Sanchar Mitra Scheme

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Why in News?

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) recently convened an interactive session with Heads and representatives of IIT, IIIT, NIT, and other engineering colleges across Assam at Guwahati.

- **Aim –** To engage university student volunteers (Sanchar Mitras) as digital ambassadors to bridge the ***communication gap between citizens and the telecom ecosystem.***
- **Launched by -** Department of Telecommunication(D0T), Ministry of communication.
- **1st outreach program -** Assam LSA Partners with 18 Prominent Engineering Colleges across the state of Assam.
- **Objectives -** Promoting telecom awareness, 5G, 6G, Artificial Intelligence, digital literacy, digital safety, cyber fraud prevention among public.
- **Eligibility**
  - University students passionate about communication and technology, committed to creating awareness in their communities.
  - Open to students from those technical institutes that have active telecom, electronics, computers, cybersecurity or similar programs.
- **Training –** Volunteers will get training from National Communications Academy–Technology (NCA-T) and DoT's Media Wing in the fields, *5G, 6G, AI, cybersecurity, and EMF radiation safety.*
- Outstanding performers may get opportunities to internship, experience R&D & innovation projects, ITU standards & policy work, technical conferences, industry engagement, etc.
- **Community outreach -** Sanchar Mitras organise grassroots-level awareness engage with communities and NGOs.
- **Advantages –** The Scheme symbolizes India's leadership in the 4 Ds —
  - Democracy,
  - Demography,
  - Digitization,
  - Delivery.
- **Significance -** Engage youth (Yuva Shakti) to create awareness about DoT services, contributing to a more connected and informed society.
- It will improve public awareness at the grassroot level.
- It represents a significant step towards India's vision of becoming a telecom research, development, and manufacturing hub.

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