



Navbharat Literacy Program

Why in News

- On August 31, 2021, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, approval was given to conduct '**Nav Bharat Literacy Program**' in **Madhya Pradesh**.

Key Points

- To increase the literacy rate in the state, '**Reading-Writing Campaign**' was launched till **July 31, 2021** and after that '**NavBharat Literacy Programs**' would be conducted till **March 2026**.
- These programs are being conducted in **all urban and rural areas** of the state to eradicate illiteracy of citizens **above 15 years of age** who could not get formal education and have crossed the age of formal education.
- The main objective of this program is to provide **basic and functional literacy to the illiterate**.
- This scheme will operate from the financial year 2021-22. The literacy program in the state will be implemented by the **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan/Education Department** in the state, district and block. Also, the organizations/individuals whose cooperation will be taken in making the illiterate literate will be called '**Akshar Saathi**'.
- Literacy classes will be conducted by Akshar Saathis on their own volition. In this, basic and functional literacy will be provided to the illiterate. **No remuneration / honorarium** will be paid for this work. **No regular appointment** will be made in the literacy program.
- This project will be run with a mixed grant from the State and the Centre. In this project the cost sharing ratio for centre and state will be 60:40. In the literacy program, a physical target has been set to make 32 lakh 60 thousand illiterate people literate in five years. For this, about Rs 110 crore 84 lakh will be spent in five years.