



Rajasthan's most of the Government Schools selected in 'PM Shree Yojana'

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According to the information given by the Rajasthan Information and Public Relations Department on 12 April 2023, Rajasthan has now selected the maximum number of government schools in the 'PM Shree Yojana' across the country, after having the distinction of consistently topping the performance in several parameters of educational development in the country.

Key Points

- In this scheme, 21 thousand 356 government schools in Rajasthan have been considered as benchmark schools. After online application in this scheme, Rajasthan has left behind other big states of the country by a considerable margin even in the category of nationally verified schools.
- In the first phase of PM Shree Yojana, a maximum of 402 government schools have been selected in Rajasthan, including 346 government schools of secondary education and 56 government schools of primary education.
- A total of 718 schools in the state will be included in this scheme, out of which Rajasthan has achieved special success by selecting 56 percent of schools in the first phase itself. It is proposed to select the remaining schools in the second phase in July.
- It is worth noting that the benchmarks set for the selection of government schools under PM Shree Yojana include enrollment in schools in elementary setup (classes 1 to 5 and 1 to 8) and secondary setup (classes 6 to 12) in the state. More than average enrolment, pucca building of schools in good condition, separate toilets for boys and girls, arrangement of pure drinking water, a separate facility for washing hands, all teachers have an ID card as per guidelines, barrier-free access ramps. Parameters such as the focus on security, electricity connection, library and facilities required for sports activities are included.
- Among these, the state government schools of Rajasthan have topped the whole country in primary scrutiny (21,356 schools), the first phase (402 schools) and total selection (718 schools) as per the guidelines of the scheme.
- Along with enrollment and innovations in the government schools of the state, this number was also on top in the whole country on parameters like school premises full of necessary facilities and resources for the students.
- The online portal of this scheme was started on 3 November 2022, till the last date of application, 31 December 2022, Rajasthan topped the country in getting applications from the state's benchmark government schools (21 thousand 356) under scrutiny.
- After online application, at the national level, Rajasthan left other big states of the country far behind by getting 13,931 government schools verified. After Rajasthan, 7892 schools in Andhra Pradesh, 7776 in Assam, 7054 in Uttar Pradesh, 4848 in Maharashtra, 4700 in Karnataka, 4632 in Punjab, 3483 in Madhya Pradesh, 2163 in Gujarat and 1704 in Uttarakhand were verified after online application.
- Commissioner of Rajasthan School Education Council and State Project Director Dr. Mohan Lal Yadav said that in the first phase of this scheme, out of 402 government schools in the assorted state, a maximum of 28 schools of Jaipur has been selected. There are 24 government schools in Jodhpur, 22 in Udaipur and 21 in Barmer.
- Similarly, 18-18 in Alwar and Nagaur, 15-15 in Bharatpur and Bhilwara, 14 in Ajmer, 13-13 in

Shriganganagar, Chittorgarh and Sikar, 12 in Jhunjhunu, 11-11 in Banswara, Dausa and Pali, Bikaner, Baran, 10-10 in Dungarpur, Jalore and Jhalawar, 9-9 in Karauli, Kota, Pratapgarh and Hanumangarh, 8-8 in Tonk, Dholupar and Rajsamand, 7-7 in Churu, Jaisalmei and Sawai Madhopur, 6 in Sirohi and 5 in Bundi have been selected.

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