

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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Degree Apprenticeship Programme

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Degree Apprenticeship increases chances of employability;
- (b) if so, the details of Government colleges and universities offering Degree Apprenticeship programmes in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Degree Apprenticeship programmes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (d) With an aim to provide holistic education, Government of India has announced “The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020” focuses on equity, inclusion and integration of vocational training with an aim to provide students with practical skills and knowledge. Apprenticeship supports a student to gain work place experience and develop expertise in the chosen field which increase their chances of employability.

To form a robust industry-academia linkage, University Grants Commission has introduced the “Guidelines for Higher Education Institutions to offer Internship / Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme” in the year 2020. As per these Guidelines, any Under Graduate Degree programme in any discipline, as specified by UGC is eligible to embed internship / apprenticeship into the degree programme. This focus on outcome-based learning enables students to demonstrate professional abilities for potential employment.

While programmes for skill-based education emphasize on developing skilled workforce with vocational education only, the emphasis on Internship / Apprenticeship is to improve the employability of students in the general stream. As per available information in the Ministry, more than 18000 students have been imparted training in professional and soft skills by 147 Higher Education Institutions.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has also communicated to its approved institutions for introduction of Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/Diploma programme for technical students.
