

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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DIGITAL INDIA WEEK

2828. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government had recently celebrated the Digital India Week, 2022 and if so, the details thereof along with the theme of this Digital India Week;
- (b) whether the Government has also launched 'Digital India Bhashini' if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it will be helpful in providing easy access to the internet and digital services across the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand digital technology in many sectors including space, mapping, drones, gaming and animation etc;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has set any target regarding electronics manufacturing in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of investment made by the Government in this sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): Yes Sir, to celebrate the unprecedented digital transformation of India, the Government of India organized Digital India Week 2022 from July 4-10, 2022 at Gandhinagar Gujarat. The aim of Digital India Week was to showcase India's technological prowess to the world, explore collaboration and business opportunities for Tech Startups and inspire the NextGen citizens by presenting a techade of opportunities for them. The overarching theme for Digital India Week was '**Digital India: Catalyzing New India's Techade**'.

Details of Digital India Week 2022 are given in **Annexure 1**

(b): Yes Sir, Under Digital India, Government of India has launched Digital India Bhashini which is aimed at ensuring access to internet for crores of Indians who do not know English. Technologies, datasets and applications for the same are expected to be created as part of Digital India Bhashini programme.

Under this, a repository of open-source AI models in Indian languages and English for text-to-text translation, speech-to-text conversion, text-to-speech conversion, transliteration and optical character recognition has been made available through a public digital platform (bhashini.gov.in). This enables all stakeholders in the ecosystem, including startups, industry and government agencies, to develop and deploy innovative products and services to offer user interfaces in Indian languages, for easy access to the Internet and digital services across the country.

(c) and (d): Yes Sir, the Government India has set up goal of trillion-dollar digital economy and is relentlessly opening and creating new opportunities for startups and the youth to become active participants in the goal of trillion-dollar digital economy. Digitization of Government activities and public services is one of the focus areas. Digital technologies are being used in many sectors; Assets are being mapped using GIS technology by various ministries under different projects, including under the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.

Drone technology is being promoted in various sectors of the economy like agriculture, mining, infrastructure, surveillance, emergency response, transportation, geospatial mapping, defence and law enforcement.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has constituted an Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) Promotion Task Force to guide the policies of growth for this sector, establish standards for AVGC education in India, actively collaborate with industry and international AVGC institutes, and enhance the global positioning of the Indian AVGC industry.

(e): Yes Sir, the Government of India's goal is to make India a significant design and manufacturing hub in the Global Value Chain for Electronics as part of its AatmaNirbhar Bharat Economic policies. As part of this, we are broadening and deepening our Electronics Ecosystem.

Government is focused on its important objective of catalysing the Indian semiconductor ecosystem and ensuring that, it in-turn catalyses India's rapidly expanding electronics manufacturing and innovation ecosystem. This vision of AatmaNirbharta in electronics & semiconductors was given further momentum with the approval of the Semicon India programme at a total outlay of INR 76,000 crore for the development of semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in our country. The programme aims to provide financial support to companies investing in semiconductors, display manufacturing and design ecosystem. This will serve to pave the way for India's growing presence in the global electronics value chain.

(f): Government of India's goal is to make India a significant Electronics System Design and Manufacturing hub as part of its AatmaNirbhar Bharat economic policies. In this regard, Government has taken several strategic steps and initiatives for broadening and deepening our electronic manufacturing ecosystem. These initiatives resulted in investment of INR 47,998 Crore by various investors in Electronics Industry.

Digital India Week 2022

The Digital India Week was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji in the presence of Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendra Patel Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Electronics & IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronics & IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar Ji and several other dignitaries. The event was attended by many participants from Central Government, State Governments, Industry, Startups etc. The following launches were made by Hon'ble PM as mentioned below:

1. Indiastack.global
2. MyScheme – Service Discovery Platform
3. Meri Pehchaan – National Single Sign-on Service
4. Digital India Bhashini
5. Digital India GENESIS - Gen-Next Support for Innovative Startups
6. Chips to Startup Programme- Announcements of 1st Cohort supported under C2S Programme
7. eBook - Catalyzing New India's Techade

A grand exposition named 'Digital Mela', set up at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat piqued the curiosity of over 50,000 visitors, especially school/college students who flocked to see and learn about the latest innovations and new technologies from the Emerging Tech pavilion showcasing AR/VR, Drone Technology, Robotics to Women in Tech, Digital Payments, Fintech to R&D pavilion exhibiting the latest in Medical electronics, additive manufacturing, 3D printing, semiconductor and nanotechnology, high computing processors among others. Nurturing the spirit of innovation, stalls by multiple Startups and unicorns attracted and inspired over 10,000 students, entrepreneurs every day.

Digital India Week celebration also continued in the virtual mode with India Stack Knowledge Exchange held from 7th to 9th July 2022. The Knowledge Exchange, which provided a platform to over 50 domain experts and eminent practitioners to deliberate on operationalising India Stack across different sectors and geographies, had over 6500 registrations from more than 60 countries.
