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### Prospects and Challenges of Digital Learning for the B.Ed. Students of Patna University

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**Abstract :** *With the advent of Akash tab the scenario of ICT in higher education is set to change soon. The teacher education will soon have an option to go digital. The integration of digital learning will help teacher trainees to develop the abilities to use, manage, and understand information technology. In this context the present study is undertaken to infer empirically the prospects and challenges of digital learning and to find out the extent of usage of digital technology by teacher trainees. The study found that the integration of the technology is at a preliminary stage in both Patna Training College and Women's*

*Training College even though the students have acquired some skills on their own. It also found a positive correlation between integration of technology in the institution and readiness of students to adopt them at the Department of Education, Patna Women's College. The study found the language as a significant barrier in usage of digital technology by the students of B.Ed. Yet a good number of them are able to search contents in Hindi but most of them could not type in Hindi. That limits their capability to communicate on net in Hindi. The study also found that a good number of students are aware about the Akash tab and prospective changes in educational scene. A good number of them are ready to adopt the digital format of the contents they use in traditional education. The condition of two leading teacher education institutions of Bihar help us understand the state of technological preparedness of teacher education in Bihar.*

**Key words:** *ICT, Education, Digital Learning.*

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