

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

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Background

The **Union Budget, 2018-19**, has proposed to treat school education holistically without segmentation from pre-nursery to Class 12. Samagra Shiksha – an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class 12 has been, therefore, prepared with the broader goal of improving school effectiveness measured in terms of equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes

Sustainable Development Goals

- **The Goal SDG-4.1** states that “By 2030, ensure that all boys and girls complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.
- Further the **SDG 4.5** states that “**By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education** and ensure equal access to all levels of Education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations”

The major objectives of the Scheme are;

- Provision of **quality education** and enhancing learning outcomes of students.
- Bridging Social and Gender Gaps in School Education.
- Ensuring equity and inclusion at all levels of school education.
- Ensuring minimum standards in schooling provisions.
- Promoting Vocationalisation of education.
- Support States in implementation of Right of Children to

- Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009; and
- Strengthening and up-gradation of State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERTs)/State Institutes of Education and District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) as a nodal agencies for teacher training

Important features

Holistic approach to education

- Treat school education holistically as a continuum from Pre-school to Class 12
- Inclusion of senior secondary levels and pre-school levels in support for School education for the first time

Administrative reform

- Single and **unified administrative structure** leading to harmonized implementation
- **Flexibility** to States to prioritise their interventions under the Scheme
- An integrated administration looking at 'school' as a continuum

Focus on Quality of Education

- Enhanced focus on improving the quality of education by **focusing on the two T's – Teachers and Technology**
- Enhanced Capacity Building of Teachers and School Heads
- Focus on **strengthening Teacher Education Institutions like SCERTs and DIETs** to improve the quality of prospective teachers in the system
- SCERT to be the nodal institution for in-service and pre-service teacher training – will make training dynamic and need-based
- **Support for Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan to promote Science and Maths learning in schools**

- Support Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat Programme to develop foundational skills at primary level.
- Provision of library grants for every school ranging from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 20000

Focus on Digital Education

- Support '**Operation Digital Board**' in all secondary schools over a period of 5 years, which will revolutionize education- easy to understand, technology based learning classrooms will become flipped classrooms.
- Enhanced **use of digital technology in education** through smart classrooms, digital boards and DTH channels
- Digital initiatives like Unified District Information on School Education(**UDISE+**), **Shagun**, to be strengthened
- **Strengthening of ICT infrastructure** in schools from upper primary to higher secondary level

Strengthening of Schools

- **Enhanced Transport facility** to children across all classes from I to VIII for universal access to school
- Composite school grant increased from Rs. 14,500-50,000 to Rs. 25,000- 1 Lakh and to be allocated on the basis of school enrolment.
- Specific provision for Swachhta activities – support '**Swachh Vidyalaya**'
- Improve the Quality of Infrastructure in Government Schools

Focus on Girl Education

- Upgradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12.
- **Self-defence training for girls** from upper primary to senior secondary stage
- Enhanced Commitment to 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'

Focus on Inclusion

- Allocation for uniforms under RTE Act enhanced from Rs. 400 to Rs. 600 per child per annum.
- Allocation for textbooks under the RTE Act, enhanced from Rs. 150/250 to Rs. 250/400 per child per annum. Energized textbooks to be introduced.
- Allocation for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 3500 per child per annum. Stipend of Rs. 200 per month for Girls with Special Needs from Classes 1 to 12

Focus on Skill Development

- **Exposure to Vocational Skills** at Upper Primary Level would be extended.
- **Vocational education for Class 9-12** as integrated with the curriculum and to be made more practical and industry oriented.
- Reinforce emphasis on '**Kaushal Vikas**'

Focus on Sports and Physical Education

- Sports Education to be an **integral part of curriculum**
- Every school will receive **sports equipment** at the cost of Rs. 5000 for Primary Schools, Rs. 10,000 for upper primary schools and up to Rs. 25,000 for secondary and senior secondary schools to inculcate and emphasize the relevance of sports

Focus on Regional Balance

- Promote Balanced Educational Development
- **Preference to Educationally Backward Blocks** (EBBs), LWE affected districts, Special Focus Districts (SFDs), Border areas and the 117 **aspirational districts** identified by Niti Aayog

Implementation

- The Scheme will be implemented as a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** by the Department **through a single State Implementation Society (SIS) at the State/UT level.**
- **At the National level,** there would be a **Governing Council** headed by Minister of Human Resource Development and a **Project Approval Board (PAB)** headed by Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy.
- The Governing Council will be empowered to modify financial and programmatic norms and approve the detailed guidelines for implementation within the overall Framework of the scheme. Such modifications will include innovations and interventions to improve the quality of school education
- **The Department will be assisted by a Technical Support Group (TSG) at Educational Consultants of India Limited (EdCIL) to provide technical support** in functional areas pertaining to access, equity and quality education by merging the TSGs of the Schemes of SSA, RMSA and TE. States would be expected to bring a single Plan for the entire school education sector