

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5309
ANSWERED ON 25/03/2026**

VIGYAN JYOTI PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific aims and objectives of the Vigyan Jyoti Programme;**
- (b) whether the Vigyan Jyoti Programme has been implemented in any district of Uttar Pradesh including the district of Baghpat and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the district-wise total number of girl students covered under this programme in the identified districts of Uttar Pradesh including Baghpat;**
- (d) the details of the facilities and benefits being provided to these girl students under the said scheme, district-wise; and**
- (e) the total budgetary allocation sanctioned for the Vigyan Jyoti Programme in the State of Uttar Pradesh and the mechanism established for its distribution?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
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(a) The aim of the Vigyan Jyoti Programme is to promote gender parity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and its objectives are as given below:

- To encourage and inspire girl students to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).**
- To enhance the participation of girls, particularly from underrepresented regions, and promote gender equality in STEM fields.**
- To provide students with exposure to diverse scientific and technological career opportunities.**
- To foster interest in science through hands-on learning and experiential activities.**
- To impart knowledge in collaboration with Knowledge Partners.**
- To build a supportive and enabling ecosystem that nurtures girl's academic growth from school through higher education.**

(b) to (c): The Vigyan Jyoti Programme has been implemented in 26 districts of Uttar Pradesh and district-wise total number of girl students covered under this programme including the Baghpat district is given below:

S. No.	District of Uttar Pradesh	Total number of girl students covered
1	Agra	400
2	Aligarh	350
3	Amethi	200
4	Ayodhya	300
5	Baghpat	244
6	Bareilly	500
7	Basti	300
8	Bulandshahr	199
9	Chitrakoot	299
10	Farrukhabad	177
11	Ghazipur	200
12	Gonda	199
13	Gorakhpur	502
14	Hardoi	402
15	Jaunpur	200
16	Jhansi	500
17	Kanpur Nagar	548
18	Kushinagar	200
19	Lalitpur	200
20	Lucknow	552
21	Muzaffarnagar	399
22	Prayagraj	547
23	Raebareli	288
24	Saharanpur	549
25	Sitapur-I	197
26	Varanasi	493

(d) The facilities and benefits provided to girl students under the Vigyan Jyoti Programme, district-wise, include a range of targeted interventions aimed at fostering a STEM-oriented mindset. These comprise student-parent counselling, exposure visits to research laboratories and premier educational and technological institutions such as IITs, NITs, and AIIMS, interactions with role models and young innovators, organization of science camps, provision of academic support classes, distribution of resource materials, and activities related to coding and tinkering.

(e) The Department of Science & Technology sanctions/allocates funds to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), an implementation partner which further allocates funds to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Knowledge Centres (KCs). The total budgetary allocation sanctioned for the state of Uttar Pradesh amounts to Rs. 1682.25 Lakh.
