



Saakshar Bharat

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Why in News

Female literacy rate in Telangana's Sangareddy district has increased drastically by the district administration's help and support.

India's female literacy rate is 65.46%.

Key Points

- The district administration developed '**Ammaku Akshara Mala**' (**alphabet garland for mother**) and **involved students in Classes VII to X**.
 - They were asked to teach their mothers (mostly members of the Self-Help Groups and not literate) to read and write Telugu alphabets at home.
- This was done to assist the **Saakshar Bharat Mission (SBM)** as it faced a shortage of coordinators.
- It was formulated in **2009** with the **objective of achieving 80% literacy level** at the national level, by focusing on adult women literacy.
- It seeks to **create awareness of social disparities** and a person's deprivation on the means for its amelioration and general well being.
- It has **four broader objectives**-
 - Imparting functional literacy and numeracy to non-literates.
 - Acquiring equivalency to the formal educational system.
 - Imparting relevant skill development programme.
 - Promote a learning society by providing opportunities for continuing education.
- The **principal target** of the programme is to **impart functional literacy to 70 million non-literate adults in the age group of 15 years and beyond**.
- It is a **centrally-sponsored scheme**.

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