

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION COUNCIL, BENGALURU  
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**"Information regarding BBNL BharatNet project for HEIs & Internship opportunities available at AICTE portal for students of HEIs"**

In order to bridge the gap between Rural and Urban India, BBNL BharatNet Project is being implemented in 2.6 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) which aims to provide broadband connectivity to rural areas of India. The project is the backbone of 'Digital India' initiative of Government of India (GoI). Taking cognizance of this, NAAC has been creating awareness and organizing handholding programs for HEIs in rural areas. The details of Gram Panchayats (GPs) with BharatNet connection is enclosed in the following link

See link here: [http://www.bbnl.nic.in/actgps.aspx?langid=1&ls\\_id=9&l\\_id=9](http://www.bbnl.nic.in/actgps.aspx?langid=1&ls_id=9&l_id=9)

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in association with National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) team is giving a carrier-oriented opportunity to students from all over the country with any academic background in finding their dream internship. Around 9,068 Industries have already registered and are offering internships through the AICTE portal. More than 300 authentic and certified companies have proved to be nimble and keep posting internships regularly through AICTE internship portal.

See link here: <https://internship.aicte-india.org/>

AICTE and NAAC are working hand-in-hand together and are making diligent efforts to spread awareness among HEIs of this internship opportunity, benefits of which include building industrial relations, improvement in teaching learning process and improvisation in institutional

credibility & branding. The initiative was designed in such a way that it could help the student to hone their own craft and keep up with technological developments/advancements relevant to the subject area of training. The students will also get an opportunity to

1. learn new skills and supplement knowledge.
2. learn strategies in an industrial set-up.
3. practice communication and teamwork skills.
4. meet new people and learn networking skills.
5. evaluate the organization before committing to a full time position.
6. enhance their candidacy for higher education.

In this regard, NAAC requests all the HEIs to utilize BBNL BharatNet project initiative of GoI to get connected digitally and also motivate students to enroll and get registered in the AICTE Internship portal which would benefit them for carrier related opportunities.