

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMGDISHA

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

- (a) the present status of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Baghpat district;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries from the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh including districts like Baghpat who have been imparted training thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the measures being taken to overcome the challenges being faced in implementing this scheme effectively in remote areas of Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) the number of digital literacy centres established under this scheme in Uttar Pradesh and the plans to expand these centres; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the digital skills acquired under this scheme empower rural citizens especially in enhancing their access to Government schemes and services?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (e): The Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was initiated to reach digital literacy in 6 crore rural households (one person per household) nationwide including the district of Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh. The training & certification under the scheme was officially concluded on March 31st, 2024. The Scheme was implemented by CSC e-Governance Services India Limited through 4.39 Lakh Common Service Centres spread across 2.52 Lakh Gram Panchayats across the country. As against 6 crore, 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country.

In the state of Uttar Pradesh, a total of 80,809 Training Centres were approved under the PMGDISHA Scheme. A total of 1,63,14,369 candidates were enrolled from the rural households and 1,45,48,273 candidates were trained under the Scheme. The district-wise training conducted in the State of Uttar Pradesh, including Baghpat district, in the last three years is provided in **Annexure-I**.

The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted the 'Comprehensive Annual Modular Survey' (CAMS) in its 79th round (July, 2022 to June, 2023). As per the survey, among the persons aged 15-24 years, around 78.4 percent reported execution of skill of 'sending messages (e.g., e-mail, messaging service, SMS) with attached files (e.g., documents, pictures, video)'. Further, about 94.2 percent of rural households and about 97.1 percent of urban households possess telephone and/or mobile phone. From the said report, given the significant rise in smart-phone usage, internet penetration, and digital engagement in rural areas, the objectives of the scheme were successfully achieved.

Further, the impact analysis of the PMGDISHA scheme was carried out by three agencies namely IIT Delhi, Council for Social Development (CSD) and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). The latest impact assessment study of the PMGDISHA scheme was conducted by IIPA. The gist of the evaluation report is that the PMGDISHA is a unique scheme due to its large scale and the use of remotely proctored examinations. The training provided under PMGDISHA has had a significant impact on the adoption of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and other forms of digital media. It has benefited its participants by enabling their access to a wide range of information and services for various purposes, helping to reduce the overall digital divide in the country.

**The district-wise training conducted in the State of Uttar Pradesh, including Baghpat district
under the PMGDISHA Scheme, in the last three years**

Sl. No.	District Name	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
		Enrolled	Trained	Enrolled	Trained	Enrolled	Trained
1	Agra	42282	40577	19391	18287	4580	4212
2	Aligarh	8792	6841	5611	5046	1217	978
3	Allahabad	86425	76758	32363	28742	9698	8669
4	Ambedkar Nagar	40375	37724	14782	12791	1323	1274
5	Amroha	16684	15527	6916	6518	418	320
6	Auraiya	15671	14405	6489	5907	2394	2156
7	Azamgarh	113436	107632	79181	75253	3814	3549
8	Amethi	43523	40826	10571	9903	1226	1068
9	Baghpat	10608	9371	2258	1969	130	116
10	Bahraich	59386	55001	12681	11297	1088	931
11	Ballia	71386	63018	76714	72755	7546	6784
12	Balrampur	39615	34642	35021	30258	7675	7446
13	Banda	50837	45701	13365	11509	3687	3340
14	Barabanki	34056	31909	9892	8824	1351	1264
15	Bareilly	40543	37700	15148	14515	1995	1829
16	Basti	106589	101927	45161	43511	9434	9137
17	Bhadohi	11112	10156	5690	5340	773	695
18	Bijnor	27172	23591	22794	21364	5811	5618
19	Budaun	21446	20456	5574	4868	495	481
20	Bulandshahr	44929	42346	16988	15508	2250	1842
21	Chandauli	33760	31614	17416	16354	2462	2266
22	Chitrakoot	14016	12810	8183	7521	3243	2946
23	Deoria	44946	41500	24657	23473	11302	10795
24	Etah	16052	14174	4520	3720	624	542
25	Etawah	33632	31220	8391	7834	1130	941
26	Faizabad	37689	36065	39471	37463	8430	8108
27	Farrukhabad	30031	27835	8181	7312	2149	1734
28	Fatehpur	39828	35364	4101	3364	1268	1232
29	Firozabad	30733	27949	7232	6323	1663	1570
30	Gautam Buddha Nagar	4783	4068	1069	826	136	86
31	Ghaziabad	3899	3229	2207	2079	602	384
32	Ghazipur	57580	51772	37764	35357	3462	3035
33	Gonda	28650	26035	12937	11437	5274	5070
34	Gorakhpur	36676	33063	19974	18134	4945	4683
35	Hamirpur	16096	13639	6373	5698	2062	2030
36	Hapur	10595	10315	6370	6302	2092	2066
37	Hardoi	100255	90693	11896	10932	3551	3263
38	Hathras	29998	28458	15613	14415	3433	3328
39	Jalaun	8974	7718	6436	5382	1147	1009
40	Jaunpur	92907	89431	25752	24739	1999	1871
41	Jhansi	24021	22592	23421	22474	2293	2222
42	Kannauj	11131	10982	4682	4516	1704	1688

43	Kanpur Dehat	35851	33525	13435	11795	1715	1502
44	Kanpur Nagar	28223	27015	33232	31414	2303	2129
45	Kaushambi	36892	33300	17824	16404	3777	3616
46	Kheri	11616	9913	7961	7176	1972	1936
47	Kushi Nagar	43101	38941	29992	27776	13403	13088
48	Kasganj	11839	10336	6698	6345	360	330
49	Lalitpur	20876	18860	5888	5076	1862	1785
50	Lucknow	11773	10863	4510	3746	265	158
51	Maharajganj	30756	27346	18611	17476	11889	11536
52	Mahoba	13591	12040	6865	6248	141	136
53	Mainpuri	14129	12859	7363	6587	1592	1347
54	Mathura	18826	17212	36404	35351	3523	3272
55	Mau	37865	35458	29503	27364	7576	7392
56	Meerut	20145	17876	17264	16043	2274	2069
57	Mirzapur	60910	57222	31244	29888	565	481
58	Moradabad	9834	9290	4922	4637	923	869
59	Muzaffarnagar	7979	6698	2914	2369	640	610
60	Pilibhit	16062	15255	5396	4846	1697	1611
61	Pratapgarh	73942	68555	41899	39467	5117	4574
62	Rae Bareli	47469	42246	19083	17984	8342	7808
63	Rampur	23531	22464	10343	9754	2557	2497
64	Saharanpur	35450	34425	31290	29889	5748	5463
65	Sambhal	12993	12100	9410	8892	938	787
66	Sant Kabeer Nagar	36806	34978	27720	27071	5114	5059
67	Shahjahanpur	31961	29698	13799	12287	1415	1348
68	Shamli	7728	7683	1944	1845	527	252
69	Shravasti	25272	22932	11749	10399	407	283
70	Siddharth Nagar	38924	36977	28348	27048	10645	10122
71	Sitapur	72841	68786	19823	18516	4966	4854
72	Sonbhadra	30531	25973	36192	34851	7971	7654
73	Sultanpur	80194	75481	18874	16559	926	791
74	Unnao	64566	61346	41375	40539	1682	1542
75	Varanasi	16230	14712	12946	12026	1131	939
	Total	26,19,825	24,18,999	13,38,057	12,47,488	2,45,839	2,30,418
