

Digital India: Advantages And Disadvantages

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Abstract

There is no doubt I denying the fact that the concept of digital India has brought revolutionary changes in India since its implementation. It was started with the aim of bringing radical and drastic changes in the field of internet technology and to make India a supreme power to compete with the rest of other developing countries in the world. Since the starting of this program, we can witness many changes in various fields. The aim of the present paper is to throw light on merits and demerits of this program in order to find out growth and development on India. It would also bring responsibility and transparency through the mandated delivery of services.

Index terms: Empowered, digital, merits, e-governance, rural, empowerment.

Without any shadow of doubt, it can be said that digital India is a program primarily meant for a knowledge future. The Prime Minister of India launched this program with the focus on national E-governance plan, and the main purpose of

this was to transform India into digital empowered society and knowledge economy. It is, no doubt, an ambitious program with the aim of preparing the India for the transformation based on knowledge. Its main purpose is also to deliver good governance to citizens by means of synchronized and co-ordinate engagement with both the central government and state government.

Digital India program was launched the department of electronics and information technology, and was primarily to impact the ministry communication and information technology, ministry of human resource development, ministry of health and ministry of rural development. With the starting of this program, state and union territories of the country are supposed to be benefitted. The main goal behind this program is to bring about changes in a digitally empowered society as well as knowledge economy. It will also help in accelerating the services available to citizens electronically.

As far as the momentum and progress for E-governance is concerned, the vision of Digital India will naturally provide the necessary impetus to promote inclusive growth covering electronic services, devices and job opportunities. The main point of focus in this program will be to provide high speed secure internet. Governance and services on demand are likely to stress on integrating services across departments and jurisdictions, and to make services available in real time online

and mobile platform. It will naturally enhance universal digital literacy as well as availability of digital resources and services in Indian languages.

Points of Focus of Digital India

(i) Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen

At rural level, high speed internet services will be available in all rural areas in the form of shareable private space on a public cloud and easy access to common services centres within every locality under this program.

(ii) Digital Empowerment of Citizens

There is no doubt that following the tenets of Digital India, there will be enhancement of digital empowerment. It will make available universal digital literacy, availability of all Digital resources in Indian languages, probability of all entitlements for individuals through the cloud.

(iii) Governance and Services on Demand

In the present digital India plan, there will be single window access to all people by seamlessly integrating developments, it will make available government services in online and mobile platforms, all the people of India will available on the cloud to

make easy access, government services are to be digitally transformed for improving comfort of doing business.

Main Pillars of Digital India Program

1. Broadband highways
2. Universal access to mobile connectivity
3. E-Governance
4. E-kranti
5. Public internet access
6. Global information
7. I.T Training for jobs

Advantages of digital India program

In order to ensure the government's services available to citizens electronically by improving online infrastructure and by increasing internet connectivity, digital India is a program to make the country empowered in the field of technology. It was initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 01, 2015 which he considered will be helpful and beneficial for other government schemes like Bharat Net, Make in India, Startup India and Standup India, industrial corridors, UDAN-RCS and E-Kranti.

It is an established fact that digital India is a commendable project started by Indian government which requires support from every corner. Among the other major advantages of this program can be included creation of digital infrastructure and electronic manufacturing in India, delivery of all government services electronically, digital empowerment of Indian people, digital indication of which will verify the end users bank account for immediate benefit, transfers of subsidies and payment, mobile for world wide access to all services. The main target of the present program is to eliminate all electronic imports from foreign countries by 2020, and make India a super power in the field of electronic and internet.

Benefits of Digital India

It will help in removing the problem of black money because of online transactions which will record the details of every transaction. It will also make people impossible to hide their money. By using on line transactions there will be certainly a check on black money in India.

With the digitalization of each and everything, revenue is likely to increase. One can find and monitor as well the sales and taxes which will become much more convenient. Consequently, there will be overall growth in the financial status of the country. Digitalization of everything will ensure empowerment of the citizens. They will be able to pay through their mobile phones. It will make the money

transfer easy and comfortable. Besides, it will pave the way for e-governance for all citizens of India. In other words, it will be quicker, faster, and safer as compared to traditional governance. It will also help in creating new jobs in the market as well as there will be an enhancement in the employment opportunities in the market which means that there will be hike in employment rate.

Drawbacks of Digital Indian Campaign

As far no disadvantages could be noticed about the initiative we are talking about. However, the initiative also lacks many crucial components including lack of legal framework, absence of privacy and data protection laws, civil liberties abuse possibilities, lack of parliamentary oversight for e-surveillance in India.

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