



Online Module for Compiling Out-of-School Children's Data

Why in News

The **Ministry of Education** has developed an **online module for compiling out-of-school (due to Covid-19 pandemic) children's data** identified by each State/UT.

- The collected data will be mapped with special training centres on the **PRABANDH portal of Samagra Shiksha**.

Key Points

▪ About the Module:

- Through the module, the government will **facilitate age-appropriate admissions of children in the age group of 6-14 years** and those **belonging to socially and economically disadvantaged groups**.
- Also, **for out of school children in the 16-18 years age group, financial assistance will be provided** for the first time in the session 2021-22, to continue their education through open/distance learning mode.

▪ About PRABANDH Portal:

- PRABANDH (**PR**oject **A**ppraisal, **B**udgeting, **A**chievements and **D**ata **H**andling System) is a **step towards leveraging technology** to increase efficiency and manage the **implementation of a centrally sponsored integrated scheme for schooling-Samagra Shiksha**.
- It is to have **transparency and accuracy** in the System w.r.t Approvals, Releases, Financial Status.
- Also **streamline the Financial Management System**, to enable more accurate assessment of actual requirement of funds for implementation.

Samagra Shiksha

▪ Key Provisions:

- Samagra Shiksha 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 three 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**.

▪ Vision:

- It complements the **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)** for Education, i.e. SDG 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong opportunities for all).
- It aims to support States in the implementation of the **Right of Children to Free and**

[Compulsory Education \(RTE\) Act, 2009.](#)

- Right to Education Act (RTE) is a fundamental right under Article 21-A of the Constitution of India.
- The Act makes education a **fundamental right of every child between the ages of 6 and 14** and specifies minimum norms in elementary schools.

▪ **Funding Pattern:**

- The Scheme is being implemented as a [Centrally Sponsored Scheme.](#)
 - The fund sharing pattern for the scheme between Centre and States is at present 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.**
 - It is **100% centrally sponsored** for **Union Territories without Legislature.**

▪ **Focus on Digital Education:**

- Support '[Operation Digital Board](#)' in all secondary schools over a period of 5 years, which will revolutionize education- easy to understand, technology based learning classrooms will become flipped classrooms.
- Digital initiatives like **UDISE+**, [Shagun](#), to be strengthened.
- Strengthening of ICT infrastructure in schools from upper primary to higher secondary level.

Other Important Schemes to Improve Online Education System

▪ [PM eVidya Programme:](#)

- A programme for multimode access to digital/ online education.

▪ [Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds \(SWAYAM\)](#)

- The objective is to ensure that every student in the country has access to the best quality higher education at the affordable cost.

▪ [Integrated Online junction for School Education 'Shagun'](#)

- It is an overarching initiative to improve the school education system by creating a junction for all online portals and websites relating to various activities of the Department of School Education and Literacy in the Government of India and all States and Union Territories.

▪ **Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) and UDISE+**

- UDISE, initiated in 2012-13 for elementary and secondary education, is one of the largest **Management Information Systems on School Education** covering more than 1.5 million schools, 9.4 million teachers and almost 250 million children.
- UDISE+ is an updated and improved version of UDISE.

▪ [NISHTHA: Teachers' Training Programme](#)

- To improve learning outcomes at the elementary level through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme.

▪ [Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme \(EQUIP\)](#)

- A five-year vision plan aiming at ushering transformation in India's higher education system by implementing strategic interventions in the sector over five years (2019-2024).
- Sets out to deliver further on principles of Access, Inclusion, Quality, Excellence and enhancing employability in Higher Education.

▪ [Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan \(RUSA\)](#)

- It is a centrally sponsored scheme launched in October 2013 that aims at providing strategic funding to higher education institutions throughout the country.

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