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**National Education Day (November 11)**

***Enlightening India through Holistic Approach to Education***

*(Ministry of Education)*

**November 10, 2022**

*For a long time, priority has been given to spread education. This was necessary. But today more than expanding education what is necessary is to improve the quality of education. We will have to shift our priority from literacy campaign to good education. From now onward, more than schooling, we will have to lay stress on learning.”<sup>1</sup>*

**-Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

**Introduction<sup>2</sup>**

India celebrates the **National Education Day** on November 11 every year, which is the birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, eminent educationist and the first Education Minister of independent India.<sup>3</sup> The nation’s demographic dividend (65 % of its population below 35 years of age) offers a huge potential to build well-educated nation. The empowerment of youth is thus critical for taking India to new heights. The Government of India is committed towards securing the future of the country by giving special emphasis on building strong and effective education infrastructure catering to holistic development of students and youth.



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.pmindia.gov.in/en/quotes/?query=education>

<sup>2</sup> <https://newindiasamachar.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/Magazine//2022/May/M202205161.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.dae.mhrd.gov.in/important-days.html#:~:text=India%20celebrates%20the%20National%20Education,Education%20Minister%20of%20independent%20India.>

## Transforming Education through National Education Policy- 2020



**SAMAGRA SHIKSHA**

Ministry of Education  
Government of India

**School Eco System: Extensive Coverage**

**Samagra Shiksha covers:**

- ▶ 36 States and UTs and all districts
- ▶ 11.68 lakh schools
- ▶ Around 15.62 crore students
- ▶ 57.67 lakh Teachers of Govt. & Aided schools



Improve access to  
**quality education**  
by  
**volunteering with**

**vidyanjali**

(A School Volunteer Programme)

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[www.vidyanjali.education.gov.in](http://www.vidyanjali.education.gov.in)



**शिक्षा**

**गुणवत्तापूर्ण कौशल के साथ स्मार्ट इंडिया का निर्माण**

- ▶ सार्वभौम शिक्षा के साथ डिजिटल विश्वविद्यालय
- ▶ डिजिटल शिक्षकों के जरिये उच्च गुणवत्ता वाली ई-सामग्री
- ▶ ड्रोन एज अ सर्विस के लिए ड्रोन शक्ति की सुविधा उपलब्ध कराएंगे स्टार्टअप्स
- ▶ देश-स्टैक ई-पोर्टल की शुरुआत: कौशल एवं आजीविका के लिए डिजिटल परिवेश
- ▶ 'वन क्लास वन टीवी' चैनल कार्यक्रम का 12 से 200 टीवी चैनलों तक विस्तार
- ▶ गणित एवं विज्ञान में 750 वर्चुअल लैब
- ▶ उपयुक्त शैक्षणिक माहौल के लिए 75 कौशल ई-प्रयोगशालाएं

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet of India approved the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) on July 29, 2020 to create a new system that is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century education, including Sustainable Development Goal 4.

### Importance of the Policy

Replaces 36 year old Education Policy formulated in 1986

Proposes revision and revamping of all aspects of education structure

Emphasis on the development of creative potential of each individual

Gives a new direction to India's vast education system

Prime Minister reviewed the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on May 07, 2022. He observed that the implementation of NEP 2020 in the two years since its launch has seen many initiatives being unrolled to **achieve the objectives of access, equity, inclusivity and quality, as laid down under the policy.**<sup>4</sup>

Under the policy, a target has been set to impart vocational skills to at least 50% of the students by 2025.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1823521>

<sup>5</sup> <https://newindiasamachar.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/Magazine//2022/May/M202205161.pdf>

## NEP 2020: Catering to Holistic Development in the Education System<sup>6</sup>

### Samagra Siksha

- An overarching programme for **school education**
- Government of India has made a provision of Rs. 3 lakh crore to be spent under the “Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan” during the next five years (i.e upto year 2027)

### NIPUN Bharat

- **National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy**
- Launched in July 2021
- Lays down priorities and actionable agendas to achieve the goal of **proficiency in foundational literacy and numeracy**

### Vidya Pravesh

- Launched in July 2021
- Developed by NCERT, a three-month **play based ‘School Preparation Module’**

### Vidyanjali

- A **School Volunteer Programme** where Volunteers can participate in co-scholastic services/activities in government schools

### DIKSHA

- Nation’s **digital infrastructure** for providing quality e-content for school education
- QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades (one nation, one digital platform)
- As on August 08, 2022, 3,520 textbook based ISL videos recorded | 597 videos uploaded on DIKSHA | 10,000 word ISL dictionary has been uploaded | 3,474 audio books chapters uploaded

### SWAYAM

- Seeks to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged and to **bridge the digital divide** for students

### NISHTHA

- **National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement**
- In 2021-22, NISHTHA online has been extended to Secondary level (NISHTHA 2.0) and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (NISHTHA 3.0) for Secondary, Pre-primary & Primary respectively with a focus on improvement in quality of teachers and learning outcomes of students

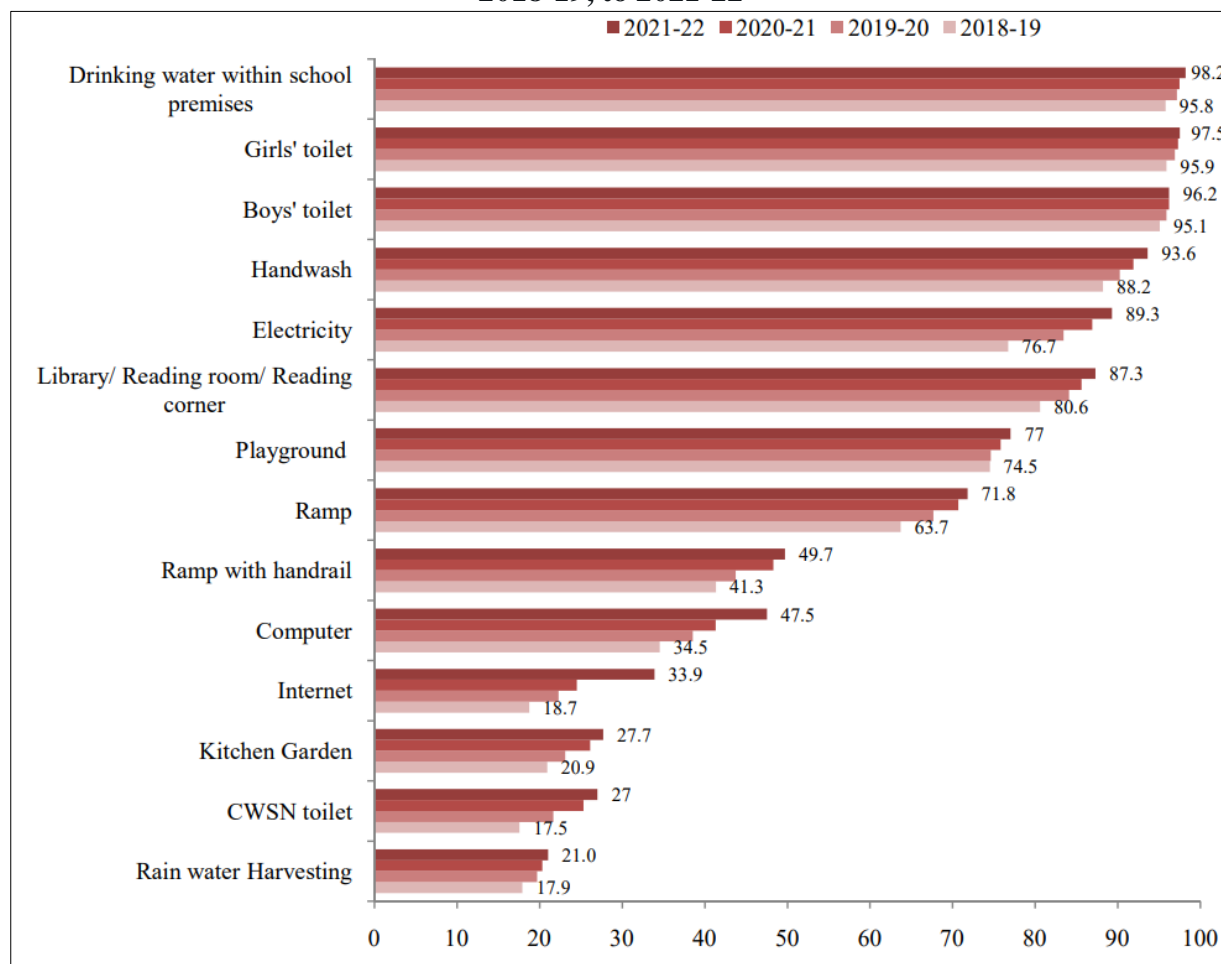
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## Improvement in Education Infrastructure

Budgetary allocation for the education sector witnessed a jump of 11.86% from FY 2021-22 to FY 2022-23,<sup>7</sup> highlighting the Central Government's keen interest in ensuring the best of amenities and environment in terms of education facilities in India. The graph below shows consistent improvement in School Infrastructure in the last three years:

**Percentage of Schools having specific infrastructure facility, India  
2018-19, to 2021-22**



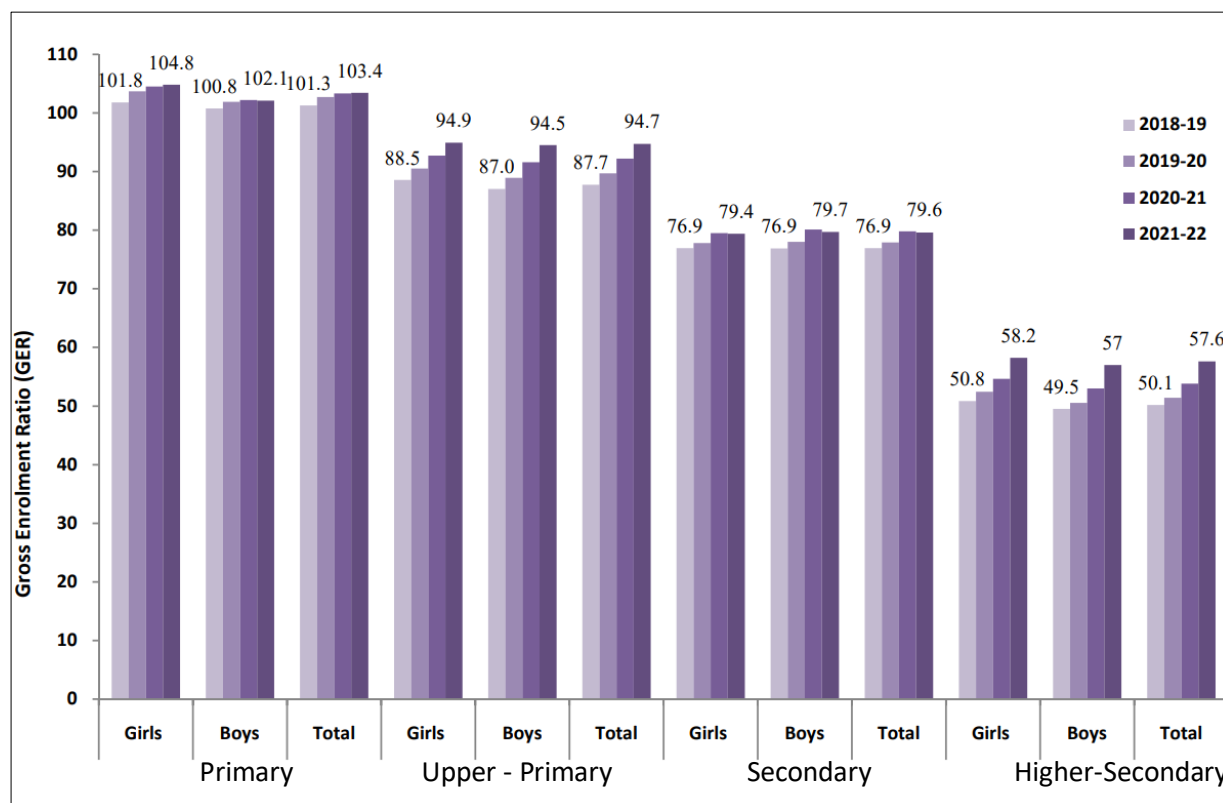
The total number of government schools having basic facilities has increased. Priority to drinking water and sanitation in schools under Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat Mission and Samagra Shiksha scheme have been instrumental in providing required resources and creating these assets in schools. Further, under the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) component of the Samagra Shiksha, Government supports the establishment of smart classrooms, and ICT labs in schools, including support for hardware, educational software and e-content for teaching.

<sup>7</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PMO=3&PRID=1794484>

## Increase in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)

The improvement in Education System and Infrastructure has in turn led to an increase in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary School. The newly-released report on [\(UDISE+\) 2021-22](#) highlights the steady improvement in school enrolments.

### Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by Gender and Level of Education, India



The GER of primary, upper-primary, secondary and higher-secondary levels has shown significant improvement from 2018-19 to 2021-22 in each category, as shown above.



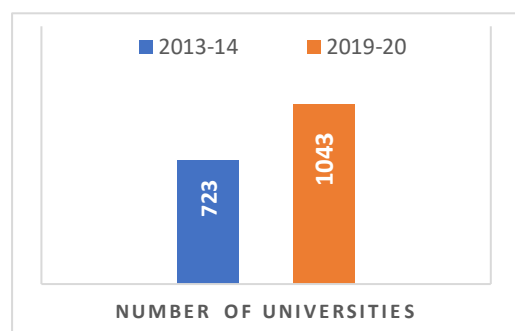
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In 2020-21, enrolment of girls from primary to higher secondary is more than 12.2 crore. This is an increase of 11.8 lakh compared to 2019-20. In 2020-21, enrolment in secondary and higher secondary has improved by 1.41% and 3.76% respectively.

## Increase in Number of Schools and Universities

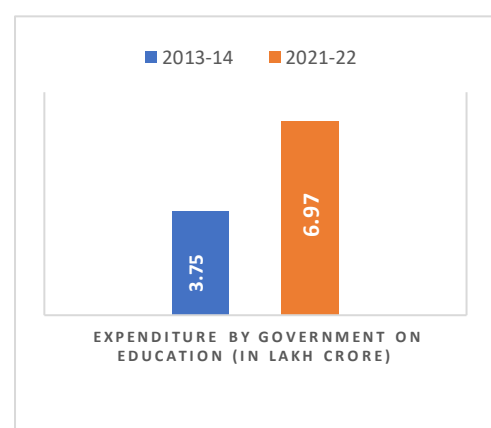
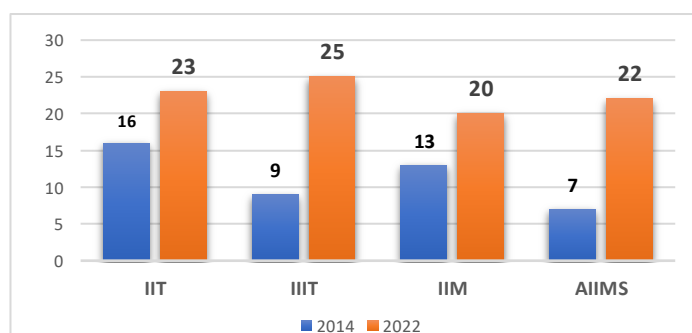
With a vision to improve the overall experience of education, the Central Government has been strengthening the Education Infrastructure and increasing the number of facilities available in educational institutions. High-quality infrastructure facilitates better instruction, improves outcomes and reduces dropout rates, along with many other benefits.

Since 2014, six new Central Universities, seven Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 15 All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), 209 new medical colleges, 320 new universities in the country and 5,709 new colleges have been opened. The discernible increase in the number of universities between 2014-15 and 2019-20 is a testimony to the Government's priority.<sup>8</sup>

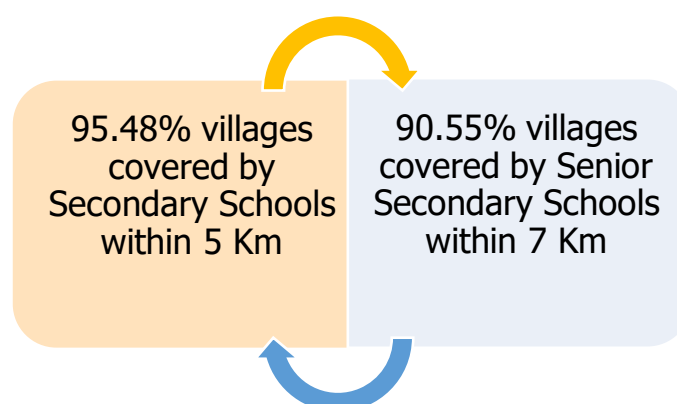


Establishment of new institutions for higher education has been a major focus area of the Central Government. The discernible increase in the number of universities between 2014-15 and 2019-20 has been highlighted in the graph given alongside.

To foster quality education, the role of institutes like IITs, IIMs, IIITs and AIIMS has been pivotal for India. The Union Government is dedicated to deliver quality education, which is evident from the increase in number of these prominent institutes, as shown.<sup>9</sup>



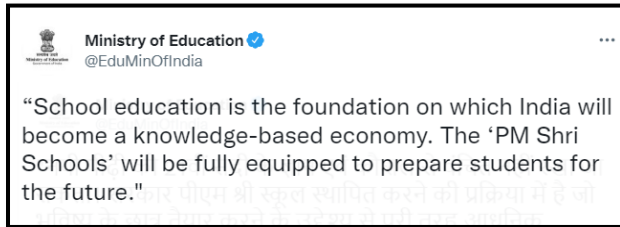
In order to translate the vision into reforms at ground level, the **total expenditure by the Central & State governments on the education sector has been nearly doubled** since 2013-14.<sup>10</sup>



<sup>8</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1822332>

<sup>9</sup> <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/file/EightyearsM6G0.pdf>

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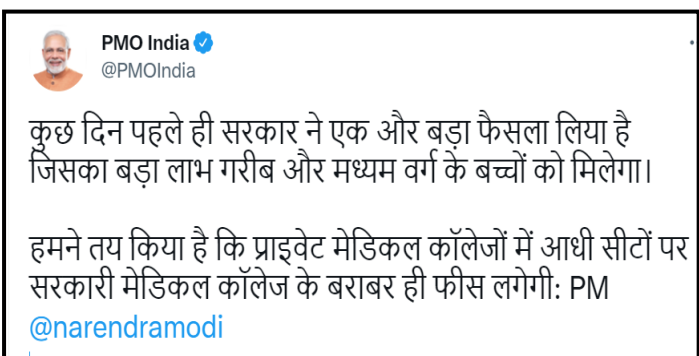


The Government is committed to provide quality education by enhancing the standard of education and school infrastructure in the country including rural India.

On June 02, 2022, Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan announced that [PM Shri Schools](#) will be established to prepare students for the future. These schools would be state-of-the-art schools and will serve as the laboratory of National Education Policy 2020.<sup>11</sup>

The Government also decided that the fee of 50% of seats in private medical colleges will be equal to the fee in the government medical colleges. As a result, about Rs. 2,500 crore will be saved for children belonging to the poor and middle-class. Moreover, they will be able to study medical and technical education in their mother tongue so that the poor, middle-class and lower-middle-class children who have not studied English in their schools will also be able to become doctors.<sup>12</sup>

The Government of India is leaving no stone unturned in delivery the best-in-class education to the youth of the nation by availing scholarships, enhancing education infrastructure, establishing schools, universities and laboratories and skilling teaching staff.



<sup>11</sup> <https://newsonair.gov.in/Main-News-Details.aspx?id=442016>

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## Further Reads:

- [Taking Medical Education to All Corners of India](#)
- [Girls Outnumber Boys in School Education](#)
- [Remarkable Growth in Literacy Rate](#)
- [Growth in the Number of Schools in India](#)
- [Growth in the Number of Universities and Colleges](#)
- [Indian Institutes of Management](#)
- [IITs Reaching Students in Every Corner of India](#)
- [Substantial Reduction in Pupil Teacher Ratio over the Last Decade](#)

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