



Initiatives of Madhya Pradesh For Promoting Menstrual Health

Why in News?

Recently, the India unit of the [United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund \(UNICEF\)](#) **praised the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister's initiatives** for promoting [menstrual health](#) among adolescents in the state.

Key Points

- During an event, Chief Minister transferred a collective sum of **Rs 57.18 crore to the accounts of 19 lakh girl students** under the ['Samagra Shiksha' programme](#) for sanitation and hygiene.
- Under the sanitation and hygiene scheme, funds have been transferred for **sanitary napkins to girl students of Classes VII to XII.**
 - School and college Girls are also being educated about the [importance of cleanliness and its measures.](#)

Samagra Shiksha Scheme

- It was **launched by the Ministry of Education in 2018.**
- It is an **integrated scheme for school education** covering the entire gamut from **pre-school to class XII.**
- It aims to deliver inclusive, equitable, and affordable school education.
- It **subsumes** the three Schemes of [Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan \(SSA\)](#), [Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan \(RMSA\)](#) and [Teacher Education \(TE\)](#).
- It is being implemented as a [centrally sponsored scheme.](#)
 - It involves a 60:40 split in funding between the Centre and most States.

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

- UNICEF was **created in 1946** as **International Children's Emergency Fund (ICEF)** by the **UN relief Rehabilitation Administration** to help children affected by World War II.
- UNICEF became a **permanent part of the United Nations in 1953.**
- It is **mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights**, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.
- UNICEF is guided by the **Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989.**
 - It strives to establish **children's rights as enduring ethical principles** and international standards of behaviour towards children.
- Awarded the **Nobel Prize for Peace in 1965** for **"promotion of brotherhood among the nations"**.
- **Headquarters:** New York City.

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