme so far, State-wise;
- (b) the details of companies and individuals registered/been a part of Digital Campaign;
- (c) whether the Government has identified new areas which require immediate digital initiative;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the fresh initiatives taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the scheme/works undertaken under Digital India Programme at district level and the details of districts in which the schemes has been launched and implemented, State-wise including Gujarat; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to make all districts in the country as digital districts and the time frame fixed for the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Ministry of Electronics and Information technology (MeitY), Government of India has initiated the 'Digital India' programme with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Digital India is an umbrella programme that covers multiple projects of various Central Ministries/Departments & States/UTs and is being coordinated by MeitY. Each project has its own budgetary requirement and accordingly project-plan has been charted out by the implementing departments.

Digital India aims to provide the much needed thrust to nine pillars of growth areas that is (i) Broadband Highways, (ii) Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity, (iii) Public Internet Access Programme, (iv) e-Governance – Reforming Government through Technology, (v) e-Kranti– Electronic delivery of services, (vi) Information for All, (vii) Electronics Manufacturing – Target NET ZERO Imports, (viii) IT for Jobs and (ix) Early Harvest Programmes. The present status of some of the key initiatives under Digital India programme is as follows:

Pillar 1: Broadband Highways

- Under National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) project, as on 2nd April, 2017, optical fibre has reached to 90,027 Gram Panchayats and optical fiber cable has been laid for 2,02,675 kms.

Pillar 2: Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity

- Rural Tele-density 56.15% (as on 31st January, 2017).

Pillar 3: Public Internet Access Programme

- As on 31st March, 2017, a total of 2,91,366 Common Services Centres (CSCs) have been registered across the country, among which, 1,81,173 are at Gram Panchayats(GP) level. Out of the total registered CSCs, 2,50,345 CSCs are active and transacting for delivery of eServices; out of this, 1,59,633 are at GP level.

Pillar 4: E-Governance: Reforming government through Technology

- **Aadhaar:** Aadhaar provides 12 digit biometric and demographic based identity that is unique, lifelong, online and authenticable. Further to give statutory backing to Aadhaar 'The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016' was notified. Over 113 crore residents have been enrolled as on 31st March, 2017.
- **Direct Benefit Transfer(DBT):** As on 28th February 2017, 84 schemes of 17 Ministries/ Departments are there on DBT platform. Ministries/Departments have reported savings of Rs 49,560 crores in last three years due to implementation of schemes in DBT mode.
- Number of user Departments for e-Office is 137 as on 31st March, 2017.

Pillar 5: eKranti- Electronic delivery of services

- 3325 e-services are being provided through 44 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under e-Kranti. More than 1221.68 crore e-transactions with an average of 101.80 crore transaction per month were done during Financial Year of 2016-17.

Pillar 6: Information for All

- **MyGov Platform:** As on 10th April, 2017, 45 Ministries are engaged actively on MyGov platform, reaching out to the citizens through the fundamental concepts of Do, Discuss and Disseminate. Presently, 41.45 lakh users are registered with MyGov, participating in various activities hosted on MyGov platform. MyGov activities are structured under 56 groups consisting of 611 tasks, 710 discussions, 237 Polls/Surveys and 121 talks.
- **Open Government Data platform:** The portal is intended to be used by Government of India Ministries/Departments their organizations to publish datasets, documents, services, tools and applications collected by them for public use. As on 31st March, 2017, over 75,591 resources under 4116 catalogs have been published by 105 Ministries/Departments (81 Central and 24 states).

Pillar 7: Electronics Manufacturing - Target NET ZERO Imports (as on 31st March, 2017)

- 269 Investment proposals under Modified Specific Incentive Programmes (MSIPs) having a proposed investment of Rs. 1.57 lakh crores have been so far received. 95 proposals with investment of Rs. 20,000 crore have been approved.
- 15 Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) have been granted final approval and are under implementation.
- Electronic Development Fund has been launched and 22 daughter funds have been approved with a commitment of Rs. 1,227 Cr involving a corpus of Rs. 10,906 Cr.

Pillar 8: IT for Jobs (as on 31st March, 2017)

- 48,300 seats have been approved under India BPO scheme and over 15,200 seats have been allocated.
- 5000 seats have been approved for BPOs in North East and 1,460 seats have been allocated.
- Under Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) Scheme, around 82.74 lakh candidates have been trained and more than 53.46 lakh candidates have been certified.

Pillar 9: Early Harvest Programme (as on 31st March, 2017)

Over 48.91 lakh Digital Lockers have been opened. About 72.66 lakh documents have been self-uploaded and more than 165 crore documents have been issued. 24 Issuers and 7 Accepters have been on-boarded. Digital Locker Authority has been constituted and Digital Locker rules have been notified.

e-Hospital/Online Registration System (ORS) has been made operational in 73 hospitals and more than 53.04 lakh appointments have been taken online.

More than 1.85 lakh contributors now registered on the Digitize India platform. 8.56 lakh documents are digitized through Digitize India platform.

Public Wi-Fi hotspots: Wi-Fi services have been provided at 79 tourist sites.

The National Scholarships Portal(NSP), a one stop solution for end to end scholarship process, have been implemented. Over 1.21 crore applications have been submitted through NSP. There are 24 registered schemes from 8 Ministries/Departments. Rs. 1156 crore has been disbursed to 39.46 lakh students in the financial year of 2016-17.

National Centre for Geo-Informatics (NCoG) provides Geographical Information System (GIS) based services to Government Ministries/Departments for sharing, collaboration, location based analytics and decision support system (DSS) for various organizations. So far, 13 applications across various domains are operational.

Rapid Assesment System have been integrated with 638 e-Services of 171 departments in 22 States/UTs.

Jeevan Pramaan is an Aadhaar enabled biometric Digital Life Certificate for pensioners. Over 65 lakh pensioners have registered themselves to avail of this facility for their life certificates.

eSign - Online Electronic Signature Service: eSign is an initiative for easy, efficient, and secure signing of electronic documents by an Aadhaar holder. Four agencies namely eMudhra Ltd., C-DAC, (n)Code Solutions, NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd have been empanelled to offer e-Sign Services. So far, over 87.11 lakh eSigns have been issued.

(b): The following agencies are empanelled as part of Digital Campaign:

1. Prachar Communications Ltd.
2. R K Swamy BBDO
3. Crayons Advertising
4. Creativeland Asia
5. Goldmine Advertising
6. Dentsu Communications
7. Contract Advertising
8. MSL Group
9. Wizcraft
10. Promodome
11. Moving Pixels
12. Cheil Advertising
13. Group M
14. Impact Communications
15. Jagran Solutions

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Several new initiatives have been taken up such as:

DigiGaon: a Pilot project of Digital Village(DigiGaon) has been initiated for a period of 3 years involving 6 months of implementation period & 2.5 years of operation & maintenance/service delivery phase post implementation. This project intends to provide a platform for availability of services namely tele-education, tele-medicine, LED Street Lighting & Wi-Fi Hotspot and skill development to the citizens at the Gram Panchayats across various States/UTs.

Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG) has been developed as a single mobile platform to deliver major Government services. The 'Go live' is targeted with 60-70 services with Core Platform integrated with Aadhaar, DigiLocker, PayGov, Rapid Assessment System(RAS) etc.

Big Data Analytics Platform (PaaS - Platform as a Service) over the cloud where user department can plug into the central data analytics hub and utilise it for drawing all sorts of analysis.

- **Government e-Market (GeM)** is a portal launched to facilitate the government procurements with the focus on online market places and e-tendering. It has made procurement possible at minimum price with the maximum ease.

- The Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (IoT), a combined initiative of Ministry of Electronics & IT, ERNET India and NASSCOM has been set up to promote IoT ecosystem which is vibrant & innovative, thereby helping India to attain a leadership role in this field.

(e) and (f): MeitY, Government of India has initiated e-District Mission Mode Project (MMP) to ensure delivery of e-Services to citizens in their locality across all districts across all 36 states/UTs. The e-District MMP ensures Business Process Re-engineering (BPR) of services, providing easy, anywhere and anytime access to Government services through various channels such as Government Offices, Online Web Portal, Mobile and Common Services Centre (CSC). 10 categories (5 mandatory + 5 State/UT Specific) of identified high volume citizen centric public services at district and sub-district level have been taken up for implementation to be electronically delivered under this project. Roll-out of eDistrict services in 555 districts has been completed including all 33 districts of Gujarat. It is envisaged to cover all the districts in the Financial Year 2017-18.
