

Digital India program has enabled wider access to digital services and opportunities

400% increase in broadband subscribers over a decade

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In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratize technology and empower citizens, the Government of India launched the Digital India programme in July 2015.

Through this programme, Government has bridged the digital divide using pronged strategy:

- Increasing access to internet,
- Making internet affordable,
- Providing digital public infrastructure,
- Enhancing the digital literacy

These efforts have collectively enabled wider access to digital services and opportunities, thereby fostering inclusive and equitable digital growth across the country. It can be seen from the following statistics:

#	2014-15	2024-25	Remarks
Total broadband subscribers	25 Cr	103 Cr	400% increase in subscribers
Total numbers of Mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTS)	7.9 Lakh	29.50 lakh	Increase of about 273%
villages covered with mobile connectivity (2G/3G/4G)	~ 5.27 lakh	6.35 lakh	Increase of about 20.5% (near-universal coverage)
Total optical fiber laid	358 kms	6,92,676 Kms	OFC laid increased by about 1,935 times
Average monthly data consumption per subscriber	61.66 MB	~ 25.25 GB	Data consumption increased by ~ 419 times
Cost of data per Gb	Rs 269	~ Rs 7.9	97% reduction in cost

Digital India program has brought fundamental change in the people's lives:

- More than 143 Cr Aadhar numbers have been issued providing digital identity to Indian residents.
- Aadhar was critical in developing the unified payment interface system. India's UPI is now the world's largest digital payment system with more than 46 Cr users and 685 banks. UPI powers 81% of India's digital payments and nearly 49% of global real-time digital payments.
- Using Jan Dhan, Aadhar and Mobile (JAM) Trinity, subsidies and benefits worth Rs. 49.82 lakh crore have been transferred directly to the citizens.

Specific details of PMGDISHA, DigiLocker and UMANG:

DigiLocker: DigiLocker enables citizens to access and share digitally issued documents anytime and anywhere, eliminating the need to carry physical copies and facilitating seamless verification by authorities.

DigiLocker has provided digital access to authentic digital documents from original issuer for the common citizen. Currently, 67 crore users are registered on the platform. More than 967 crore documents have been issued using DigiLocker.

UMANG: provides a single unified interface to access multiple Government services, enabling citizens to avail services from their homes, thereby saving time and travel costs.

UMANG mobile application for all government services is operational and offers more than 2,446 services. It has more than 10.51 Cr registered users and more than 741 crore transactions have been carried out so far.

PMGDISHA: Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) was launched in 2017 to ensure digital literacy. The scheme concluded on 31st March 2024. The scheme was one of the world's largest digital literacy initiatives. Against the target of training 6 Cr people, more than 6.39 Crore persons were trained nationwide.

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