Goa Attains Full Literacy

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On Goa's 39th statehood day recently, Union govt declared Goa as a fully literate state under the Ullas-new India literacy programme.

- Goa achieved a literacy rate of 99.7%, which far exceeds the benchmark of 95% required for declaring a state as fully literate, as stipulated under the ***new India literacy programme.***
- To maximise outreach, the Government of Goa in this endeavour used the Whole-of-Government approach.
- The state government actively collaborated with multiple departments and played a pivotal role in identifying non-literates within their respective jurisdictions
- In addition, *Swayampurna Mitras* were engaged in awareness campaigns, assisting learners in receiving literacy certification and facilitating their integration into learning modules.
- Field workers from the Social Welfare Department were also instrumental in the identification process.
- **New India Literacy Programme -** It is also known as Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram.
- **Funding** - It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
- **Implemented from** - 2022-2027.
- The scheme, aligned with NEP 2020, targets adults ***(aged 15 years and above)*** who cannot go to school.
- **Components -** Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills and Continuing Education.
- **Vision** - To make India Jan Jan Saakshar and is based on the spirit of Kartavya Bodh and is being implemented on volunteerism.

Other states that attained full literacy are Mizoram, Kerala, and Tripura.

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