A DYNAMIC MOVE TOWARDS VIKSIT BHARAT THROUGH NET-SAVVY SKILLS - SOME KEY AREAS AND SUGGESTIONS

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Introduction

"Viksit Bharat" envisions a futuristic India where economic growth, social justice, and technological advancements converge to create a prosperous and inclusive society. This aspirational concept embodies the hope and determination of over a billion Indians striving for a better tomorrow, where every citizen has access to quality education, healthcare, and opportunities for growth and development. As we march towards this promising future, we are propelled by the power of innovation, the spirit of entrepreneurship, and the unwavering belief that a Developed India is not just a dream, but a tangible reality waiting to be realized.

Key Pillars of Viksit Bharat:

➢ Yuva (Youth): Empowering the youth to drive innovation and entrepreneurship

➢ Garib (Poor): Lifting people out of poverty through inclusive growth

➢ Mahilayen (Women): Promoting women's empowerment and equality

➢ Annadata (Farmers): Enhancing agricultural productivity and farmers' welfare

Objectives of Viksit Bharat:

▪ Developing infrastructure, education, healthcare, and technology

▪ Promoting a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship

▪ Addressing socio-economic challenges through a holistic approach

▪ Fostering a prosperous Bharat in harmony with modern infrastructure and nature

❖ **Key areas where Net-savvy skills can contribute to Viksit Bharat:**

1. Digital Literacy: Enhancing online skills for citizens, especially in rural areas, to access government services, education, and economic opportunities.

2. E-commerce and Entrepreneurship: Empowering entrepreneurs, especially women and those in rural areas, to start online businesses and access global markets.

3. Online Education: Expanding access to quality education through digital platforms, MOOCs, and online courses.

4. Digital Payments and Financial Inclusion: Promoting digital transactions, online banking, and financial literacy.

5. Healthcare and Telemedicine: Improving healthcare access through telemedicine, online consultations, and health information portals.

6. Skill Development and Job Creation: Offering online training programs for in-demand skills, leading to employment opportunities.

7. Citizen Engagement and Governance: Enhancing citizen participation in governance through online platforms, e-governance initiatives, and social media.

8. Social Media: Harness social media platforms for:

- o Awareness campaigns (e.g., health, environment, social justice)
- o Community engagement and mobilization
- o Citizen journalism and fact-checking

9. Data Analysis: Develop skills in data interpretation, visualization, and storytelling to inform decision-making.

10. Cybersecurity: Stay safe online, protecting personal data and preventing cyber threats.

11. Digital Creativity: Express yourself through:

- o Content creation (blogging, vlogging, podcasting)
- o Graphic design and digital art
- o Music and video production

12. Online Communities: Participate in forums, groups, and networks focused on:

- o Social causes and activism
- o Professional development and networking
- o Hobbies and interests

- **Initiatives driving Viksit Bharat**

Government has launched some of the programme and schemes which required Net-Savvy skills. Here is the list of that schemes…

1. PMGDISHA (Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan)

2. National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM)

3. Digital India Initiative

4. Skill India Program

5. Startup India

Digitalization become a part of routine life which shows that every individual has to develop Net-savvy skills. By focusing on Net-savvy skills, India can…

- ▪ Bridge the digital divide
- ▪ Foster inclusive growth
- ▪ Enhance economic opportunities

- Improve governance and citizen engagement
- Become a global digital leader

❖ **Suggestions for developing Net-savvy skills:**

While developing Net-savvy skills certain other skills required for better utilization of this skill.

These skills given below.

- **Basic Skills**

1. Familiarize yourself with search engines (Google, Bing, etc.)

2. Learn basic computer skills (typing, email, word processing)

3. Understand online safety and security best practices

4. Set up and manage social media profiles

5. Use online banking and digital payment systems

- **Intermediate Skills**

1. Online courses and certifications (Coursera, Udemy, edX)

2. Learn web browsing shortcuts and keyboard navigation

3. Understand online collaboration tools (Google Docs, Trello)

4. Develop basic coding skills (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)

5. Explore online resources for entrepreneurship and business development

- **Advanced Skills**

1. Data analysis and visualization (Excel, Tableau)

2. Digital marketing and SEO (Search Engine Optimization)

3. Web development (WordPress, JavaScript frameworks)

4. Online community management and moderation

5. Cybersecurity and online threat mitigation

- **Soft Skills**

1. Critical thinking and online research

2. Effective online communication and email etiquette

3. Time management and productivity

4. Digital citizenship and online ethics

5. Adaptability and continuous learning

With the proper utilization of these skills any individual can develop Net-savvy skills. There

are certain other ways also through which one can get more information. They are….

- ✓ **Online Resources**

1. Online tutorials and YouTube channels (e.g., Google Digital Garage, Tech Life Unity)

2. MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)

3. Webinars and online workshops

4. Blogs and online forums (e.g., Reddit, Quora)

5. Local libraries and community centers offering digital literacy programs

✓ **Mobile Apps**

1. Digital literacy apps (e.g., SoloLearn, Digital Literacy)

2. Online course apps (e.g., Coursera, Udemy)

3. Productivity apps (e.g., Trello, Todoist)

4. Security apps (e.g., Password managers, VPNs)

5. Social media management apps (e.g., Hootsuite, Buffer)

❖ **Suggestions regarding developing Net-savvy skills in education**

Now we will focus on education where Net-savvy skills become essential for students and teachers. Due to technological revolution many changes occur in teaching learning patterns. Teacher has to adopt this change and with that they can transform the future of a student. Let's see requirement of Net-savvy skill for students and teachers through examples.

✎ **For Students:**

1. Online research and citation skills

2. Digital note-taking and organization (Evernote, OneNote)

3. Collaborative document editing (Google Docs, Microsoft Teams)

4. Online safety and digital citizenship

5. Utilizing educational apps (Khan Academy, Duolingo)

6. Developing online portfolios and profiles (e.g., LinkedIn)

7. Understanding online plagiarism and academic integrity

8. Using digital tools for presentations (Prezi, PowerPoint)

9. Understanding digital copyright and fair use

10. Online communication and email etiquette

11. Developing skills in digital tools specific to their discipline (e.g., data analysis software)

✎ **For Teachers:**

1. Integrating technology into lesson plans

2. Creating online courses and content (Moodle, Blackboard)

3. Using learning management systems (LMS)

4. Flipped classroom and blended learning strategies

5. Online assessment and feedback tools

6. Digital classroom management (e.g., Classroom Dojo)

7. Online community building and engagement

8. Staying updated with ed-tech trends and best practices

Net-savvy skills are also important for educational institutions. By developing this skill education institution can:

1. Enhance student engagement and outcomes

2. Improve faculty development and support

3. Increase online and blended learning offerings

4. Foster digital innovation and entrepreneurship

5. Stay competitive in the digital landscape

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the strategic application of net-savvy skills can catapult India towards achieving Viksit Bharat. By embracing digital literacy and leveraging the internet's potential, India can unlock unprecedented opportunities for economic growth, social empowerment, and inclusive development. As the nation continues to propel forward, net-savvy skills will be instrumental in shaping a future where every citizen can thrive, participate, and contribute to the country's transformation into a developed and prosperous society.

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