

UDISE+ 2019-20 Report

Why in News

Recently, the Union Education Minister released the **Report on United Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20** for School Education in India.

United Information System for Education Plus

- It is one of the largest Management Information Systems on school education. It was launched in 2018-2019 to speed up data entry, reduce errors, improve data quality and ease its verification.
- It is an application to collect the school details about factors related to a school and its resources.
 - It is an updated and improved version of UDISE, which was initiated in 2012-13 by the Ministry of Education.
- It covers more than 1.5 million schools, 8.5 million teachers and 250 million children.
- It helps measure the education parameters from classes 1 to 12 in government and private schools across India.

Key Points

- Total Students:
 - In 2019-20, total students in school education from pre-primary to higher secondary have crossed 26.45 crore. This is higher by 42.3 lakh compared to 2018-19.
- Gross Enrolment Ratio:
 - Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at all levels of school education has improved in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19.
 - Upper Primary Level increased to 89.7% from 87.7%.
 - Elementary Level increased to 97.8% from 96.1%.
 - Secondary Level increased to 77.9% from 76.9%.
 - Higher Secondary Level increased to 51.4% from 50.1%.
 - GER is the number of students enrolled in a given level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education.
- Pupil Teacher Ratio:
 - In 2019-20, **96.87 lakh teachers** were engaged in school education. This is **higher by about 2.57 lakh compared to 2018-19.**
 - The Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) has improved at all levels of school education.
- Enrolment of Divyang Students:

Enrolment of Divyang students has increased by 6.52% over 2018-19.

Enrolment of Girls:

• In 2019-20, **enrolment of girls from primary to higher secondary is more** than 12.08 crore. This is an increase by 14.08 lakh compared to 2018-19.

Gender Parity Index:

- Between 2012-13 and 2019-20, the <u>Gender Parity Index (GPI)</u> at both <u>Secondary and</u> Higher Secondary levels have improved.
 - **GPI** in primary, secondary and tertiary education is the **ratio of the number of female students** enrolled at primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education **to the number of male students in each level.**
- Improvement of GPI has been **most pronounced at the higher secondary level,** which has gone up to 1.04 in 2019-20 from 0.97 in 2012-13.

Facilities at Schools:

- **Electricity:** More than **80% of schools in India in 2019-20 had functional electricity.** This is an improvement of more than 6% over the previous year 2018-19.
- Computers: The number of schools having functional computers increased to 5.2 lakh in 2019-20 from 4.7 lakh in 2018-19.
- Internet: The number of schools having internet facilities increased to 3.36 lakh in 2019-20 from 2.9 lakh in 2018-19.
- Hand Wash Facility: More than 90% of schools in India had hand wash facilities in 2019-20. This is a major improvement as this percentage was only 36.3% in 2012-13.
- Medical Check-Ups: More than 82% of schools conducted medical check-ups of students in 2019-20, an increase of more than 4% compared to the previous year 2018-19.
- Some Important Government Initiatives:
 - New National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.
 - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
 - Mid Day Meal Scheme.
 - Right To Education (RTE) Act, 2009.
 - Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

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