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Issues With Home-based Learning Programme in MP

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Why in News

Only 30% students in government schools of Madhya Pradesh (MP) have been regularly reached through the **Hamara Ghar, Humara Vidyalaya programme**.

Key Points

- **Hamara Ghar, Hamara Vidyalaya Programme:**
 - It is a **home-based learning programme** launched by the **Department of School Education, MP**.
 - It **aimed to reach 22 lakh students** after shutting down of schools due to **Covid-19 pandemic**.
 - The idea behind the programme is to ensure that students **study regularly at home and also learn life skills from their elders**.
 - Under it, the **modular programme airs on Doordarshan Madhya Pradesh** on fixed time slots. It has **three parts** to it which are **recap, delivery of a new concept** and **practice** of the concept.
 - Various concepts in the form of videos, practise sheets and quizzes are delivered in sync with TV programmes through **WhatsApp-led Digital Learning Enhancement Program (DigiLEP)**.

- **Issues Highlighted:**

- The programme was able to **reach only around 30%** of the total students from 18th July to 25th July.

20% of students were reached through TV and 10% through WhatsApp.

- Families of 30% of the students **do not have TVs or smartphones having an internet connection** to avail of the study material.

In families where smartphones with internet connections are available, **parents often take them to work with them.**

- The remaining students were **not able to avail the study modules on a regular basis breaking the learning flow.**

- **Reaching to students in the 89 tribal dominated blocks** in districts such as Alirajpur, Barwani and Jhabua is a **task in itself.**

- **Suggestions:**

- Students need to be **divided into various groups according to the availability of TVs and phones** with the working connection, in sync with **PRAGYATA guidelines.**

- If a family has a phone, it **should be used by all of its children** for their studies.

- Those who have a TV, they **must watch the telecast during fixed time slots** on Doordarshan.

Way Forward

- The new **National Education Policy** (NEP) has a section on digital education to ensure “**equitable use of technology**”. Private players can make e-resources accessible and available to students under the **Corporate Social Responsibility** (CSR).
- The definition of the **right to education** needs to expand and promote **online education** so that it addresses the importance of connectivity and access to knowledge and information.