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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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TECHNICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched or proposed a Technical Internship Programme to strengthen industry-ready skills among students and young professionals in emerging technology domains especially in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of Nabarangpur Lok Sabha Constituency in Odisha, students of engineering and diploma college in Dahod, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the objectives, eligibility criteria, coverage, financial/institutional framework and scope of the Programme especially PVTGs of Nabarangpur Lok Sabha Constituency in Odisha;
- (c) the technical domains and sectors proposed to be covered under the Programme such as artificial intelligence, semiconductors, cyber security, electronics manufacturing and related areas and the arrangements made to ensure participation of youth including Nabarangpur Lok Sabha Constituency in Odisha, Karnataka and Bengaluru;
- (d) the details of the timeline envisaged for its phased rollout and whether priority is proposed to be accorded to aspirational districts, tribal-dominated regions and PVTG-dominated areas including Nabarangpur;
- (e) the number of internships/seats proposed to be offered annually under the Programme, State-wise, including Karnataka;
- (f) whether start-ups and MSMEs are proposed to be included as host organisations for interns and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the roadmap for the expansion of IT Skill centres under “Digital India” in Dahod?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (g): The Government is implementing various initiatives under the Digital India Programme to promote capacity building, skilling, internships, and training aimed at developing industry-ready

skills among students and young professionals in emerging technology domains across the country, including aspirational districts, tribal-dominated regions, and Union Territories, through its organisations and supported institutions.

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Digital India Corporation (a section 8 not-for-profit company of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), has introduced the Technical Internship Programme in 2025. The main objective of the Technical Internship Programme is to offer students a valuable platform to gain practical experience in a real-world, professional environment.

Students and young professionals belonging to the General, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), Other Backward Classes (OBC), Scheduled Castes (SC), and Scheduled Tribes (ST), including Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) throughout the country can derive direct benefit from the program by applying online at the NeGD website- <https://negd.gov.in/> .

The details of the programme are as under:

- Technical interns will be hired bi-annually i.e., January and July.
- The duration of the internship is for six (06) months only.
- Technical Interns will receive a stipend of Rs. 20,000/- per month after the completion of 30 days.

The Programme broadly cover emerging technology domains such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Engineering & Analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), software development, DevOps & automation, cybersecurity, databases, and cloud-based digital infrastructure and other digital technologies, aligned with Digital India initiatives. The internship is open to eligible youth across the country through an online and transparent application process, ensuring inclusive participation.

Besides, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is also promoting skilling and capacity building through the following initiatives aimed at developing industry-ready manpower in emerging and advanced technology domains across the country:

- **National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT)**, an autonomous scientific society under MeitY, promotes education, training and research in Electronics, IT and emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), semiconductors, drone technology, solar energy and cyber security. Currently, NIELIT operates 56 of its own Centres and a nationwide network of over 700 Accredited Training Partners, as well as more than 9,000 facilitation Centres for conducting skill development and capacity building activities in IECT areas. Further, in the state of Gujarat, NIELIT has presence through 234 Facilitation Centres for the proliferation of Digital Literacy Courses (DLC) across the state, out of this 10 are located in the Dahod district.
- **FutureSkills PRIME**: To bridge the industry skill gap, MeitY has initiated a programme titled “FutureSkills PRIME” jointly with National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) aimed at re-skilling/up-skilling of candidate in new/emerging technologies. Under the FutureSkills Prime program, there are over 500+ courses & 2000+ digital fluency pathways offered on the platform.

- “**Work Based Learning (WBL)**” programme is launched by the Government of India to strengthen and empower SC/ST/Women/EWS Graduates/Postgraduates through MeitY Institutions (i.e. CERT-IN, C-DAC, NIELIT, STQC, CMET, ERNET, and SAMEER). The WBL project provides an opportunity for candidates to get exposed to various Design/ Developmental/ Research activities being carried out by Institutions under the aegis of MeitY. Under the project, so far, 3526 candidates are enrolled out of which 2338 candidates are trained.
