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PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI Schools) Scheme "Holistic Method of Imparting Education"

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"The National Education Policy has transformed the education sector in the recent years. I am certain that the PM SHRI schools will further benefit lakhs of students across India in the spirit of NEP."

PM Narendra Modi

Education is a key factor in the development of any nation, state or society. Recognising the need for inclusive and equitable education, the Central Government in recent years has been giving significant emphasis on strengthening India's education and skilling ecosystem.¹ In line with this commitment, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme - **PM SHRI Schools (PM ScHools for Rising India),** on September 07, 2022.²

PM SHRI Schools³

PM ScHools for Rising India is a new scheme for the **development of more than 14500 schools across the country**, by strengthening selected existing schools being managed by



Central Government/ State/ UT Government/ local bodies. These schools will act as exemplar schools showcasing all components of the <u>National Education Policy 2020 (NEP)</u> and offering mentorship to other schools in their vicinity. This Scheme will deliver quality teaching for the cognitive development of students and will strive to create and nurture holistic and well-rounded individuals equipped with key skills required for the 21st century.

¹ <u>https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1830475</u>

² <u>https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1857409#:~:text=PM%20SHRI%20will%20provide</u> %20high,the%20vision%20of%20NEP%202020

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Scheme of PM SHRI schools will be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme; total project cost of Rs. 27360 crores includes a central share of Rs. 18,128 crores for the period 2022-23 to 2026-27 Over **18 lakh students** are expected to be direct beneficiaries of the scheme; impact will be generated through the **mentoring and handholding of the schools in vicinity** of PM SHRI schools

Key Features of PM SHRI Schools⁴

- PM SHRI Schools will provide leadership to other schools in their respective regions by providing mentorship.
- The PM SHRI Schools will be developed as Green Schools, incorporating environment-friendly aspects like solar panels and LED lights, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic-free, water conservation and harvesting, study of traditions/practices related to protection of the environment, climate change related hackathon and awareness generation to adopt a sustainable lifestyle.



- Pedagogy adopted in these schools will be more experiential, holistic, integrated, play/toy-based (particularly, in the foundational years) inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centric, discussion-based, flexible and enjoyable.
- Focus will be on the **learning outcomes** of every child in every grade. Assessment at all levels will be based on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge to real-life situations and will be competency-based.
- **Linkage with Sector Skill Councils and local industry** for enhancing employability and providing better employment opportunities will be explored.

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• <u>A School Quality Assessment Framework (SQAF)</u> is being developed, specifying the key performance indicators to measure outcomes. Quality evaluation of these schools at regular intervals will be undertaken to ensure the desired standards.

Major Interventions in PM SHRI Schools⁵

Some of the key illustrative interventions in these schools will include the following:

- a. *Quality and Innovation* through Learning Enhancement Programme, Holistic Progress Card, Innovative Pedagogies, Bagless days, Internships with Local artisans, Capacity building etc.
- b. *Beneficiary-oriented entitlements* under <u>RTE Act</u>. 100% of PM SHRI Schools will receive Science and Math Kits.
- c. Annual School Grants (Composite School grants, Library grant, Sports grant)
- d. Early Childhood Care and Education including *Bal Vatika* and *Foundational Literacy and Numeracy*
- e. Equity and Inclusion including the provision of safe and *appropriate infrastructure for girls and Children with Special Needs* (CWSN).
- f. Encouraging *flexibility in the choice of subjects* offered to students.
- g. Encouraging *mother tongue/local languages* as a medium of instruction using technological interventions to help bridge language barriers.
- h. 100% of the PM SHRI Schools will be covered under Information and Communication Technology



(ICT), smart classrooms and *digital initiatives*.
j. *Vocational interventions* & Enhancing *internship/entrepreneurship* opportunities, especially with local industry.

k. *Saturation approach* will be adopted to develop these schools with all modern facilities. Science labs, Library, ICT facilities, Vocational labs etc. will be provided to all the schools.

Further, the scheme envisages convergence with existing schemes /Panchayati Raj Institutions/ Urban Local Bodies and community participation for infrastructure upgradation of the school and creation of facilities.

⁵ https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?

Selection Methodology

- Selection of PM SHRI schools will be done through Challenge Mode wherein Schools compete for support to become exemplar schools. Schools would be required to self-apply on the online portal.
- Maximum of two schools (one Elementary & one Secondary/Senior Secondary) would be selected per block/ULB with an upper limit of the number of total schools across India.
- Geo-tagging of schools



for the selection and monitoring of PM SHRI schools will be done. The services of Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) will be taken for geo-tagging and other related tasks. An Expert committee would be constituted for the final selection of schools.



Implementation strategy

(a) PM SHRI Schools would be implemented through the existing administrative structure available for *Samagra Shiksha*, KVS & NVS. The other autonomous bodies would be involved on a specific project basis as required.

(b) These schools shall be **monitored vigorously** to assess progress and understand the challenges faced in the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020.

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