

Microsoft India's education initiatives

	DESCRIPTION	FAST FACTS
Imagine Cup	A global annual contest for student innovators around the world to showcase their software development skills.	325,000 registrations worldwide in 2010, 90,000 from India. http://india.imaginecup.com
Dream Spark	Access to Microsoft developer and designer tools given free of charge to verified students for learning purposes.	Broad range of software distributed to over 500,000 students. 3.5 million downloads in 2010. http://www.dreamspark.com/default.aspx
Microsoft Student Partners	Facilitates students to learn new techniques in the fields of technology and develop skills and competencies.	1,500 plus students have registered in the past four years. 750 students enrolled this year. http://www.microsoftstudentpartners.com
Faculty Connection	An initiative to connect higher education faculty to curriculum repositories around the world.	Over 50,000 Indian faculty registered. Latest curriculum on cloud computing technologies available. http://www.microsoft.com/education/facultyconnection
Student Technology Clubs	An online forum for students and student-developers to share and access content and community resources.	50,000 students registered in over 1,500 clubs. www.studenttechclubs.com
Partners in Learning Alliance program	Helps build employability and industry-readiness of higher secondary students through the Microsoft Digital Literacy Curriculum (DLC) and soft skills curriculum.	Partnerships with seven state governments and IGNOU
Innovation Alliance	Supports innovation and entrepreneurship among students through association with colleges to bridge the gap between industry needs and student readiness	Impacted more than 10,000 students. Trained over 2,000 unemployed women, youth and retired people.
Student 2 Business	Online portal connecting engineering students with Microsoft partner companies to acquire internships	35,000 plus students and 350 companies. http://www.student2business.co.in/
Project Jyoti	Learning opportunities provided to young adults, especially women, in rural and underserved communities, through Community Technology Learning Centers.	Microsoft has made grants to 14 NGOs in India aggregating to Rs.47 crore. A network of 1,300 CTLCs has trained 200,000 people in 20 states and Union territories countrywide. http://www.microsoft.com/india/msindia/msindia_ourmission_projectjyoti.aspx
Project Kshamta	A program with the Indian Army to train personnel in digital literacy and English for enhancing career opportunities after end of service period.	1,000+ Master Trainers trained to equip 1,700 soldiers with similar skill sets across 52 locations. http://www.microsoft.com/india/msindia/msindia_ourmission_ProjectKshamta.aspx
IT Academy	Designed to help students and faculty with learning solutions for IT skills training and certification.	250 plus IT Academies currently operational in higher education institutions. http://www.microsoft.com/education/MSITAcademy/about.msp
Microsoft Research Ecosystem	Microsoft Research India collaborates with academics and institutions through global and regional initiatives to help India develop research capability	Key Initiatives: Building capacity in Ph D programs and community-wide research projects. http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/labs/india/
Project Shiksha	Initiated in 2003 to accelerate IT literacy and improve classroom environments of government schools countrywide.	Trained over 512,000 government school teachers who have impacted 25 million students. http://www.microsoft.com/india/education/pil/shiksha/
MultiPoint Server	Windows MultiPoint Server 2010 is an operating system that allows multiple stations to draw their processing power from one traditional desktop PC, providing each student an independent monitor, keyboard and mouse.	Reduces the price of an ICT lab by 25 percent and power consumption by 70 percent. http://www.microsoft.com/windows/multiplatform/default.aspx
MSDN Academic Alliance	Helps improve the infrastructure of laboratories in colleges and empowers students with free Microsoft software.	1,000 plus colleges enrolled and 30,000 students using MS technology. http://msdn.microsoft.com/hi-in/academic/default.aspx
Microsoft Learning	Offers classroom training, e-learning, skills assessments training and certifies MS trainers, professionals and partners.	250,000 individuals certified annually, thereby increasing their employability. http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/in/default.aspx