

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(DOT), 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.

References

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