UDISE+ report

Why in news?

The Ministry of Education released a detailed report on Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2021-22 on school education of India.

What is the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+)?

- It is a system of online data collection from the schools.
- It is developed by the Department of School Education & Literacy in 2018-19.
- It is developed to overcome the issues related to practice of manual data filling in paper format.
- Improvements have been made in the areas related to data capture, data mapping and data verification.
- For the 1st time data on digital library, peer learning, hard spot identification, number of books available in library, were collected.
- This is done to align the UDISE+ with the NEP 2020 initiatives.

What are the findings of the report?

Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) – *It measures the general level of participation of students at primary, upper primary, and higher secondary levels of school education.*

- **Gender Parity Index (GPI)** of GER – Representation of females in school education is in line with representation of girls in population of corresponding age group.
- The GPI value at all level of school education are 1 or more.
- This implies the more participation of girls in the school education.
- **Other findings –** Only 44.85% of schools in India have access to computers & only 34% of schools have internet connection.
- Government schools continued to see a rise in enrolments for the 2nd consecutive year since the COVID-19 outbreak, while private schools saw a decline.
- The decline in total schools is mainly due to closure of private and other management schools and grouping/clustering of schools by various States.

What is the status of infrastructure in Indian schools?

- During the 2021-2022, infrastructure of the schools has improved.
- This is mainly due to the implementation of the Samagra Shiksha scheme.

Samagra Shiksha scheme

- It envisages the school as a continuum from pre-school, primary, upper primary, secondary to Senior Secondary levels.
- It subsumes the 3 erstwhile Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE).
- **Goal –** To improve effectiveness of school, measured in terms of equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes.
- **Vision –** To ensure inclusive and equitable quality education from pre-school to senior secondary stage in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Education.

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