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## ASER Report 2021 | Jharkhand | 19 Nov 2021

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### Why in News

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Recently, the 16<sup>th</sup> **Annual Status of Education ASER 2021** was released by NGO Pratham, which shows an increase in the inclination of students towards government schools in Jharkhand.

### Key Points

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- According to the report, the number of children in the age group of 6-14 years studying in government schools of Jharkhand has increased by 6.5 percent as compared to the previous year.
- The number of children (6-14 years) enrolled in government schools in Jharkhand was 72.1% in 2020, which has increased to 78.6% in 2021.
- 57.6 percent of children in Jharkhand have to take tuitions, compared to the national average of only 39.2 percent.
- In the year 2021, the number of enrolled students in the state, who have a smartphone in their homes, has increased to 60.2 percent, from only 20.6 percent in the year 2018.
- 89.8 percent of the state's enrolled children have books for their grades, compared to the national average of 91.9 percent.
- 2.7 percent children in the 6-14 year age group of the state are still enrolled in schools, including 3.1 percent boys and 2.3 percent girls.
- Only 15.3 percent of the enrolled students in the state are able to study online from home, while in Kerala it is 91 percent, while the national average is also much higher than Jharkhand (24.2 percent).
- It may be noted that this report presents data on the schooling status and basic reading and math abilities of children in rural India.
- The ASER 2021 report has been prepared on the basis of a phone-based survey due to the COVID-19 pandemic.