

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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National Digital University (NDU)

328. Shri Putta Mahesh Kumar:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of stakeholder consultations organized and feedback received pertaining to National Digital University (NDU);
- (b) the timeline by which the Government plans to operationalize NDU along with its proposed locations across the country;
- (c) the details of the institutions across the country that have been identified as hub and spoke partners along with the criteria adopted for their selection, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of courses in multiple Indian languages and ICT formats as envisaged in the scheme; and
- (e) whether the Government has developed any course framework, digital infrastructure or partnerships with Ed-Tech firms or universities for enabling the launch of the NDU, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (e): The Government of India has framed the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with a vision to strengthen learner-centric and technology-enabled education. In alignment with this vision, the Government has envisaged the establishment of a Digital University platform to provide flexible, multidisciplinary, and digitally-driven learning.

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) an Autonomous Scientific Society under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), has launched “NIELIT Digital University (NDU) Platform” in October 2025. “NIELIT Digital University Platform” is a digital learning platform to deliver online and blended skill-based courses in emerging technology sectors such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing etc. The platform also has Built-in Virtual labs for real-time experimentation in Semiconductor Design, Cyber Security, Cyber Forensics, Industry 4.0 and other emerging domains. The courses on this digital platform are aligned to National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) with credits to be transferred in the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) after successful completion.

As on date, more than 100 courses available on NDU Platform. The current set of offerings includes short-term, modular, and specialization courses, delivered through NIELIT’s existing network of 56 centres across the nation.

Further, Ministry of Education, in collaboration with IIT Madras, has launched the SWAYAM Plus platform in February 2024. The platform offers high-quality industry relevant courses in collaboration with industry partners to learners, helping them reskill, upskill, and become employment-ready. As on date, Swayam Plus has signed more than 89 MoUs with the leading industry partners. more than 504 Courses in 15 different sectors are available on the platform, and more than 4.84 lakh learners have enrolled for their Skill augmentation
