GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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PROGRESS MADE UNDER PMGDISHA

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

(a) the details of features of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) which aims to improve digital literacy in rural households;
(b) the progress made under the said abhiyaan, State/UT and Gender-wise along with its impact thereof; and
(c) the details of other such measures being taken by the Government to improve digital literacy rates in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Digital India programme was launched by the Government of India in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratize technology, bridge the digital divide and empower citizens. Under the 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)
- The States/Union Territories (UTs)- wise status of the scheme is given at **Annexure I**
- The Gender -wise details is given at **Annexure-II**

The training provided under the programme had a significant impact on the adoption of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and other forms of digital media. It benefited its participants by enabling their access to a wide range of information and services for various purposes, helping reduce the overall digital divide in the country.

(c): Other measures adopted by the Government to address the digital literacy in the country include:
  i. **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.

ii. **NIELIT Digital University (NDU) Platform:**
  - NIELIT Digital University (NDU) Platform has been launched by NIELIT.
  - The platform delivers online and blended skill-based industry-aligned courses in emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity etc.
  - The platform includes built-in virtual labs for hands-on learning in Semiconductor Design, Cybersecurity, Cyber Forensics etc.
  - Learners get anytime-anywhere access to National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)-aligned courses.

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Annexure-I

States/UTs-wise achievements under the PMGDISHA Scheme

Sl. No.	State Name	Registered Candidates	Trained Candidates
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	5564	2931
2	Andhra Pradesh	2301731	1917452
3	Arunachal Pradesh	14949	11615
4	Assam	2721585	2360195
5	Bihar	8240606	7412740
6	Chhattisgarh	2486455	2137064
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	20522	18029
8	Goa	58569	53784
9	Gujarat	3031310	2683286
10	Haryana	1857815	1577109
11	Himachal Pradesh	661922	532976
12	Jammu and Kashmir	870451	706991
13	Jharkhand	2752731	2286356
14	Karnataka	2964726	2440957
15	Kerala	177165	118132
16	Ladakh	24785	22122
17	Lakshadweep	142	35
18	Madhya Pradesh	5692467	5069449
19	Maharashtra	6123970	5323817
20	Manipur	28397	18286
21	Meghalaya	152783	106063
22	Mizoram	30317	23125
23	Nagaland	11990	8968
24	Odisha	3616441	3086143
25	Puducherry	22079	15801
26	Punjab	1746448	1514820
27	Rajasthan	4506184	3970690

28	Sikkim	27035	23122
29	Tamil Nadu	1704537	1407880
30	Telangana	1456226	1210448
31	Tripura	325000	264186
32	Uttar Pradesh	16314369	14548273
33	Uttarakhand	785978	673306
34	West Bengal	2836714	2395565
	Total	**7,35,71,963**	**6,39,41,716**

*Chandigarh and Delhi are in urban agglomeration, hence not covered under the scheme.

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Gender-wise status of PMGDISHA Scheme

l. No.	State	FEMALE		MALE		OTHERS	
		Registered	**Trained**	**Registered**	**Trained**	**Registered**	**Trained**
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2683	1482	2881	1449	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	1755778	1495757	545895	421640	58	55
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8601	6885	6347	4730	1	0
4	Assam	1394313	1210515	1326772	1149230	500	450
5	Bihar	4828857	4430595	3411735	2982131	14	14
6	Chhattisgarh	1319158	1150766	1170022	989023	2	2
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	10517	9450	10005	8579	0	0
8	Goa	34482	32038	24087	21746	0	0
9	Gujarat	1437953	1294297	1593238	1388872	12	10
10	Haryana	886305	770493	971507	806614	3	2
11	Himachal Pradesh	356752	295431	305169	237544	1	1
12	Jammu and Kashmir	442598	372783	427851	334206	2	2
13	Jharkhand	1648008	1409896	1104711	876450	12	10
14	Karnataka	1952087	1635932	1013012	805406	22	14
15	Kerala	129742	85312	47421	32818	2	2
16	Ladakh	6176	5014	18609	17108	0	0
17	Lakshadweep	81	19	61	16	0	0

18	Madhya Pradesh	2738928	2478464	2953523	2590971	16	14
19	Maharashtra	3167774	2803877	2956154	2519903	42	37
20	Manipur	15696	10312	12698	7973	3	1
21	Meghalaya	79344	54993	73424	51057	15	13
22	Mizoram	16785	13091	13530	10032	2	2
23	Nagaland	6072	4537	5918	4431	0	0
24	Odisha	2062145	1805224	1554236	1280868	60	51
25	Puducherry	13932	10424	8145	5376	2	1
26	Punjab	925656	818492	820774	696310	18	18
27	Rajasthan	2289933	2071409	2216239	1899271	12	10
28	Sikkim	15782	13767	11253	9355	0	0
29	Tamil Nadu	1209437	1029433	494941	378306	159	141
30	Telangana	890182	763651	566022	446777	22	20
31	Tripura	174647	144918	150344	119261	9	7
32	Uttar Pradesh	8601043	7816896	7713291	6731346	35	31
33	Uttarakhand	414452	363887	371523	309416	3	3
34	West Bengal	1783671	1543518	1053009	852016	34	31
	Total	**4,06,19,570**	**3,59,53,558**	**3,29,54,347**	**2,79,90,231**	**1,061**	**942**

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