

Social Infrastructure, Employment and Human Development

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Source: PIB, *Economic Survey 2018-19*

- The public investments in social infrastructure like education, health, housing and connectivity is **critical for inclusive development**.
- **Government expenditure** (Centre plus States) as a **percentage of GDP on**
 - **Health:** increased to **1.5 per cent** in 2018-19 from 1.2 percent in 2014-15.
 - **Education:** increased from **2.8 per cent** to 3 percent during this period.
- Substantial progress in both quantitative and qualitative indicators of education is reflected in the improvements in Gross Enrolment Ratios, Gender Parity Indices and learning outcomes at primary school levels.
- **Encouraging Skill Development by:**
 - Introduction of the skill vouchers as a financing instrument to enable youth obtain training from any accredited training institutes.
 - Involving industry in setting up of training institutes in PPP mode; in curriculum development; provision of equipment; training of trainers etc.
 - Personnel of Railways and para-military could be roped in for imparting training in difficult terrains.
 - Create a database of Instructors, skill

mapping of rural youth by involving local bodies to assess the demand-supply gaps are some of the other initiatives proposed.

- **Net employment generation in the formal sector was higher at 8.15 lakh in March, 2019 as against 4.87 lakh in February, 2018 as per EPFO.**
- Around 1, 90, 000 km of rural roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) since 2014.
- About 1.54 crore houses completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) as against a target of 1 crore pucca houses with basic amenities by 31st March, 2019.
- Accessible, affordable and quality healthcare being provided through National Health Mission and Ayushman Bharat scheme for a healthy India.
- Alternative healthcare, National AYUSH Mission launched to provide cost effective and equitable AYUSH healthcare throughout the country to address the issue of affordability, by improving access to these services.
- Employment generation scheme, MGNREGA is prioritized by increasing actual expenditure over the budgetary allocation and an upward trend in budget allocation in the last four years