

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Digital India Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the people of Uttar Pradesh particularly Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency have also been benefited from the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof as on date?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India launched the 'Digital India' programme on July 1, 2015 with the vision to transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge-based economy by ensuring digital access, digital inclusion, digital empowerment and bridging the digital divide. The programme is centred on three key vision areas, namely digital infrastructure as a core utility to every citizen, governance and services on demand, and digital empowerment of citizens. The overall goal is to ensure that digital technologies improve the life of every citizen, expand India's digital economy, and create investment and employment opportunities and digital technological capabilities in the country.

Digital India has considerably bridged the distance between Government and citizens and enhanced trust on government and governance. It has also helped in the delivery of services directly to beneficiaries in a transparent and corruption-free manner. In the process, India has emerged as one of the pre-eminent nations of the world to use technology to transform the lives of its citizens.

(c) and (d): Several schemes/projects are being implemented under Digital India programme for creating awareness and providing digital facilities to citizens in all States and Union territories (UTs), including Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency in the States of Uttar Pradesh. Some of the key initiatives taken by Government are as follows:

- (i). In order to improve the digital literacy rate, especially in rural India, the Government of India implemented a scheme titled "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)" to usher in digital literacy in rural India by covering 6 crore rural households (one person per household) across the country, including Uttar Pradesh. As on 31st March 2024 against 6 crore, 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country. A total of 3,80,252 candidates were enrolled, and 3,41,753 candidates were trained in the district of Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh under the PMGDISHA Scheme.
- (ii). Common Services Centres (CSCs) are offering government and business services in digital mode in rural areas through Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). Over 800 services are being delivered through CSCs, including government services, financial services and services related to Aadhaar, various social welfare schemes, education, tele-medicine, travel bookings, utility payments. As on January, 2025 5.97 lakh CSCs are functional across the country (rural + urban), out of which 4.73 lakh CSCs are functional

at the Gram Panchayat(rural) level. In the state of Uttar Pradesh, 1,42,356 CSCs are functional (rural + urban), out of which 1,13,664 CSCs are functional at the Gram Panchayat (rural) level and in the district of Shahjahanpur, 2610 CSCs are functional (rural + urban), out of which 2177 CSCs are functional at the Gram Panchayat (rural) level.

- (iii). BharatNet project, one of the biggest rural telecom projects of the world, is being implemented by Department of Telecommunications, in a phased manner to create network to connect all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and Villages with broadband. As of February, 2025; 2,14,323 GPs have been made service ready in the country under the BharatNet project.
- (iv). In addition, citizens across the country, including Uttar Pradesh, have also been enabled to access e-services under various initiatives, such as Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG), DigiLocker, National scholarship Portal, Myscheme, e-Hospital and MyGov,etc.
