



MP Prohibits Hindu Students from Enrolling in Madrasas | Madhya Pradesh | 20 Aug 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the **Madhya Pradesh** government has **issued an order barring Hindu students from enrolling in the [madrasas](#)**, regulated by the state madrasa board or those receiving government aid.

Key Points

- The decision is a result of complaints that **several madrasas in the state were enrolling fictitious Hindu students to get government aid.**
 - An investigation found that **thousands of Hindu students have been enrolled in madrasas, which were operating only on paper.**
- According to the authorities, the **madrasas cannot force the students to participate in the religious activities or religious studies without written consent from them or their parents, if they are minors.**
 - All institutes, including madrasas, government-aided, and private institutes, must comply with the provisions of the [New Education Policy 2020](#).

New Education Policy (NEP) 2020

- The **NEP 2020** seeks to tackle the evolving development needs of India.
 - It calls for a **comprehensive overhaul of the education system**, including its **regulations and management**, to establish a modern system that aligns with 21st-century educational goals, including [Sustainable Development Goal 4 \(SDG4\)](#), while respecting **India's cultural heritage and values.**
- It replaces the thirty-four year old **National Policy on Education, 1986, modified in 1992** (NPE 1986/92).

Initiatives of Madhya Pradesh For Promoting Menstrual Health | Madhya Pradesh | 20 Aug 2024

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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.