



DIGITAL INDIA

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DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN (DISHA) OR NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION (NDLM)

- Digital India Launched by PM on 1st July, 2015
- To create a participative, transparent and responsive government
- A big step forward to transform the country into a digitally empowered knowledge economy.
- Includes various schemes worth over Rs 1 lakh crore - Digital Locker, e-education, e-health, e-sign and national scholarship portal etc.
- The program includes projects to ensure that government services are available to citizens electronically and people get benefit of the latest information and communication technology.
- 2 lakhs 50 thousand gram panchayats to be connected with WiFi, Hotspot enabled broadband connection.
- National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) to make at least one person in every family digitally literate with digital literacy skills by 2020.
- Target for NDLM was to train 10 lakh candidates which was achieved in June, 2016.
- Target for Digital Saksharta Abhiyan DISHA was 42.5 lakh candidates which was achieved in December 2016.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Digital Saksharta Abhiyan, target is to make 6 crore adults digitally literate in two years.

AADHAR

- Aadhaar enrolment has increased to 113.26 Crore (As on 31st March, 2017) from 63.22 cr (as on 31st May, 2014)
- Nearly 100% of the adult (18+years) population has Aadhaar (as on 31st March, 2017) from 62% (as on 31st May, 2014).
- Number of unique bank accounts linked with Aadhaar has increased to 43 cr (as on 31st March, 2017) from less than 7 cr (as on 31st May, 2014).
- Since September, 2016 15.28 Crore mobile SIM cards have been issued using Aadhaar eKYC.
- 125 Banks have joined Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS), leading to an increase in AEPS transactions from just 0.46 Crore on 31st May, 2014 to 42.7 Crore on 15th March, 2017.
- Aadhaar enrolment trend during March, 2014 to May, 2014 was about 3-4 lakh per day and about 5-6 lakh per day till October 2016. Since Demonetization, the Aadhaar enrolment/ Update requests are in the range of 7-8 lakh per day
- More than 1 cr Income Tax Payee have linked their Aadhaar with PAN
- Approximately 70% people are applying for passport using Aadhaar

COMMON SERVICE CENTRES:

- In order to take the benefits of Digital India to every corner of country, a vast network of more than 2.5 lakh Common Services Centers have been created.
- This has developed digital entrepreneurs among poor, marginalized, Dalits and women of India.
- More than 34,000 women are working in these Centres that provide digital services like ticket booking, tele medicines, Jan Aushadhi, Aadhaar service to people.
- In May, 2014 just 83,000 CSCs were there

BHARAT NET: From High ways to I-ways and village broadband

- Under Bharat Net, Optical Fibre Network connectivity to villages of India has seen rapid growth
- More than 1.77 lakh kms of Optical fiber cable has been laid reaching 78,220 Gram Panchayats against a target of 2.5 lakh village Panchayats; up from 59 in May, 2014

TELECOM SECTOR

1. FDI in Telecom Sector touches new height:

· FDI in Telecom Sector rose to \$10 billion in first eight months of 2016-17.

· From \$1.3Billion in 2013-14, it went to \$ 2.9 Billion in 2014-15 and to \$1.3 Billion in 2015-16.

2. Revival of BSNL

3. Phone user base touches new high

· India has the second-largest subscriber base of 1058.86 million users in 2016. Since June 2014, the country has added 79 million subscribers.

· Overall Tele-density has increased to 83.36% in 2016 as compared to 75.8% in June, 2014.

· The number of broadband subscribers stood at 68.83 million in June 2014, which nearly doubled to 120.88 million in 2016 and is likely to cross 250 million mark by end of 2017.

· Internet user base may cross 450 million mark by Mid 2017 as against 300 million in December 2014. It took 3 years to reach 300 million from 200 million.

4. National Optical Fibre Network Program (NOFNP)

- (NOFNP) of 7.5 lakh kms networking 2.5 lakh villages speeded up by allowing willing States to undertake its execution under PM's Digital India Initiative
- 1,77,144 kms of Optical fibre cable has been laid reaching 78,220 Gram Panchayats by 12th March 2017.
- Expenditure on NOFN-Rs 8384 crores (2014 to January, 2017)

5. Communications & IT (Budget 2017-18)

- By the end of December 2018, 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats will be connected with high speed broadband connectivity under Bharat Net.
- A Digi Gaon initiative will be launched to provide tele-medicine, education and skills through digital technology

6. Electronics Manufacturing

- Electronics Development Fund created to support venture capital funds for start-ups
- For creating an eco-system to make India a global hub for electronics manufacturing a provision of Rs 745 crores in 2017-18 in incentive schemes like M-SIPS and EDF.

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