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**Promotion of Digital Education**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote digital education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the names of the universities selected from the State of Punjab for inclusion of the digital curriculum in primary stage?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(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 promotes the integration of digital tools, resources, and platforms into the education system.

To achieve NEP 2020 aims and objective, several initiatives have been taken to improve access, quality and affordability of education. 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 interventions including the following:

- i. **SWAYAM:** The objective of SWAYAM is to provide equitable access to quality education through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), promoting inclusive learning opportunities for students, professionals, and lifelong learners across various fields and disciplines. SWAYAM has offered more than 3500 unique courses with over 4.63 crore enrolments since its inception. The list of universities adopted SWAYAM Course credit in the State of Punjab is placed at **Annexure I**, may be seen at [https://www.education.gov.in/parl\\_ques](https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques)
- ii. **SWAYAM Prabha:** The SWAYAM PRABHA is a group of 48 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes with an aim to make education accessible especially for rural area students. These channels are freely available for all learners across the country, including the State of Punjab, and broadcast through DD Free dish and internet applications. As on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, there are more than 1.5 lacs unique educational video lectures, accumulating a total watch time exceeding 92,000 hours.
- iii. **SWAYAM Plus:** Ministry of Education and IIT Madras has launched an online platform featuring high-quality courses in collaboration with leading industry partners. It aims to boost employability among students and lifelong learners. As on day, 55 MoUs have been signed with the eminent

industry partners. The platform offers 322 courses from emerging sectors including Healthcare, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology & Services, Banking, Finance Services & Insurance etc. As on 21st November 2024, the total number of learners enrolled on SWAYAM Plus platform is more than 1.2 lakhs.

- iv. **SATHEE:** The platform provides free access to quality resources for competitive examination such as JEE, NEET, SSC, ICAR, CUET, and IBPS etc. to all students/ learners across the country.

The content is curated by the academicians from prestigious institutions such as the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), contributing their expertise to help students/ learners to prepare for competitive exams. The platform offers over 10,000 video lectures, 80,000+ problems, mock tests, an AI chatbot and provide mentorship to the aspirants of JEE, NEET, SSC etc.

- v. **SAMARTH:** Government has launched SAMARTH ERP solution to make educational institutions future ready digital campuses. SAMARTH aims at providing Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) with a fully managed, cloud-based, comprehensive ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solutions with 9 packages comprising of more than 40 modules on a single platform. As on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, 13 Universities/ HEIs from Punjab have adopted the platform placed at **Annexure II**, may be seen at [https://www.education.gov.in/parl\\_ques](https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques)

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