

E9 initiative

April 6, 2021

In news : Minister of State for Education to attend a consultation meeting of Education Ministers of E9 countries on E9 initiative: Scaling up digital learning to accelerate progress towards SDG4 on 6th April, 2021.

About E9 initiative

- The UN is spearheading the global initiative on digital learning and skills for all, targeting marginalized children and youth and aiming to close the digital divide and drive rapid change in education systems.
- **Aim:** The initiative aims to accelerate recovery and advance the Sustainable Development Goal 4 agenda by driving rapid change in education systems in **three of the 2020 Global Education Meeting priorities:**
 1. Support to teachers
 2. Investment in skills and
 3. Narrowing of the digital divide.
- **9 member countries are** Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan

Consultation meeting

- The consultation is the first of a three-phased process to co-create an initiative on digital learning and skills, targeting marginalised children and youth, especially girls.
- The consultation will highlight progress and share lessons learned regarding challenges on digital learning and skills
- According to UNESCO, It will discuss the co-creation of the Digital Learning initiative by the nine countries.
- It will highlight progress, share lessons and explore opportunities for collaboration and scale-up to expand digital learning and skills.

- A Marketplace segment, for public-private partnership will focus on promising local and global solutions and opportunities for digital learning to strengthen local ecosystems.
- **Participation:** The meeting will feature the participation of the UN Deputy Secretary-General, UNESCO, UNICEF, Generation Unlimited, the Malala Fund, the World Bank and a number of stakeholder representatives including from the private sector partners of the Global Education Coalition.

Benefits

Building on the established partnership of E9 countries allows these nine countries the opportunity to benefit from this global initiative and accelerate progress on digital learning and skills towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4 – Quality Education.