



Kerala 'First' Digitally Literate State in India

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Kerala has been declared the **first fully digitally literate state in India**, marking a milestone in bridging the digital divide through the **Digi Keralam Project**.

- Digi Keralam Project targeted **senior citizens, homemakers, and digitally excluded groups**, using youth volunteers and the **K-SMART (Kerala Solutions for Managing Administrative Reformation and Transformation) platform** to provide online access services, boosting inclusion and governance.
- Earlier in 2002, the **Akshaya project** was launched by then **President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** in Kerala, to make **one family member digitally literate**, promoting IT access and citizen service delivery across the state.

Digital Literacy in India

- **Digital Literacy:** It is the ability of individuals and communities to understand and use digital technologies for meaningful actions within life situations.
 - According to the **Central Board for Workers Education** Only 38% of India households are digitally literate (61% in urban areas and 25% in rural areas).
- **Initiatives Promoting Digital Literacy:**
 - The Government of India implemented two digital literacy schemes, **National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)** and **Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA)**, with a cumulative target of 52.50 lakh beneficiaries across the country (one person from every eligible household).
 - Under these two schemes, 53.67 lakh beneficiaries were trained, with 42% from rural India. Both schemes have now been closed.
 - **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA):** Aims to promote digital literacy in rural India, 6.39 crore individuals trained nationwide till March 2024.

Read more: [Right to Internet Access and Digital Literacy](#)

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