Benefits:

1. Hands on learning by doing on-ground implementation
2. Learn practically from the leaders in the sector who have years of on-ground experience
3. Understand the rural digital landscape from up-close
4. Develop and implement solutions for the underserved, unconnected and marginalised communities
5. Build one’s entrepreneurial & leadership skills
6. Development of collaboration and problem-solving skills
7. Policy, governance, new media & technology exposure
8. Opportunity to get one’s research paper published by Centre for Development Policy & Practice (CDPP)

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Thematic Areas of the Fellowship:

1. Digital and Information Technology Tools/Solutions for Development

   Develop IT based solutions for the betterment of the society, creating tools benefiting large number of people.

2. Research, Communication & Advocacy for Digital Rights & Development

   Research on the various aspects of digital development from multiple lenses including the progress, the gaps, the concerns and the opportunities. Provide insights into the different endeavors to bring the digital revolution to the unconnected, underserved & marginalized communities.

3. Digital Inclusion for Poverty Alleviation and Fighting Exclusion

   Build and implement on ground programs at various levels with women, youth, PWDs and other stakeholders, bringing digital access and facilities to the large masses of underserved communities.

4. Digital Models for Capacity Building of Institutions, Government, Businesses and Civil Society

   On ground capacity building and skill development of major stakeholders - Institutions, Government, Businesses and Civil Society personal to create digital change agents at the grassroots level.