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CSCs IN THANJAVUR

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

- (a) the number of Common Service Centres (CSCs) functional in Thanjavur district;
- (b) the status of digital literacy programmes implemented in the said district under central schemes during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of cybercrime and/or data fraud complaints originating from Thanjavur district which have been reported to CERT-In and the number, nature and details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As of 31st May 2026, a total number of 685 CSCs were functional in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu out of which 486 CSCs were functional in rural areas.

Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was initiated to provide digital literacy in 6 crore rural households (one person per household) nationwide including the State of Tamil Nadu. A total of 6.39 crore individuals were trained across the country. Under the PMGDISHA Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu, a total of 14.07 lakh+ beneficiaries were trained, out of which 52,646 beneficiaries trained in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu. The scheme has been concluded on 31.03.2024.

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) is providing training on digital literacy through courses such as Course on Computer Concepts (CCC), Awareness in Computer Concept (ACC), Basic Computer Course (BCC), etc. through its wide network of 56 own centres and 9000+ partner institutions. NIELIT's Digital Literacy (CCC) course includes a dedicated component on financial literacy and digital financial services. The module provides basic awareness of financial tools, services, and government schemes, enabling learners to make informed financial decisions and effectively use digital financial platforms. NIELIT has one (1) own Centre in Tamil Nadu at Chennai for skill development activities in the State. Further, NIELIT has more than 35 partner institutes in the State, including 6 in the district of Thanjavur. In the last 03 years, through this network, NIELIT has trained/skilled 37,500+ candidates across the State of Tamil Nadu.

A comprehensive initiative "PM eVidya" was initiated by Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education across the country. States/UTs collaborate with NCERT to utilise, monitor and

evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives as per their requirements. NCERT also provides regular guidance/ feedback to States/UTs on the quality of these initiatives.

The key components of PM eVidya are also aligned towards enhancing digital literacy and include 200 DTH TV channels and 400 Radio channels to enable all States/UTs to provide supplementary education in various Indian languages for classes 1-12.

Under the PM eVidya 200 DTH TV Channels initiative, the State of Tamil Nadu has been allotted five dedicated channels (TN PM eVidya 158-162).

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) is the Nation's One Nation, One Digital platform for providing quality e-content for school education in States/UTs along with QR coded Energised Textbooks (ETBs) for all grades. As a participant in DIKSHA, States/UTs have generated and contributed over 3.67 lakh content in local/regional languages enabling multilingualism.

Overall, 579.41 crore learning sessions for 2.29 crore users have been completed on DIKSHA by students, teachers and other stakeholders. The platform supports both online and offline access, enabling learners to download content and continue learning without internet connectivity.

The stakeholders have access to more than 836 Virtual Labs and 100 Virtual skill labs (50 each in Hindi and English) on DIKSHA that help students with simulation of real-world laboratory environment.

Cybercrime or fraud complaints are not reported to Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In). These are being reported through Cybercrime Helpline number 1930 and National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (<https://cybercrime.gov.in/>) to Ministry of Home Affairs.
