



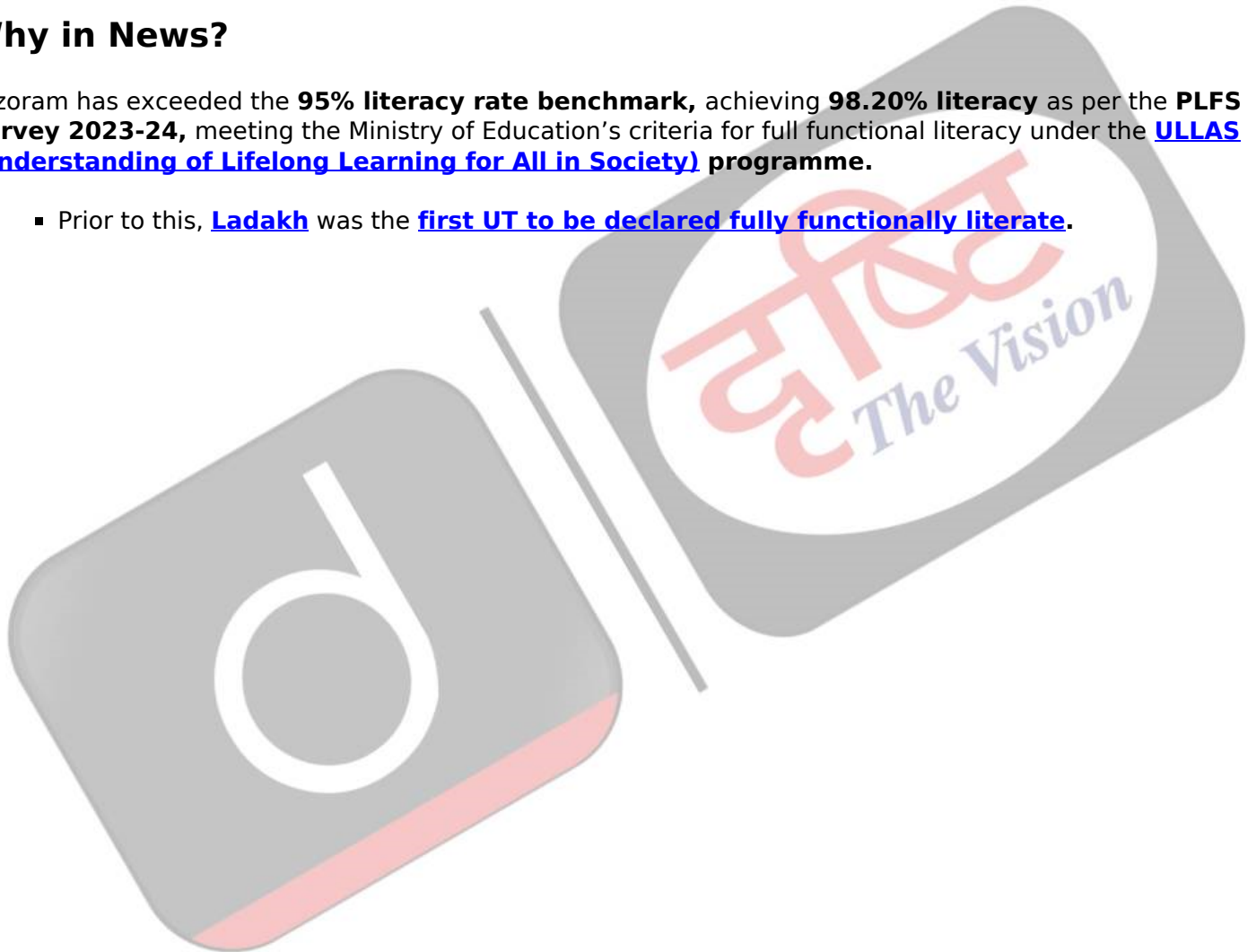
Mizoram: India's First State to Attain Full Functional Literacy

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Why in News?

Mizoram has exceeded the **95% literacy rate benchmark**, achieving **98.20% literacy** as per the **PLFS Survey 2023-24**, meeting the Ministry of Education's criteria for full functional literacy under the [ULLAS \(Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society\)](#) programme.

- Prior to this, [Ladakh](#) was the [first UT to be declared fully functionally literate](#).





Note: Functional literacy refers to an individual's capability to use **reading, writing, and numerical skills** in **everyday tasks** that contribute to personal growth and community participation.

What is ULLAS- Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme (NILP)?

- **About: ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society)** is a centrally sponsored scheme being implemented from 2022 to 2027.
 - It is designed to **empower adults aged 15 years and above** who **missed out on formal schooling**, in line with the vision of the [National Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#).
- **Implementation Mechanism:** Encouraging **volunteerism** to foster **social responsibility** and a **sense of duty**, or '**Kartavya Bodh**'.
- **Key Components:** Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills, and Continuing Education.
- **Key Features:** Provides access to educational resources via the [DIKSHA platform](#) and **ULLAS mobile/web portal**, supporting content in regional languages.
 - Includes the [Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test \(FLNAT\)](#),

conducted biannually or as required at local schools for assessment and certification.

Other Government Initiatives Related to Education

- [National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning.](#)
- [Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan](#)
- [PRAGYATA](#)
- [Mid Day Meal Scheme](#)
- [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao](#)
- [PM SHRI Schools](#)

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Prelims

Q. Which of the following provisions of the Constitution does India have a bearing on Education? (2012)

1. Directive Principles of State Policy
2. Rural and Urban Local Bodies
3. Fifth Schedule
4. Sixth Schedule
5. Seventh Schedule

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3, 4 and 5 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 5 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Ans- (d)