



# No Funds for West Bengal Under Samagra Shiksha

## Why in News?

The Centre has not allocated any funds from its share under **the Ministry of Education's** flagship [Samagra Shiksha scheme \(SSA\)](#) to Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal.

## Key Points

- **About the Funds:**
  - **Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal** were allocated Rs 328.90 crore, Rs 2,151.60 crore, and Rs 1,745.80 crore, under the SSA for the 2024-25 financial year.
    - Although these states had received no funds from the Centre's share.
  - In contrast, Rs 27,833.50 crore out of the total Rs 45,830.21 crore central allocation had been disbursed to other states and Union Territories.
  - **Uttar Pradesh**, which **received the highest allocation of Rs 6,971.26 crore**, had already received Rs 4,487.46 crore.
- **Criteria for Fund Release:**
  - The Centre disburses SSA funds based on multiple factors, including:
    - States' pace of expenditure.
    - Receipt of the required state share.
    - Submission of audited accounts and expenditure statement
    - Clearance of outstanding advances.
    - Up-to-date utilisation certificates from previous years.
- **Dispute Between Tamil Nadu and Centre:**
  - Tamil Nadu has reportedly refused to implement the [National Education Policy's \(NEP\)](#) three-language formula.
  - The state has also not signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for establishing [PM-SHRI schools](#), which may have contributed to the funding halt.
- **Parliamentary Standing Committee Observations:**
  - The committee noted that withholding SSA funds was severely impacting:
    - Teachers' salaries.
    - [Right to Education \(RTE\)](#) reimbursements.
    - Student transportation in remote areas.
    - It criticized the Centre for linking SSA fund disbursement to states participation in separate schemes like **PM-SHRI**.
  - The committee recommended the immediate release of SSA funds to Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal to ensure continuity in education programs.

## Samagra Shiksha

- Samagra Shiksha is an **integrated** scheme for school education extending from **pre-school to class XII** to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.
- It **subsumes** the three Schemes of [Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan \(SSA\)](#), [Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan \(RMSA\)](#) and [Teacher Education \(TE\)](#).
- The scheme treats school education holistically as a **continuum from Pre-school to Class 12**.
- The main emphasis of the Scheme is on improving the quality of school education by focussing on

the **two T's - Teacher and Technology**.

- 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**.

## PM-SHRI Scheme

- The PM SHRI Scheme is a **centrally sponsored initiative**, launched in 2022, by the Government of India aimed at establishing over **14,500 PM SHRI Schools** by **enhancing existing schools** to showcase the implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.
- The primary objective is to create an **inclusive and nurturing environment** that **promotes the well-being and safety** of every student, **offering diverse learning experiences** and access to **quality infrastructure and resources**.

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