

Raising Enrolment Rate in Government Schools

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The Union Ministry of Education (MoE) asked at least 11 States and Union Territories to raise enrollment in government schools.

- Despite spending a large amount of money, students are moving away from government schools, which is a disturbing trend.
- The issue was pointed out to individual States in Project Approval Board (PAB) meetings to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget under the Samagra Shiksha scheme for 2025-26.

Samagra Shiksha scheme is an integrated, centrally sponsored scheme for school education in India, encompassing all levels from pre-school to Class XII, aims to ensure universal access to quality education and equitable learning outcomes for all children.

- In Telangana, MoE has observed that the school enrolment trend in unaided schools is steadily increasing except for the COVID-19 period of 2021-22.
- A similar trend has been observed in Uttarakhand.
- Tamil Nadu State was urged to build the government school brand to increase enrolment and make best use of the available resources.
- In Andhra Pradesh, the UDISE+ 2023-24 data suggests that enrolment in unaided schools is steadily increasing.
- In Maharashtra's the enrolment rate is reducing in both government and aided schools.
- Kerala said a similar exercise had been done there as well, when concerns were raised about the reduction of students in government and aided schools.
- A similar trend was also seen in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu, Delhi, Puducherry, and Ladakh.

Reference

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