

# e-VidyaBharati and e-Arogya Bharati Network Project (e-VBAB)

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As part of India's reach out to Africa, the External Affairs Ministry had signed an agreement with the Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. (TCIL) in 2018 to establish a pan-African e-network between the two nations.

## Key highlights

- This e-network aims at providing quality tele-education and telemedicine facility by linking select Indian Universities, Institutions and Super Specialty Hospitals to African educational institutions and hospitals
- Earlier avatar of this project was operated on satellite-based technology and covered 48 African countries, now been decided to establish two separate web-based portals – one each for tele-education and telemedicine.
- E-VBAB Network Project is primarily a technological upgrade and extension of the Pan-African e-Network Project (Phase 1) which was implemented in 48 partner countries across Africa from 2009 till 2017.
- Over the 5 years project duration, e-VBAB Network Project will provide free tele-education courses in various academic disciplines to 4000 students every year from African countries.
- The Project will also be utilized for providing free Continuing Medical Education (1000 every year) to African doctors/nurses/para-medical staff. Further, Indian doctors, through this project will provide free

medical consultancy to those African doctors who seek such consultancy.

- In order to operationalize the e-VBAB Network Project, a Data Centre and Disaster Recovery Centre will be established in India along with Learning Centres in various African countries which decide to be part of the Project.
- There will be two separate platforms for e-VidyaBharati (tele-education) and e-AarogyaBharati (telemedicine) which will link, through web-based technology, various educational institutions, and hospitals in India and the participating African countries.
- The e-VBAB Network Project will be completely funded by the Government of India for its entire duration