



Samagra Shiksha Scheme 2.0

Why in News

The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** has approved the **school education programme Samagra Shiksha Scheme 2.0** till the **2025-26 financial year**.

- It has been **upgraded to align** it with the [Sustainable Development Goal for Education](#) and the new [National Education Policy](#) launched in 2020.

Key Points

▪ About Samagra Shiksha Scheme:

- It is an **integrated scheme for school education** covering the entire gamut from **pre-school to class XII**.
- It aims to deliver inclusive, equitable, and affordable school education.
- It **subsumes** the three Schemes of **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE)**.
- The scheme covers **1.16 million schools**, over 156 million students and 5.7 million Teachers of Govt. and Aided schools (from pre-primary to senior secondary level).
- It is being implemented as a **centrally sponsored scheme**. It involves a 60:40 split in funding between the Centre and most States. It was **launched by the Ministry of Education in 2018**.

▪ About Samagra Shiksha Scheme 2.0:

◦ [Direct Benefit Transfer \(DBT\)](#):

- In order to enhance the direct outreach of the scheme, all **child-centric interventions will be provided directly to the students** through DBT mode on an IT-based platform over a period of time.
- This DBT would **include [RTE \(Right to Education\)](#) entitlements** such as textbooks, uniforms and transport allowance.

◦ **On NEP Recommendations:**

• **Encouraging Indian languages:**

- It has a **new component** for appointment of **language teachers**, which includes salaries, and training costs as well as bilingual books and teaching learning material as recommended in NEP.

• **Pre-primary Education:**

- It will now include **funding to support pre-primary sections at government schools**, i.e. for teaching and learning materials, indigenous toys and games and play-based activities.
- Master trainers for pre-primary teachers and anganwadi workers will be supported under the scheme.

• [NIPUN Bharat Initiative](#):

- Under this initiative, an **annual provision of Rs. 500 per child** for learning materials, Rs. 150 per teacher for manuals and resources and Rs. 10-20 lakh per district will be given **for assessment for foundational literacy and numeracy.**
- **On Digital Initiatives:**
 - There is a provision for **ICT labs and smart classrooms**, including support for digital boards, virtual classrooms and DTH channels which have become more important in the wake of the [Covid-19](#) pandemic.
- **For out-of-school children:**
 - It includes a **provision to support out of school children** from age 16 to 19 with funding of Rs. 2000 per grade to complete their education via open schooling.
 - There will also be a **greater focus on skills and vocational education**, both for students in school and dropouts.
- **Other Features:**
 - Financial support for State Commission for Protection of Child Rights @ Rs 50 per elementary school in the state, **for protection of child rights and safety.**
 - Holistic, 360-degree, multi-dimensional reports showing progress/uniqueness of each learner in the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains will be introduced in the form of **Holistic Progress Card (HPC).**
 - Support for activities of **PARAKH**, a national assessment centre (Performance, Assessments, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development)
 - Additional **Sports grant of upto Rs. 25000** to schools in case at least 2 students of that school win a medal in Khelo India school games at the National level.
 - Provision for **Bagless days, school complexes, internships with local artisans**, curriculum and pedagogical reforms etc included.
 - **Support for Social Audit** covering 20% of schools per year so that all schools are covered in a period of Five years.

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