



TULIP: The Urban Learning Internship Program

Why in News

Recently, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, and [All India Council for Technical Education \(AICTE\)](#) have jointly launched an online portal called **The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)**.

Key Points

- **Aim:** The program aims **to provide internship opportunities to 25,000 fresh graduates in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Smart Cities** across the country.
- **Concept:** TULIP has been conceived pursuant to the Budget 2020-21 announcement under the theme **'Aspirational India'** which laid emphasis on changing the **approach of education from 'doing by learning,' to 'learning by doing'**.
- **Area of Work:** The internship opportunities will be provided for 'Smart City' projects which range from positions in **urban planning, water supply, waste management, slum improvement and digital governance** among others.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be **Indian citizens** who have **completed their final year of college within the last 18 months** and **have a degree of** B. Tech, B planning, B. Arch, BA, BSc, BCom, LLB.
- **Duration:** Internship durations can range from eight weeks to one year.
- **Benefit:** It would help enhance the **value-to-market of India's graduates** and help create a **potential talent pool** in diverse fields.
 - TULIP would also **benefit ULBs and smart cities**. It will lead to **infusion of fresh ideas and energy** with engagement of youth in co-creation of solutions for solving India's urban challenges.
- The TULIP's launch is also an important stepping stone for fulfillment of MHRD and AICTE's goal of 1 crore successful internships by the year 2025.

Smart City Mission

- It is an **innovative** initiative under the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**, Government of India to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people by enabling local development and harnessing technology as a means to create smart outcomes for citizens.
- **Objective:** To promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of Smart Solutions.
- **Coverage and Duration:** The Mission covers **100 cities** for the duration of **five years** starting from the financial year (FY) 2015-16 to 2019-20.
- **Financing:** It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme**.

Way Forward

- Despite having a large number of skill development initiatives, the skill gap remains a big

challenge in India. Therefore, there is a need to enhance the breadth and depth of these initiatives.

- The disconnect between education and industry broadly because of the traditional approach in education is another important aspect. Initiatives like TULIP is a welcome intervention specifically focusing on these aspects.

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