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Upgrading skills of teachers

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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to upgrade the skills of teachers through Diksha and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of teachers who have enrolled under Diksha and got benefitted;

(c) the number of teaching materials available in the Diksha website and whether Government plans to upgrade Diksha website and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to upgrade the skills of teachers in Government schools?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a)   Yes, Several online courses are offered through DIKSHA to develop the skills of the teachers and school heads. NCERT has been offering NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement) courses.

(b)   Till date there are **15 Crore enrolments** in DIKSHA for the courses offered by various states and UTs, including various centers. This includes teachers, students, parents, and other stakeholders As per the courses launched as mentioned in (a), out of these **15 crores**, there are more than **47 lakh** teachers who have directly benefitted from NISHTHA and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) courses through DIKSHA Platform.

(c)   As of 14th July, 2022 there are exactly **2,91,168** e-contents on DIKSHA. Currently, the total number of QR coded textbooks available is **6477** textbooks. Upgrading of the website is a continuous process.

(d)   NCERT has taken several other efforts in building the competencies of teachers and enabling them to be a digital teacher. NCERT initiated a webinar series focusing to orient teachers, students and other stakeholders on various ICT tools, digital initiatives at national level, emerging trends in educational technology, cyber safety and security. Till date, nearly 625 live

sessions of one hour each have been organised on ICT tools for teaching learning and assessment. A repository is also created for easy reference and can be accessed at https://ciet.nic.in/pages.php?id=webinar&ln=en .

Also, last week of every month on a given day online classes are being conducted in areas related to Education Technology (ET) and Information and Communications Technology (ICT). Around 11 such trainings have been organized. More than 3 Lakh teachers have benefitted from these training sessions. A repository is also created for easy reference and can be accessed at https://ciet.nic.in/workshop-training.php?&ln=en

State Resource Groups (SRGs) trainings have been conducted in all 36 States/ UTs in a phased manner regularly to develop the skills of using resources in DIKSHA as well as to develop quality digital content and distribute on DIKSHA. Around 720 State Resource Persons (SRPs) across 36 States/ UTs were trained. During the year 2020-21, around 770 SRPs were trained through online training in two phases and during 2021-22 around 643 SRPs were trained online training in four phases.

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