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E-education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds spent on various programmes and schemes to provide e-education in different parts of the country during the last three years till date, State-wise including Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries to whom e-education training has been imparted under various programmes and schemes, State and District-wise particularly in the Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (c) whether the Government provides employment to the beneficiaries completing e-education training; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d) The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP- 2020) envisions a transformative approach to digital education, aiming to leverage technology to provide high-quality, accessible, and equitable education for all. The policy mandates the integration of digital tools, resources, and platforms into the education system. NEP 2020 also seeks to bridge the digital divide and prepare learners for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

To achieve NEP 2020 aims and objective, several initiatives have been taken to improve education access and ensure affordability. Ministry of Education implements an umbrella scheme “National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT)”. It aims to promote digital education through several inventions including:

- SWAYAM- The objective is to ensure access to the best teaching learning content in Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC). SWAYAM has offered more than 3500 unique courses with over 4.4 crore enrolments in the last seven years.
- SWAYAM Prabha: This has been conceived as the project for telecasting high quality educational programs through DTH channels as well as web portal. As of now, there are more than 143,000 unique videos, accumulating a total watch time exceeding 86,000 hours.

- **SATHEE:** The platform provides equal access to quality education for competitive examination such as JEE, NEET, SSC etc. to all students/ learners across the country. The platform provides around 2000 video lectures, 80,000+ problems, mock tests, an AI chatbot, and provide mentorship to the aspirants of JEE, NEET, SSC etc. So far, more than 4 lac students/ learners from across the country have registered on portal.
- **SWAYAM Plus:** Ministry has launched an online platform featuring high-quality courses for credit recognition in collaboration with academia and Industry leaders like L&T, Microsoft, Bajaj Finserv etc. It aims to boost employability among college students and lifelong learners, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. To ensure maximum participation of Industries, 37 MoUs have been signed with the eminent Industry. There are 187 Courses from various sectors mainly Information Technology & Services, Banking, Finance Services & Insurance is available on platform.

The funds (in Cr.) spent over the last 3 years for the NMEICT components are:

S. No.	Scheme	2021-22 (in Cr.)	2022-23 (in Cr.)	2023-24 (in Cr.)
1.	National Mission on Education through Information & Communication Technology (NMEICT)	351.84	395.02	395.82

Further, Ministry implements PM e-VIDYA to unify all the efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education.

Also, the Ministry of Education implements the flagship scheme, Samagra Shiksha, a centrally sponsored scheme aligned with the NEP 2020 recommendations. This scheme aims to provide inclusive, equitable, quality, and holistic school education to the children. The one of the major interventions under the scheme is to provide financial aid to States/ UTs for establishing ICT Labs and Smart Classrooms in school. Details of fund release for last 3 years for ICT labs and Smart Classrooms attached at [Annexure I](#) and [Annexure II](#) respectively, may be seen at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

To enhance youth employability, Ministry of Education implements National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS). The primary objective of the scheme is to provide high quality on-job-training to youth, enhance the employability, and bridge the skill gap. Government has released Rs. 1298.80 Cr. as a stipend to provide on-job-training to more than 8.50 lakh apprentices in last 5 years.
