



Report on Haryana Government Schools

Why in News?

A recent government report revealed that **19 schools in the state are without any students**, 811 schools have just one teacher, and a total of 3,148 schools have less than half of their student capacity filled.

Key Points

- The report, which outlined key points from a **meeting held by the Union education ministry's project** approval board in February 2024, pinpointed 14,562 government schools in the state.
- The report highlighted the **insufficient number of teachers**, particularly in elementary schools, and advised the government to promptly fill these vacancies.
 - The shortage of teachers has **impacted the central funding** allocated for salary payments.
 - In the primary sector, the financial assistance has decreased to Rs 14 lakh from Rs 19 lakh in the 2021-22 period.
 - Similarly, in higher education, grants have dropped from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 14 lakh due to several unfilled positions.
- Apart from the shortage of teachers, the report also pointed to **lack of basic infrastructure for students in these schools**.
 - While the schools are 18% short of their target for additional classrooms, toilets for boys and girls are 1% and 1.8% fewer than what they should be. Smart classrooms are also 1.4% behind the required number.
- The report emphasized that non-recurring approvals from the past, which have not been addressed by the state for years, will eventually become the state's sole responsibility after a period of 5 years according to the [Samagra Shiksha framework](#).
- Schools that have not set up facilities must withdraw their initial proposals and think about submitting new ones.
 - The state government has been directed to **regularly update the progress of pending tasks on the [Prabandh portal](#)** to avoid any errors in the data presented.

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**.

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.