

# NISHTHA online program

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**In news-** In order to provide continuous professional development opportunities to the teachers at the elementary level, the MHRD launched NISHTHA online using DIKSHA platform in October 2020. Around 24 lakh teachers have completed NISHTHA online training at elementary level by June, 2021.

## **More about the program-**

- Under **National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA)**, a module on integrating ICT in teaching, learning and assessment has been introduced.
- Assessment is in-built in every Module and Online Certificates are automatically generated for participants after completion of the course.
- Module 1 of NISHTHA is specifically on '**Curriculum, Learner Centred Pedagogy, Learning Outcomes and Inclusive Education**', wherein the pedagogies for achieving the learning outcomes for all children have been specified.
- It also includes content on assistive technologies, digital resources for DIVYANG children etc.
- NCERT has developed guidelines on the specific goal of developing teaching-learning e-content for Children with Special Needs.

## **About NISHTHA-**

- NISHTHA in **face-to-face mode was launched in 2019**, hereafter, 33 states/UTs have launched this programme in their states/UTs.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, it has been customized for online mode to be conducted through DIKSHA and NISHTHA portals by the NCERT.
- It is **organised at the elementary stage under Samagra**

**Shiksha**, a Centrally sponsored flagship programme of MHRD to improve learning outcomes.

- It is a capacity building programme for “***Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training***”.
- It aims to build competencies among all the teachers and school principals at the elementary stage.
- It is the **world’s largest teachers’ training programme of its kind**.
- The basic objective of this massive training programme is to motivate and equip teachers to encourage and foster critical thinking in students.
- The initiative is first of its kind wherein standardized training modules are developed at national level for all States and UTs.