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NATIONAL POLICY OF SOFTWARE PRODUCT

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

- (a) the details regarding the present status of programmes under the National Policy on Software Products, 2019 (NPSP) such as FutureSkills Prime, NGIS, SAMRIDH, GENESIS, TIDE 2.0, Digi-SAPNE and BHASHINI;
- (b) the details regarding the total number of beneficiaries of above specified programmes during the last five years programme, State and district-wise especially in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details regarding the total amount of funds allocated, released and utilised for implementing NPSP across the country during the last five years, programme, State and district-wise especially in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the details regarding the list of Centres of Entrepreneurship proposed, selected and presently functional across the country, State and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) whether the Government has undertaken any activities/campaigns to increase awareness regarding the programs under NPSP and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The National Policy on Software Products (NPSP), 2019 has played a significant role in transforming India's IT sector from a service-led industry to a product-driven digital economy.

The policy aims to position India as a global hub for software products, promote Intellectual Property (IP) creation, and boost domestic demand and exports of software products.

To achieve the objectives of NPSP, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has initiated the following key programmes:

Initiative	Brief	Status
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FutureSkills Prime	Re-skilling/ up-skilling of IT professionals in new/emerging technologies including AR/VR, Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI) etc	<p>More than 27.53 lakh candidates have registered on the FutureSkills Prime portal (https://futureskillsprime.in), out of which over 17.2 lakh candidates have enrolled/trained in various courses.</p> <p>In the State of Andhra Pradesh, more than 3.29 lakh candidates have enrolled/trained under the programme, including over 9,000 candidates from Nellore district.</p> <p>A budget of Rs. 436.87 Cr has been allocated for this.</p>
GENESIS	Aims to identify, nurture and empower 10,000 youth-led startups from across India	<p>More than 500 Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) beneficiaries have been supported so far. Out of these, 29 EIRs have been supported from Andhra Pradesh.</p> <p>A total amount of Rs 54.5 crore has been released under the programme.</p>
BHASHINI	National Language Translation Mission (NLTM) to transcend the language barrier for digital access.	<p>The programme has a budget outlay of Rs 495.51 crore, out of which Rs 464.27 crore has been sanctioned so far.</p> <p>The BHASHINI platform (https://bhashini.gov.in/) currently supports 36 Indian languages, hosts 350 AI language models, and has processed over 4 billion inferences, with an average of over 13 million inferences per day.</p>
Digi-SAPNE	Supporting startups in the North East by helping them scale into large ventures creating tech solutions of societal impact	<p>36 selected startups from the North Eastern Region are being supported over a duration of three years, with 12 startups selected in each cohort</p> <p>The scheme has a budgetary outlay of Rs 5.76 crore.</p>
SAMRIDH	Provides market access and investor connect to startups for scaling through accelerators	<p>43 top accelerators across 16 States were selected to support the acceleration of 373 startups, of which 241 startups have secured matching investment funding.</p> <p>Further, an amount of Rs 99 crore has been released and the programme concluded on 31st January, 2026.</p>

TIDE 2.0	Facilitates technology entrepreneurship through financial and infrastructural support in incubators	More than 1,800 startups have been supported through 51 incubation centres, with a total release of Rs 224 crore. The programme concluded on 31 January 2026.
NGIS (Next Generation Incubation Scheme)	Supports tech startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities to boost inclusive growth in innovation	686 startups have been supported, of which 180 received seed funding and 359 received stipend support. A total Rs 67.84 Cr has been released and the programme concluded on 25th September, 2025. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, 133 startups have been supported.

Further, 24 Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) are functional across the country. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, one CoE on Industry 4.0, namely Kalpataru, is functional at Visakhapatnam.

The Government has undertaken various awareness and outreach initiatives to promote programmes under the National Policy on Software Products, 2019.

These include workshops, expert talks and webinars, innovation and hackathon challenges, collaboration with industry bodies and academic institutions, promotion through official portals and social media platforms, participation in startup and technology events and targeted outreach in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

These efforts are ongoing to further enhance awareness and participation across the country.
