



PM-SHRI Scheme

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Why in News?

After Punjab, the Delhi government has decided to sign a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the central government to implement the [Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India \(PM-SHRI\)](#) scheme.

- The Education Ministry had stopped funds under the [Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan \(SSA\)](#), to Delhi, Punjab and West Bengal because of their reluctance to participate in the PM-SHRI scheme.

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)

- [Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan \(SSA\)](#) is an integrated scheme for school education extending from **pre-school to class XII** to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.
 - It subsumes the 3 Schemes of **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)**, **Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)** and **Teacher Education (TE)**.
 - The main emphasis of the Scheme is on improving the quality of school education by focussing on the two T's – **Teacher and Technology**.
 - The Scheme is being implemented as a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme**.
 - The **fund sharing pattern** for the scheme between Centre and States is in the ratio of **90:10 for the North-Eastern States and the Himalayan States** and **60:40 for all other States** and Union Territories with Legislature.

What is the PM-SHRI Scheme?

- **About:**
 - The PM SHRI Scheme is a **centrally sponsored initiative**, launched in 2022, by the Government of India aimed at establishing over **14,500 PM SHRI Schools** by **enhancing existing schools** to showcase the implementation of the [National Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#).
- **Objective:**
 - The primary objective is to create an **inclusive and nurturing environment** that **promotes the well-being and safety** of every student, **offering diverse learning experiences** and access to **quality infrastructure and resources**.
- **Funding:**
 - The funding pattern is **60:40 between Centre and State** Governments and UTs with legislature (except J&K).
 - The sharing pattern is **90:10 for North Eastern and Himalayan States** and UT of J&K and 100% central funding for the Union Territories without legislature.
 - States must confirm their participation by signing a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the Education Ministry.

- **Duration of Scheme:**
 - The duration of the scheme is from **2022-23 to 2026-27**, after which it shall be the **responsibility of the states/UTs to continue** to maintain the benchmarks achieved by these schools.
- **Key Features of PM SHRI Schools:**
 - These schools will focus on holistic student development of students including the skills of communication, collaboration and critical thinking.
 - Teaching methods will be experiential, inquiry-driven, and learner-centred.
 - Schools will have modern labs, libraries, art rooms, and promote "green" initiatives like water conservation and waste recycling.
 - They have **best-in-class modern facilities**, including **Smart Classrooms, Computer Labs, Integrated Science Labs, Vocational Labs/Skill Labs, and Atal Tinkering Labs**.
 - **Learning outcomes will be prioritized, with competency-based assessments that apply knowledge to real-life situations.**
- **Schools Eligible to become PM SHRI School:**
 - Schools managed by Central/State/UT Governments and local bodies.
 - All Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas which are non-project and run from permanent buildings.
- **Monitoring Framework of Schools:**
 - A [School Quality Assessment Framework \(SQAF\)](#) will monitor performance, with regular evaluations to ensure high standards.
 - SQAF is a **set of standards and best practices** as paradigms for attaining individual and institutional excellence.
- **Selection of Schools: It is done through Challenge Mode in a 3-stage process:**
 - Stage-1 involves signing MoU with the Centre.
 - Stage-2 identifies eligible schools based on [UDISE \(Unified District Information System for Education\)+](#) data, and
 - Stage-3 is a **challenge method** where eligible schools compete to fulfill certain criteria.
 - States/UTs/KVS/JNV verify claims and recommend schools, and an Expert committee headed by Secretary makes the final selection.

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

- The NEP 2020 aims to make India a **global knowledge superpower**, being the **3rd major revamp of the education framework** since independence, following the 1968 and 1986 policies.
- **Key Features:**
 - Ensures **universal access to education** from **pre-primary to Grade 12**
 - **Guarantees quality early childhood care and education for children aged 3-6.**
 - Introduces a new **5+3+3+4 curricular structure** aligned with the age groups of 3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18, covering Foundational (5 years), Preparatory (3 years), Middle (3 years), and Secondary (4 years) stages.
 - **Eliminates rigid divisions** between arts and sciences, curricular and extracurricular activities, and vocational and academic streams.
 - **Promotes multilingualism** and the use of Indian languages.
 - Establishes a **National Assessment Centre, PARAKH**, to assess and improve holistic development.
 - Proposes a **Gender Inclusion Fund and Special Education Zones** to support disadvantaged groups and regions.

