

## **Ladakh Achieves Full Functional Literacy**

## Source: PIB

Recently the <u>Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh</u> has been declared to **achieve Full Functional Literacy** under the **ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram** after having achieved over **97% literacy**.

- **Functional literacy** refers to a person's ability to effectively engage in activities that require reading, writing and calculation **for** personal and **community** development.
  - Basic literacy focuses majorly on the acquisition of 3Rs, i.e. reading, writing and arithmetic skills.

## ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme (NILP):

- ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from 2022-2027.
- It aims to empower adults aged 15 years and above who could not receive proper schooling. It aligns with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
  - ULLAS has benefitted more than 77 lakhs people across the country.
- The 5 Components of ULLAS Scheme: Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills, and Continuing Education.
- Other Government Initiatives Related to Education:
  - National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning.
  - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
  - PRAGYATA
  - Mid Day Meal Scheme
  - Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
  - PM SHRI Schools

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**Read more:** Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam and ULLAS Initiative, National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

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