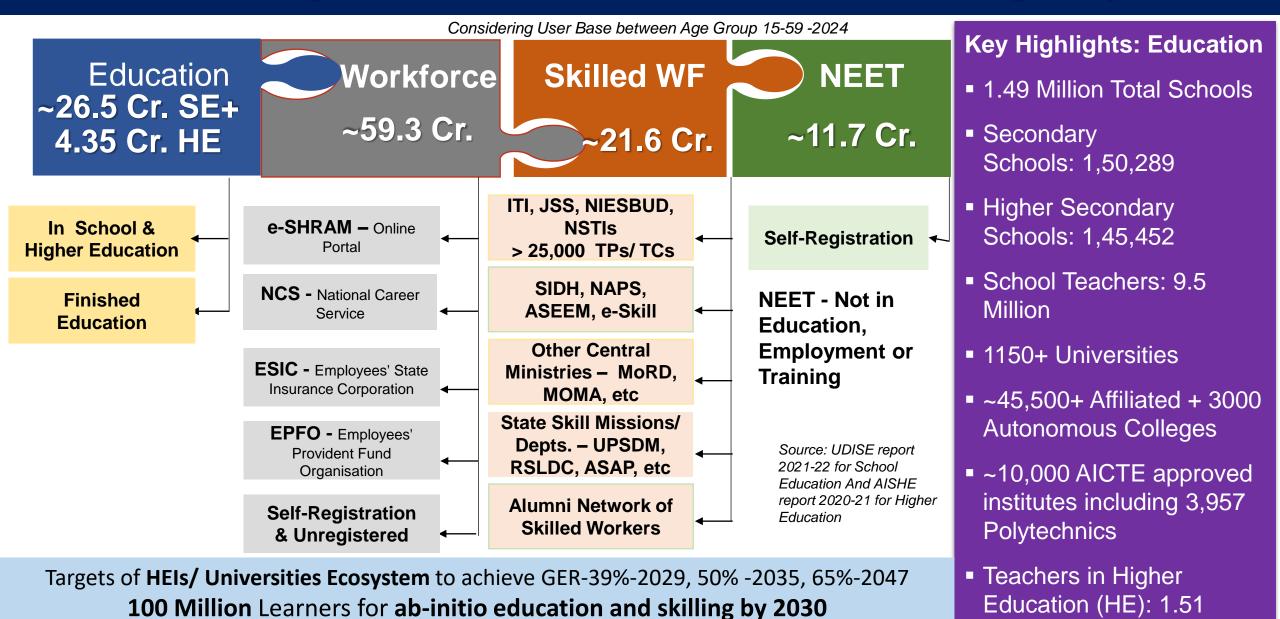
PM-VIDYALAXMI and Other Schemes -KEY INITIATIVES by Dept. of Higher Education, Govt of India

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University of Mumbai

Sahyadri Shikshan Sanwad, DHE, Govt of Maha.

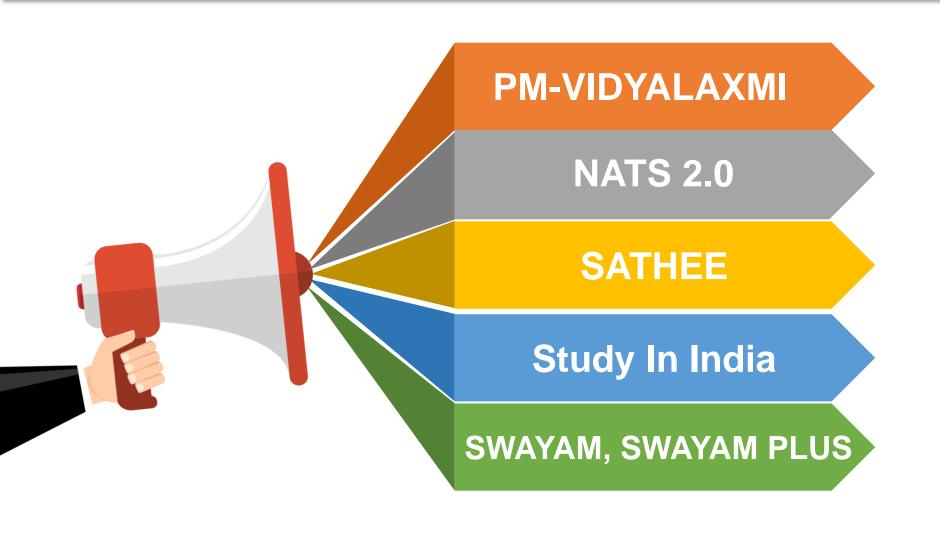
India has a Large Education, Professional Education & Skilling Ecosystem



900 Million learners for up-skilling by 2030

Million

Flow of Presentation



PM-VIDYALAXMI, -Access to quality HEIs, 6th Nov. 2024

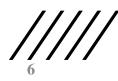
o <u>PM-Vidyalaxmi</u> is a **new Central Sector Scheme** to provide financial support to meritorious students who get admission in the top quality higher educational institutions of the nation, translating to covering more than 22 lakh students every year.

PM-Vidyalaxmi – Objectives and Key Features

- A special loan product will enable for collateral free, guarantor free education loans;
- o made accessible through a simple, transparent, student-friendly and entirely digital application process.
- o Loan amounts up to ₹ 7.5 lakhs will be provided a 75% credit guarantee by the Government of India, to support banks to expand coverage.
- o Furthermore, for students with up to Rs. 8 lakhs annual family income, the scheme will also provide for 3% interest subvention on loans upto Rs 10 lakh.
- o Students with annual family income ₹4.5 lakhs and pursuing technical/ professional courses from NAAC accredited HEIs/ NBA accredited courses shall get full interest subvention.

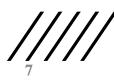
PM-Vidyalaxmi – examples

- o In IIM Ahmedabad, course fee for 2 years is ~ ₹25 lakhs;
 - ➤ Add hostel, laptop, mess, other out-of-pocket expenses (20% in 2 years) ~ ₹ 5 lakhs
 - ➤ Collateral-free guarantor-free education loan will be up to ₹ 30 lakhs.
 - > Disbursement will be as per institution and students' requirement
- In IIT Kanpur, total expenses (course fee, hostel fee, laptop, mess, books, etc.) for 4-year B.
 Tech course is ~ ₹ 10 lakhs
 - ➤ Collateral-free guarantor-free education loan will be up to ₹ 10 lakhs.
 - > Disbursement will be as per institution and students' requirement
- No ceiling of family income (₹ 8 lakhs) for education loans.
- No ceiling of loan amount (₹ 10 lakhs) for education loans.



PM-Vidyalaxmi – examples

- O o 3% interest subvention on education loan for students with annual family income up to ₹8 lakhs
 - o Education loan taken ₹ 30 lakhs : disbursement in year 2024 = ₹ 16 lakhs
 - ➤ @8.5% interest rate, interest to be paid in 2025 = ₹ 1.36 lakhs
 - \triangleright On ₹ 10 lakhs, @3%, interest = ₹ 30,000
 - ➤ In 2025, student pays ₹ 1.06 lakhs, central government pays ₹ 30,000
 - o Education loan taken ₹ 10 lakhs : disbursement in year 2024 = ₹ 4 lakhs
 - \triangleright @8.5% interest rate, interest to be paid in 2025 = ₹ 34,000
 - \triangleright On ₹ 4 lakhs, @3%, interest = ₹ 12,000
 - ➤ In 2025, student pays ₹ 22,000 central government pays ₹ 12,000
 - ➤ In 2026, cumulative disbursement ₹ 7 lakhs: total interest for 2026: ₹ 59,500
 - ➤ In 2026, student pays ₹ 38,500, central government pays ₹ 21,000



Eligibility: Quality Higher education Institutions (Q-HEI)

- o NIRF ranked HEIs-2024 under overall, category-specific and domain specific ranking
 - Overall 200, Universities 200, Colleges 300, state public universities 100
 - Engineering 300, Management 125, Medical 50, Pharmacy 125, Law 39,
- o Under NIRF top 100- a total of 468 different HEIs
 - IIT Madras appears in overall, engineering and management it is counted once
- o Between NIRF 101-200, another 88 State Govt HEIs have appeared
 - o University: 51, college: 36, standalone institution: 1
- o Another 304 central government HEIs have been taken from different ministries in central government
- o 860 Q-HEIs eligible for PM-Vidyalaxmi covering 22 lakh fresh students each year.
- o AISHE shall be the single source of truth for all common data items.
- A student selected for PM Vidyalaxmi shall continue to get support even if his/ her HEI's cannot enter updated list in subsequent year.

PM-Vidyalaxmi – Selection of Students, Portal and Payment method

- o 3% interest subvention support will be given to one lakh students every year
 - State-wise distribution of slots, in proportion to population in age-group 18-23 years used in AISHE, will be done.
 - ➤ Preference will be given to students who are from Government HEI and have opted for technical/ professional courses.
 - Safeguards will be built to ensure that some institutions are not crowding the application process.
- o Payment of interest subvention will be made through E-voucher and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) wallets.

Application Process

- Total Number of Eligible Q-HEIs in Maharashtra State: 75
- Awareness initiatives by Q-HEIs of security-free and guarantor-free education loans during the School Connect program
- A unified portal "PM-Vidyalaxmi" is being developed for education loan as well as interest subvention, through a simplified application process to be used by all banks.
- Application to Vidyalaxmi Scheme can be done by following these steps:
- ✓ Step 1: The applicant will have to register and login to Vidya Lakshmi portal
- ✓ Step 2: Fill-up the Common Education Loan Application Form (CELAF) by providing all the necessary details.
- ✓ Step 3: After filling the form, the applicant can search for Educational Loan and apply as per his/her needs, eligibility and convenience.



National Apprenticeship Training Scheme

Pathway to Enhancing Employability Skills for a Brighter India



Emerging Sectors and Industry Hiring Preferences

07 Emerging Sectors Trend in Hiring Demand (2024 projections compared to 2023 actuals) 1-5 Years of 6-10 Years of **Freshers IT and AI Sectors Experience Projections for Experience** 2024 Hiring 28% 24% 30% Agriculture **Electric Cars** Overall Hiring in Hiring in Candidates with 1 IT Sector Engr. and Mfg. Hiring to 5 years of Aviation 31.7% 30% 28% experience **Biotechnology** Hiring in Overall **Travel and Tourism** Fresher **BFSI Sector** Hiring **Candidates** 22% 40% **Electronic Systems**

Source: India Skills Report 2024

India's Higher Education Landscape

Statistics on Indian Higher Education Graduates (not opting for PG Education):

7.5 L

Students graduated from Technical Backgrounds



34.5 L

Students graduated from Non- Technical Backgrounds



8.5 L

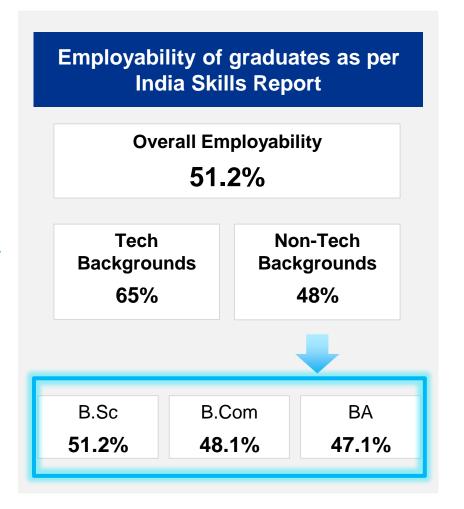
Students completed Diploma (any background)



50.5 L

Graduates who do not opt for Higher Education and instead seek employment





Avenues for Skilling for Students in HEIs

Skilling Courses in HEIs

- Integration of skill courses in regular programmes
- Industry Institute collaboration
- Skill courses curated by HEIs and offered through SWAYAM plus
- SWAYAM portal for online courses and interventions by AICTE

Internships

- PM Internship Portal provides internship for youth aged 21-24 yrs.
- UGC and AICTE have issued guidelines regarding internship to be an integral part of the curricula
- National Internship Portal to search and apply for internships with leading industry partners
- Other State level Internship
 Programs and Schemes also
 promote internships for students.

Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeship is an on-the-job training provided at the workplace along with stipend.
- Apprentices Act, 1961
- All degree programs can embed apprenticeships as an integral part of curricula
- Graduates and diploma holders can enroll as apprentices after passing their course
- National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)

NATS – An Anchor for providing Apprenticeships and "Skilling Arm" for HEIs

03

Apprenticeships
Services under
NATS

01

02

03

During Graduation

After Graduation

Credits for Apprenticeship

UGC & AICTE have issued guidelines to enable all degree programs to embed apprenticeships as an integral part of curricula, thereby providing critical employability skills to students

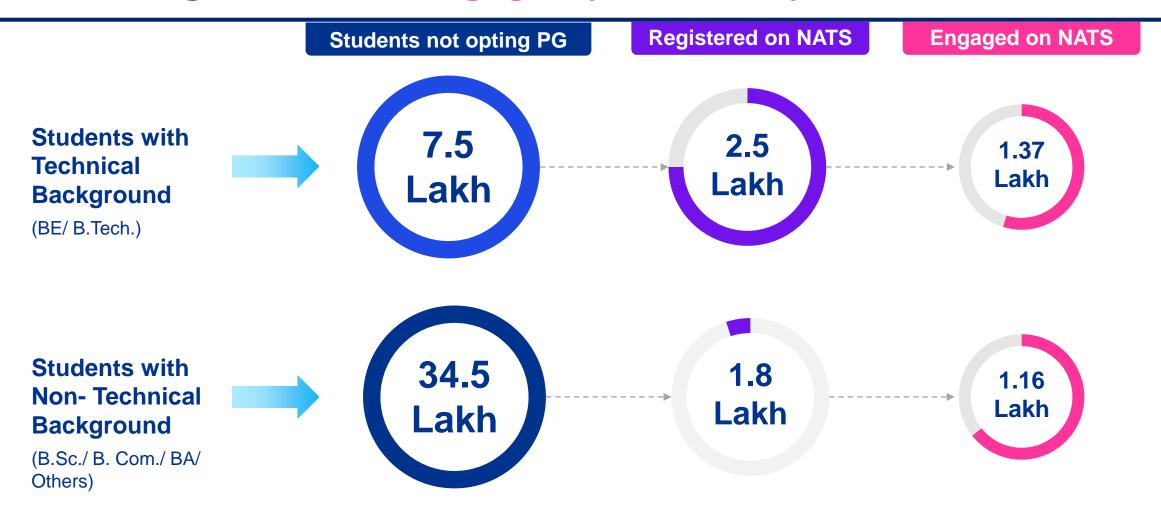
All fresh graduates and diploma holders can enroll as apprentices within 5 years of graduation and undergo on the job training at an industry establishment

6 months to 1 year of industry relevant OJT

Apprentices will also
receive credits for
Apprenticeship under
NATS through an
assessment conducted by
NITTTRs/ HEIs

Apprenticeship-a valid proof of work experience while applying for jobs

NATS Registered and Engaged (FY 2023-24)



Apprentice engagement from non-technical backgrounds grew from around 59,000 in FY 2022-23 to 1.16 lakh in 2023-24, indicating a positive trend. However, there remains significant potential for further growth.

Stipend Under NATS

Student Category	Prescribed Minimum Stipend	Government's Share
Degree Holder / Graduate in any stream Degree Apprentices in any stream	Rs. 9,000 per month	Rs. 4,500 per month
Diploma Holder in any stream Sandwich Degree students	Rs. 8,000 per month	Rs. 4,000 per month
Sandwich Diploma students	Rs. 7,000 per month	Rs. 3,500 per month

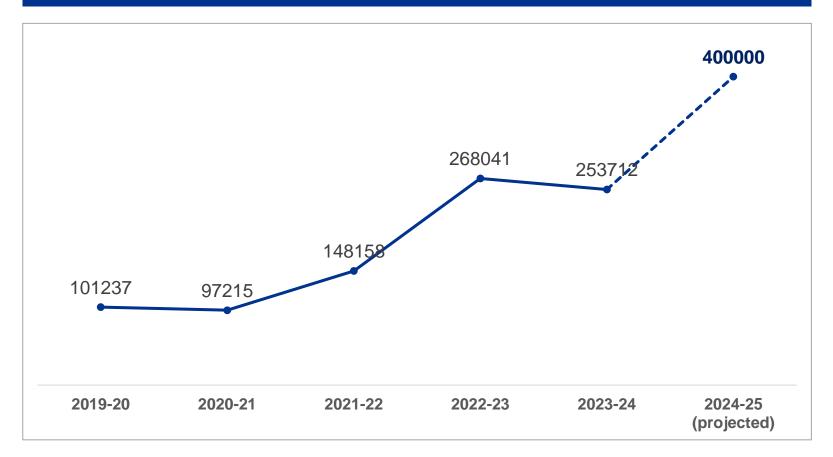
Companies paying over and above the minimum prescribed stipend:

- Yahoo Software Development (Rs 87,000), Cummins Technologies (Rs 81,000), Expert Global Solutions (Rs 87,500), Tata AIG General Insurance (Rs 76,000)
- Companies in the new age sectors: Crest Data Systems (Data Analytics, Data Science & ML, Cloud & Infra) –
 Rs 71,500, Axis Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (Al and IoT in Manufacturing) Rs 71,000

NATS – On Track for 2024-25 Projections

Apprentices Engaged (Last 5 years)

8,68,363



New Apprentices Engaged (FY 2024-25)

2,20,000+

Total HEIs

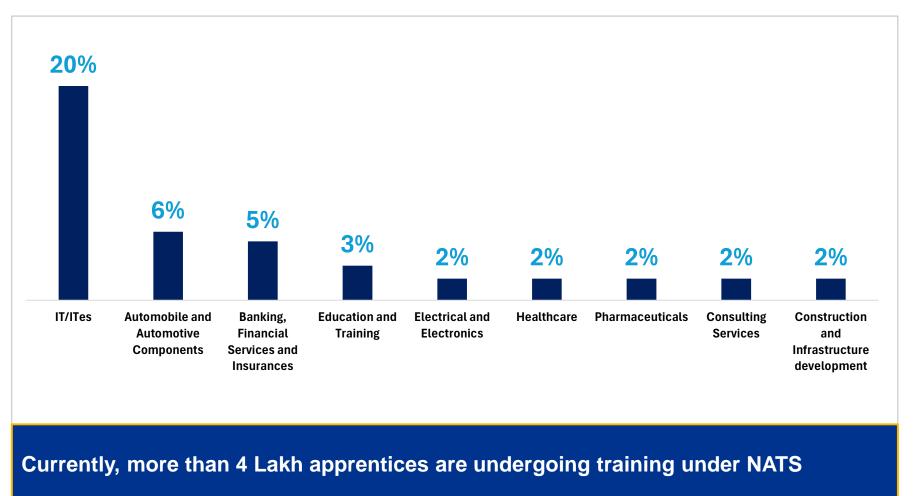
2,000+

Total Establishments

10,000+

Key Sectors and Top Establishments on NATS

Top 10 Sectors of Apprentices Engaged and their % Contribution in 2024 - 25





A Glimpse of how States are interacting with NATS



Mukhya Mantri Protsahan Yojana, Gujarat

Expanded its eligibility to NATS apprentices to provide them an additional stipend of Rs. 3000 (Rs. 4000 for female)



Chief Minister Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme

For Higher Education by DoHE, UP will provide additional Rs. 1000 to apprentices under NATS*



West Bengal -Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme

By DTET&SD, West Bengal will provide an additional Rs. 1000 to apprentices engaged under NATS*



Jharkhand Advanced Apprenticeship Scheme

By DoHE, Jharkhand will provide 1 additional year of apprenticeship training with an enhanced stipend of ~12-15 K to apprentices who have completed training in State Govt establishments*

NATS 2.0 Portal

01

Secure Logins

- Universities
- Students
- Industries

02

Apply through Bulk Upload

- Enrol existing students from Embedded Apprenticeship Programs.
- Enrol pass-out eligible students.

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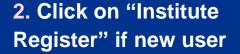
LIVE Openings' Advertisements

Registered
 students can
 explore the live
 listing of
 apprenticeships
 shared by
 registered
 Industries and
 apply

04

DBT Transactions

 The Government can directly pay its share of the stipend to apprentice's bank account.





4. Login on the NATS Portal



6. Username and password will be sent to the students email id for updating profile and generation of enrolment id.

1. Register on NATS Portal



3. Provide Institute Information



5. Bulk Upload of Student Details on the NATS Portal, for

- Students under AEDP
- Passed-out/Graduated eligible students

Student's Journey to being Job Ready

2. Discover and apply for LIVE apprenticeships posted by Industries

4. Join
Apprenticeships to acquire skills and a monthly stipend

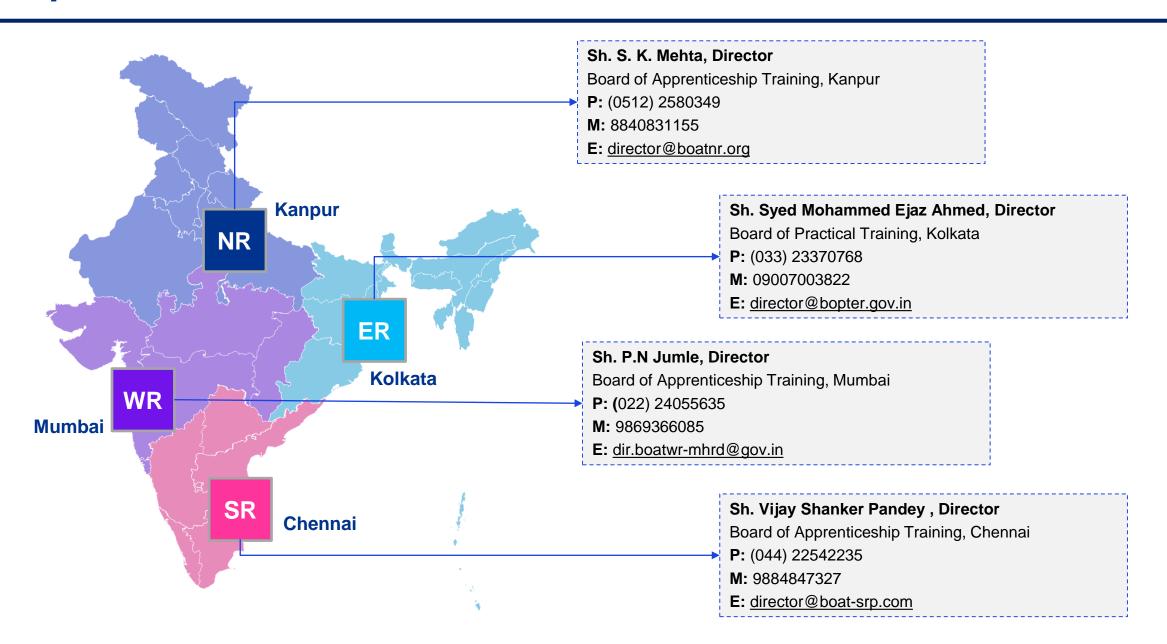
1. Students can login on NATS Portal to fill details



3. Receive offer of contracts from Industries based on selection

Skilled and Job Ready Individuals

Operationalization of NATS Scheme



Way Forward: Expansion of the NATS Network

11 cities

Extension Offices

of Regional Boards of Apprenticeship Training

46 districts

Student Recruitment and Industry Engagement (STAR) team

For ground level outreach and collaboration with Industries and Higher Education Institutions on a pan India level

Common Service Center VLEs

MoU with CSV VLE's for enrolment in NATS through CSC portal integration to take penetration to **2,00,000 villages**



Self Assessment, Test & Help for Entrance Exams (SATHEE)

- Enhance Entrance Exam Preparation: providing comprehensive support for students on an online platform
- Accessibility and Inclusivity: quality educational resources available in multiple languages
- **Personalized Learning Experience**: SATHEE seeks to offer personalized feedback and guidance through a network of mentors, helping students identify their strengths and weaknesses

SATHEE



by IIT Kanpur for Ministry of Education

- IIT-PAL: An initiative of NTA, AI enhanced Swayam-Prabha Platform, Self Assessment, Test & Help for Entrance Exams (SATHEE) for JEE and NEET
- 7000+ online videos for Physics, Chemistry, Math, Biology subjects created by subject experts from different IITs, 60,000+ topic wise practice problems and All India Test series
- Cover the NCERT syllabus for Class 11th and 12th, available in Hindi, English + 10 Indian languages
- High quality content, focused on providing subject knowledge, not on cracking exams.
- Online doubt-clearing forums by experts, 300+ mentor network, Personalized feedback

SATHEE at a Glance

8

Competitive Exams

12*

Available Languages

250+

Videos for Railways, SSC, IBPS, CLAT etc.

400+

Mentors for Doubt Solving

50

Subject Matter Experts

7500+

Videos for Engineering and Medical in 12

Languages*

80k+

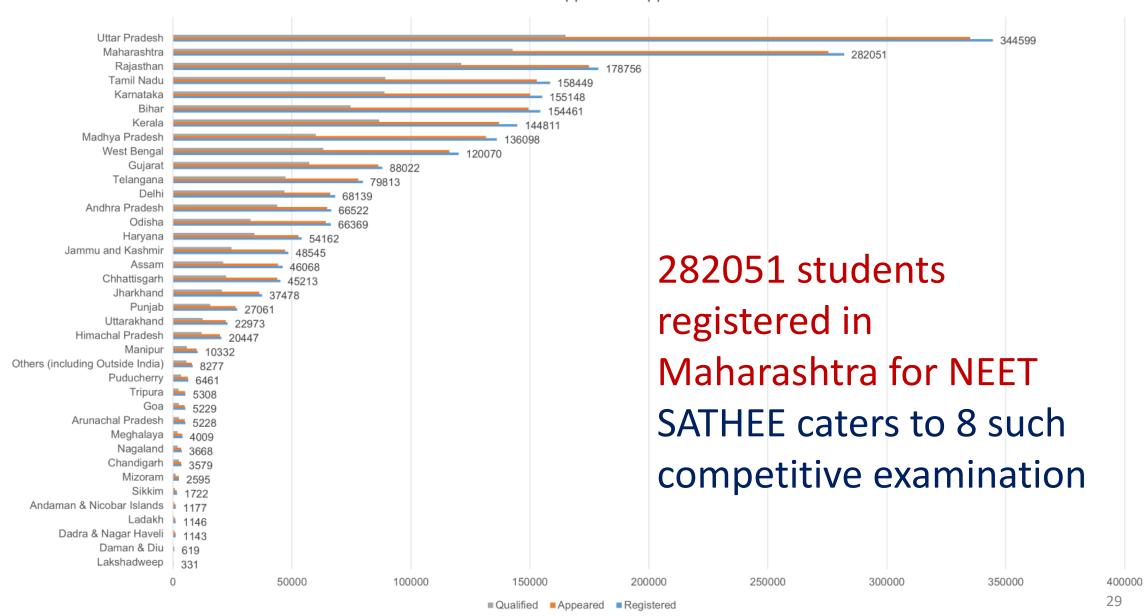
Questions Available

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SATHEE Mitra connected at District Level

^{*}English, Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil, Gujarati, Urdu, Kannada, Odia, Malayalam, Punjabi

NEET 2024 State-wise Applicants/Appeared/Qualified



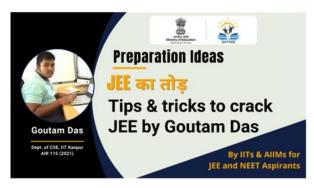
Collaborative Mentoring Platform

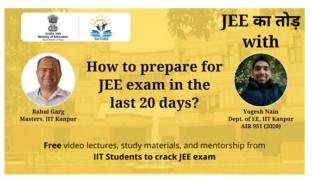
Mentorship by Students

- Interview with Toppers
- Solve With Me
- Study Support
- Preparation Ideas
- AI Based chatbot













SATHEE Kendra

SATHEE Kendra refers to physical centres to be established to provide students with access to SATHEE's resources.

These centres are to be equipped with:

- Computers and Internet Access: To facilitate online learning and access to SATHEE's digital resources.
- **Study Materials**: Including books, practice papers, and other educational resources.
- Guidance and Mentorship: On-site mentors and educators to assist students with their preparation (SATHEE Mitras).

SWAYAM Plus

- Enhance employability through skill development
- Focusing on creating content in partnership with industry to ensure availability of future ready skilled resources

SWAYAM Plus Partnering with States to Skill for the Future

- Initiative launched on Feb 27, 2024, with a special focus on: Employability, Skilling, Industry partnerships
- SWAYAM Plus crossed 1.27+ Lakh learners and 320+ courses through 55+ Industry Partners since launch; Maharashtra Leading with 16% Enrolment
- NCrF credit aligned courses approved by SWAYAM Plus UGC and Industry Certification for students through Hub-Spoke model of implementation
- Top 5 sectors by student interests
- ➤ Digital & Emerging Technologies
- ➤ Banking, Finance Services & Insurance
- ➤ Media, Communication & Soft Skills
- ➤ Supply Chain & Logistics
- ➤ Information Technology & Services

The sequence of events for the adoption of Swayam Plus



University requirement form

SPOC, course name, number of students, assessment timeline, credit or not, part of curriculum or not



Discussion with industry partner and HEI



MOU with SWAYAM Plus with clearly defined roles and responsibilities

Receive work order from HEI



Student registration on SWAYAM Plus begins

Registration form to be updated



Student enrolment in course begins

Registration form to be updated



Dashboard with KPI monitoring and evaluation

Dashboard to be built. API integration to be completed



Course completion report from provider



Credit upload to ABC
Integration with ABC to be complete



Proctored in-person assessment and certification

Certification module to be ready

Course commencement and completion

Definition for completion to be ascertained

SWAYAM

- Access to Quality Education for a broader audience.
- Multidisciplinary Education
- Integration of credits with existing academic programme

SWAYAM's Growth Journey Last 5 years



H.E Enrolment: 45,77,843 Swayam Jul'24: 2,59,375 (6%)

Total: 55.82 lacs

Unique: 24.78 lacs

Total: 55.52 lacs

Unique: 27.39 lacs

Unique: 39.87 lacs

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Total: 49.90 lacs

Unique: 24.59 lacs

Total: 72.25 lacs

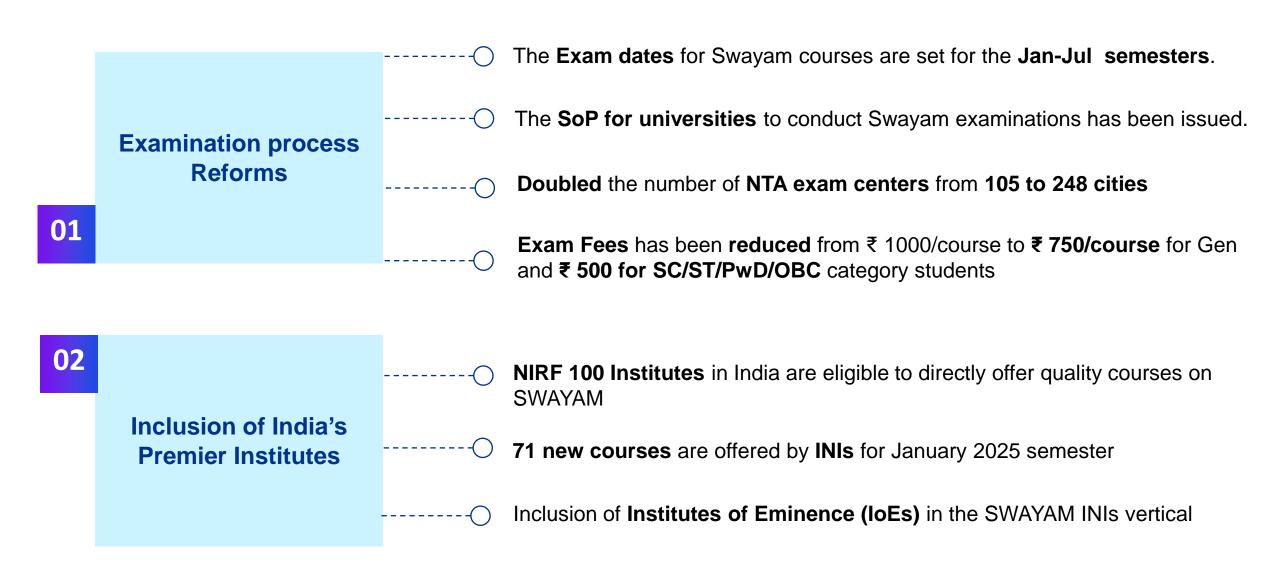
Unique: 34.99 lacs

Overall 20.62 L

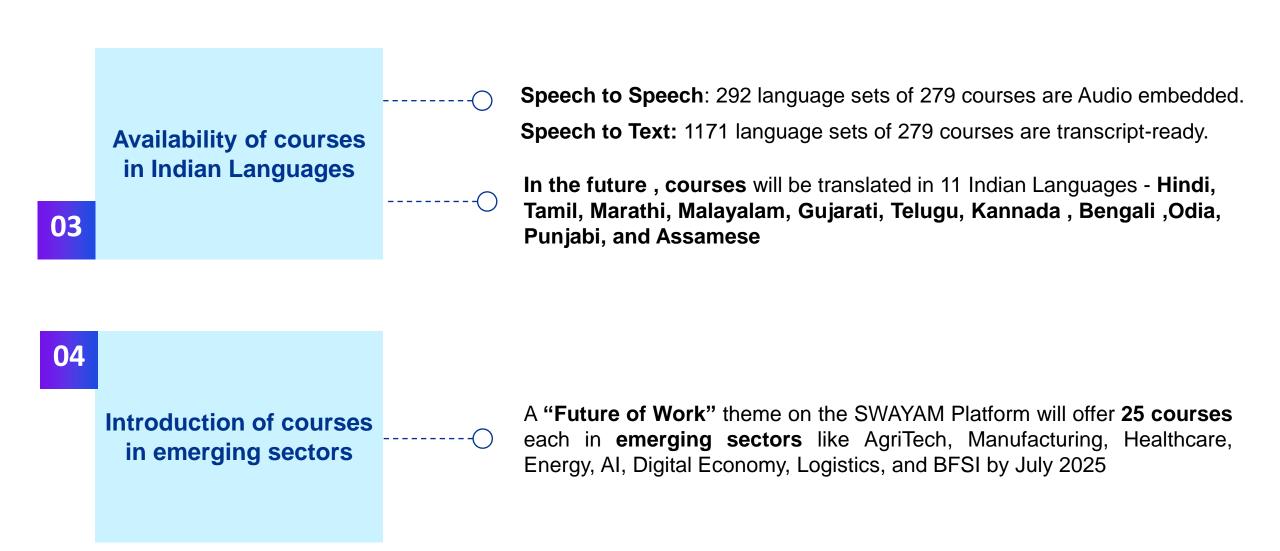
(4.8%)

- 3526 unique courses-developed for both tech & non-tech disciplines, 31.11 L Certificates Issued
- Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, ranked as the top two states, 16.7 % and 12.6% SWAYAM Enrol. to H.E Enrol.
- A modest growth of 3%- 5%, still a larger student population isn't under the purview of SWAYAM.

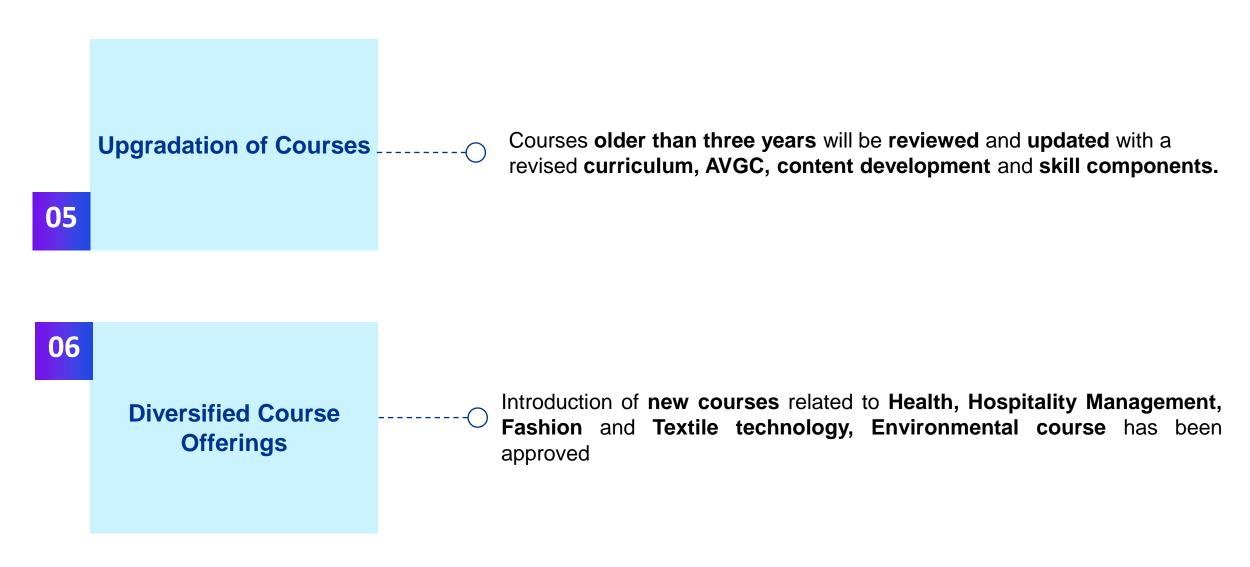
SWAYAM- New Initiatives Undertaken



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Support Required from States/ Universities

Institutional linkage between Centre and State Education department with dedicated communication channel aimed at increasing enrolments on SWAYAM and SWAYAM Plus

- 1 Policy support for promoting SWAYAM courses in State Universities and Colleges.
- Target the top 10 state universities with the highest student enrollment for FY24-25 for adoption and enrolment of students.
- Appoint a **Nodal officer** to oversee all SWAYAM related communication, Support in conducting **awareness workshops** for Universities and other SWAYAM related initiatives of the Ministry.
- States / HEIs partnering with SWAYAM Plus will be supported with Internships and Job fairs to enhance placements.
- SWAYAM Plus is also willing to establish a hub-spoke model with states to reach tier 2 and 3 geographies. For all paid courses, SWAYAM Plus and states can work together to tap into CSR funds at the state level.

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Schemes/ Initiatives for attracting foreign students

Study In India



- An outreach programme to promote India as **preferred study destination for affordable** & **quality education**
- Runs through an SII portal developed in collaboration with MEA and MHA as a one-stop solution
- Portal brings all stakeholders students, HEIs, MHA, MEA, FRRO on one platform for better coordination and resolution of problems
- Takes care of registration, visa applications/approvals, provides information about diverse Indian courses/scholarships available, receive offer letters;
- Unique Id generated when student registers on portal, this is to be quoted for VISA purpose; to be compulsory from next academic session
- All HEIs desirous of taking foreign students must register with SII, otherwise VISA will be a problem https://studyinindia.gov.in/

With From Offering 71k+ Current 600+ 200 8000 +Students **HEIs** countries **Status** courses Registered on SII Portal [AY 2024-25]

Conducting Entrance Examinations Abroad

<u>UGC Guidelines for Offices of International Affairs</u>

- NEET & CUET Examination being conducted in 13 Countries;
- JEE Main Exam to be conducted in 23 Countries

Streamlining Visa Issues

- The SII portal integrates with visa authorities
- From AY 2025-26, no student visa application to be processed without unique id.



 To provide on campus support to international students; providing a wholesome experience to the visiting students- celebrating festivals, mentoring by faculty, student families

<u>Supernumerary seats for</u> <u>foreign students</u>

Guidelines issued by **UGC** on **30**th **September 2022.**

HEIs may create **upto 25% supernumerary seats** for international students, over and above their total sanctioned enrolment for UG and PG.

Status Update: 1985 Supernumerary seats created.

Schemes/ Initiatives to Promote International Academic and Research Collaborations

UGC Regulations on Joint/Dual/Twinning Programmes, 2022

- UGC has approved Regulations that enable Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes;
- Provides **global exposure** to students; **internationalization at home; multi-disciplinary** education with an internationally relevant curriculum; enhance employability;
- 49 HEIs are offering programmes out of 235 eligible Indian Universities;
- Eligibility criteria for Indian and Foreign HEI includes:

i.For Indian HEIs

Accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a minimum score of 3.01 on a 4-point scale, OR
Placement in the top 1000 of THE or QS World University rankings, OR
Inclusion in the top 100 in the university category of the National Institutional Ranking

Framework (NIRF) at the time of application.

ii. For Foreign HEIs

oHEIs which figures in top 1000 of THE or QS World University ranking at the time of application

Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaborations (SPARC)

- Collaborative Research with HEIs of 28 countries, international labs like CERN
- Implementing Agency IIT Kharagpur, 5 Lead Institutions from India- IIT, Kanpur, ISI, Kolkata, IIT, Delhi, BHU, IIT, Madras;
- Phase I projects have been completed. Phase II & III projects ongoing;

Eligibility Criteria

i.Top 100 in NIRF 'Overall' or all 'Subject-wise' categories; ii.Central Universities & INI can also participate; iii.Collaborations with international laboratories/research organizations under Nature Index;

iv.Scope of participation widened as QS ranking of participating FHEI increased from 500 to 800

SPARC phase III Themes:

- i. Advanced Materials;
- ii. Rare-earth & Critical Minerals;
- iii. Energy, Sustainability and
- Climate Change iv. Agri & Food
- Technologies;
- v. Semiconductors;
- vi. Advanced Computing
- (Supercomputing, AI, Quantum
- Computing), Healthcare & MedTec;
- vii. Space and Defence;
- viii. Next-Gen Communications;
- ix. Disaster Management & Resilient Infrastructure;
- x. Blue Economy;
- xi. Smart Cities & Mobility;
- xii. Manufacturing & Industry 4.0

Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN)

- Facilitates foreign academicians to teach in Indian HEIs;
- •One week (12 to 14 hours) or two weeks (24 to 28 hours) duration courses taught by Foreign Faculty in Indian HEIs, sometimes jointly with the Indian host faculty;
- Collaboration with 59 countries
- •Covering fields such as Mathematical and Computer Science, Management, Life Sciences and Healthcare, Physical Sciences, Biochemical Sciences, Humanities, and Liberal Arts:

https://gian.iitkgp.ac.in/

Current Status



204Indian HEIs Participated

2163Courses Approved

1848
Courses
Completed

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