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Digital University

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Government of India in its Budget 2022-2023 has announced establishment of Digital University. The University will provide access to students across the country for world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience at their doorsteps. This will be made available in different Indian languages and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) formats. The University will be built on a networked hub-spoke model, with the hub building cutting edge ICT expertise. The best public universities and institutions in the country will collaborate as a network of hub-spokes. The Department of Higher Education, in consultation with University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and other stakeholders has initiated the process to ensure the early start of this digital university.

To ensure the last mile connectivity in rural areas, BharatNet project is being implemented by the Department of Telecommunications. Under this project broadband connectivity mainly through Optical Fiber Cable is provided to the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country.

Further, where there is low internet connectivity, educational contents are being provided through SWAYAM Prabha DTH channels.

The information was given by the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Subhas Sarkar in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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