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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3192**  
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**DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME IN BIHAR**

**3192. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the status of the implementation of the Digital India Programme in the State of Bihar including that of Kaimur Bhabua and Rohtas districts of Sasaram Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the total budgetary allocation under general and SCSP/TSP budget by Union Government during the last five years for the programme in the region and its utilization etc.;
- (c) the status of IT Park at Sasaram and Kaimur Bhabua;
- (d) the details of Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) students who get computer education and skill and placed through the different short term, long term training and academic programme of NIELIT including Kaimur and Rohtas districts of Bihar;
- (e) whether the Government has plan to establish IT infrastructure including new NIELIT center in Kaimur and Rohtas districts of the Sasaram Lok Sabha Constituency; and
- (f) 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 (f): In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratise technology and empower citizens, the Government of India had launched the Digital India programme in July, 2015. 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 in India.

Under the Digital India Programme, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has taken several initiatives to enable online delivery of citizen-centric services. These include development and implementation of digital platforms, promotion of Aadhaar-based authentication for beneficiary identification, and expansion of service delivery through Common Service Centres (CSCs) to provide assisted access to citizens, particularly in rural and remote areas. Details of some of the key initiatives are as follows:

- **DigiLocker:** DigiLocker has provided anytime access to authentic digital documents from original issuer for the common citizen. More than **67.17+ crore** users are registered with DigiLocker to avail its services and more than 967.01+ crore documents issued from 2456 issuers onboarded on the platform. More than **255.78 Lakh** Aadhaar enabled registrations have taken place in the State of Bihar to avail DigiLocker services.
- **Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance (UMANG),** one mobile application for all government services, is operational and offers **2446+ services** for individuals. In the

State of Bihar, services from various departments integrated/onboarded on the UMANG platform include e-Labharthi (4 services), Mera Ration (1 service), and Post Matric Scholarship–Bihar (2 services).

- **eSign:** It provides easy, efficient, and secure signing of electronic documents by an Aadhaar holder. There are 37.72 crore e-Signs issued so far and 610.78 Lakh e-Signs have been issued in the State of Bihar.
- **Aadhaar:** Aadhaar is the world's largest digital identity programme that provides biometric and demographic-based unique digital identity. **143.80+ crore Aadhaar IDs** have been generated so far. 12.27 Crore Aadhaar IDs have been generated in the state of Bihar.
- **Common Services Centres – CSCs** are offering government and business services in digital mode enhancing last-mile connectivity in rural areas through Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs). Over 800 services are being delivered through CSCs. As on January, 2026, 5.54 lakh CSCs are functional across the country (in rural and urban areas), out of which 4.32 lakh CSCs are functional at the Gram Panchayat level (rural). A total number of **62,106 CSCs** are functional in the state of Bihar, including 905 CSCs in Kaimur Bhabhua and 1376 CSCs in Rohtas District. State/UT wise and district wise details of CSCs are available at <https://csc.gov.in/> and list of services is available at <https://csc.gov.in/>.
- **National Knowledge Network (NKN):** NKN carries the digital-traffic of National/state Data Centres (NDCs/SDCs), State-Wide Area Networks (SWANs) and provides connectivity to various Digital India initiatives, and carry digital-traffic of various G2G (Government to Government) and G2C (Government to Citizen) services, District Connectivity, etc. It also interconnects higher education and research institutions across the country to facilitate resource sharing and collaborative research, thereby supporting both the National Government Network (NGN) and the Research & Education Network (REN). A total of 1,823 institutes are connected under NKN, including 54 institutes in Bihar, while 681 district links covering 560 districts are operational across India, of which 43 are in Bihar.
- **National Scholarship Portal (NSP):** The platform enables scheme owning Ministries/Departments and States/UTs to process applications and disburse Scholarships/funds directly into the beneficiary's bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The National Scholarship Portal (NSP) serves over 7.47 Crore beneficiaries, with a total disbursement exceeding Rs. 44,181+ Crore. So far, 153 schemes belonging to 13 Ministries/Departments and 21 States/UTs are onboarded on NSP. Till 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, about 29 lakh scholarships amounting to Rs. 1,460 crore has been disbursed in the State of Bihar including Kaimur Bhabhua and Rohtas districts of Sasaram Lok Sabha Constituency.
- **MyGov:** MyGov is a Government of India's Citizen Engagement Platform which collaborates with multiple Government bodies/ Ministries to engage people in policy formulation and seeks the opinion of people on issues/ topics of public interest and welfare. Presently, over **6.11+ crore** citizens are registered with MyGov, participating in various activities hosted on MyGov platform.

The Government has taken several initiatives to provide skilling/upskilling to youth, including students from Scheduled Castes(SC), Scheduled Tribes(ST), Other Backward Classes(OBC), and Economically Weaker Sections(EWS). These initiatives aim to develop industry-ready manpower in emerging and advanced technology domains across the country, including the State of Bihar. The key initiatives are as follows:

**(i). PMGDISHA:** Under the Digital India programme, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was launched in 2017 to ensure digital literacy. The scheme concluded on 31st March 2024. Key aspects of the scheme were:

- The Scheme was one of the world’s largest digital literacy initiatives
- Over 6.39 Crore persons trained nationwide (against the target of 6 Crore)
- 74,12,740 candidates were trained in the state of Bihar, including 1,28,125 candidates from Kaimur (Bhabhua) and 2,21,634 Rohtas district.

**(ii). FutureSkills Prime:** FutureSkills PRIME program is a collaborative initiative of MeitY and National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) aimed at making India a cutting-edge digital talent nation. Key features are:

- Skilling, reskilling, and upskilling in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics, IoTs, Cyber Security, Blockchain, AR/VR, etc.
- Courses are developed in the consultation with industry to align with actual employment needs.
- Portal can be accessed online at <https://futureskillsprime.in/> to earn skill certificates in line with their aptitude and aspirations.
- Under the programme, so far, 17.24+ lakh candidates have enrolled/trained in various courses.
- In the state of Bihar, a total of 26,000 candidates are enrolled/trained in various courses. This includes more than 800 in Rohtas district and 300+ in Kaimur Bhabhua district.

**(iii). National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT):**

- NIELIT provides digital literacy courses such as Awareness in Computer Concept (ACC), Course on Computer Concepts (CCC) etc.
- NIELIT has trained 43 lakh+ candidates under various courses, including digital literacy and cyber security awareness.
- Training is delivered through a wide network of 56 NIELIT Centres and 9000+ Accredited Training Partners/Facilitation Centres.
- NIELIT is providing digital skilling to the youth of Bihar through its own 3 Centres located in the State at Patna, Buxar, Muzaffarpur for overall monitoring of skill development activities in the State. Besides own centres, NIELIT has more than 300 Facilitation Centres spread across the State, out of which 06 centres are located in the Districts of Rohtas and Kaimur, for promoting Digital Literacy Courses (DLC).
- In the last 2 years, number of candidates skilled in various long term and short term in the state of Bihar is as under:

Year	2023-2024	2024-2025
No. of SC Candidates	1,186	985
No. of ST Candidates	137	96

**(iv).** In addition, the **NIELIT Digital University (NDU) Platform** is launched by NIELIT under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to deliver online and blended skill-based courses in emerging technology areas. This Platform is designed to offer future-ready, industry-aligned programs in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, and other frontier domains. This platform also features built-in virtual labs for real-time experimentation in Semiconductor Design, cybersecurity, Cyber Forensics, Industry 4.0, and other emerging domains. Through the NDU platform, every learner can have access anytime-anywhere to NSQF-aligned courses. So far more than 55,000 candidates have registered through NDU Platform.

The Government of India is making continuous efforts to promote IT industry across India including smaller cities and towns. As a part of this initiative, Software Technology Parks have been established in 68 cities across India with 60 centres in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. The STPI centres provide Incubation services, High Speed Data Communication services, Cloud services and other statutory support services. At present, three Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) centres are operational in Bihar at Patna, Bhagalpur, and Darbhanga.

Digital India is an umbrella programme covering multiple projects implemented across Central Ministries/Departments and State/UT Governments. Its execution requires close coordination among these agencies, as many initiatives are jointly developed and implemented. The details of funds allocated to MeitY under the Digital India Programme for the General component, Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC), and Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) for the last five years (2020–21 to 2024–25), along with the current financial year 2025–26 (as on 23.02.2026), is as below:

(Rs. in crore)

<b>Budget heads</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>	<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>FY 2023-24</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>
General component	2587.82	5429.80	4534.96	3737.81	3547.05	4371.76
Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC)	253.00	530.20	487.70	382.78	346.36	427.55
Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST)	204.00	428.00	377.84	307.42	279.59	345.14

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