

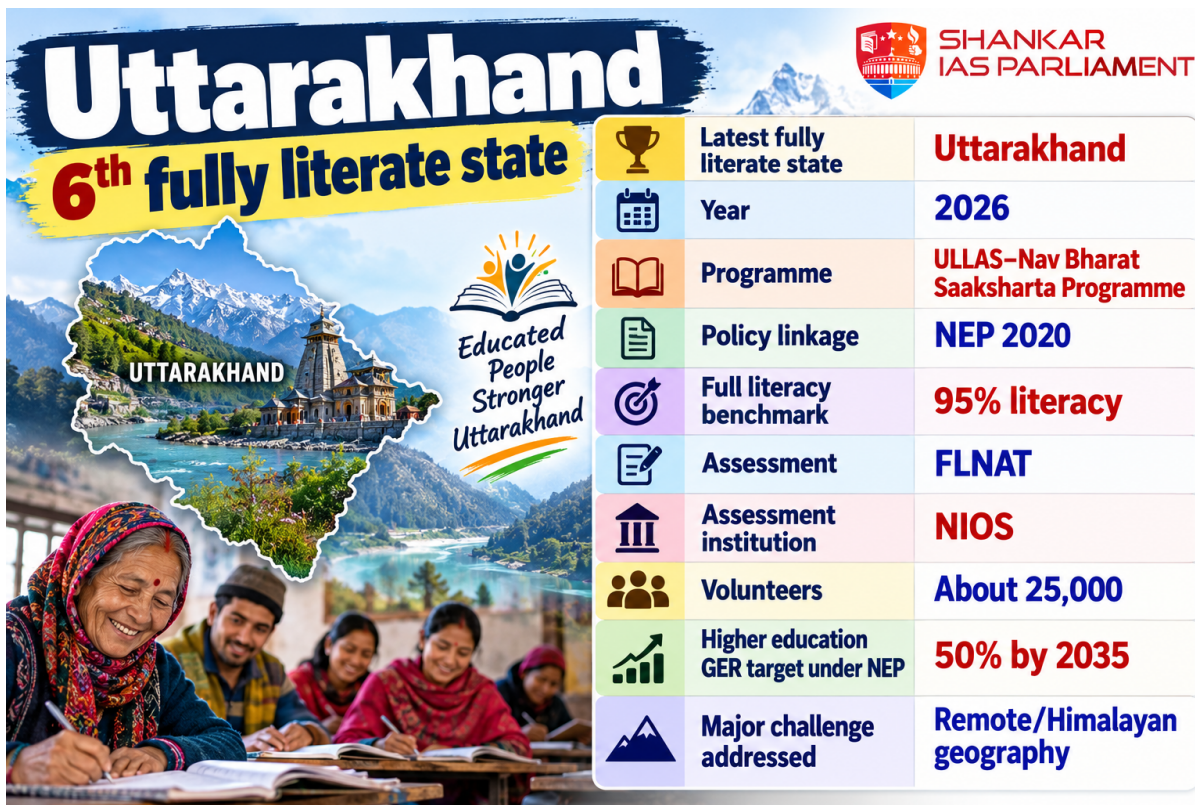
Uttarakhand Becomes India's 6th Fully Literate State

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Why in News?

Uttarakhand has been declared India's sixth fully literate state in 2026.

- This achievement is attributed to the **ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Programme** and the implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.



	Latest fully literate state	Uttarakhand
	Year	2026
	Programme	ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Programme
	Policy linkage	NEP 2020
	Full literacy benchmark	95% literacy
	Assessment	FLNAT
	Assessment institution	NIOS
	Volunteers	About 25,000
	Higher education GER target under NEP	50% by 2035
	Major challenge addressed	Remote/Himalayan geography

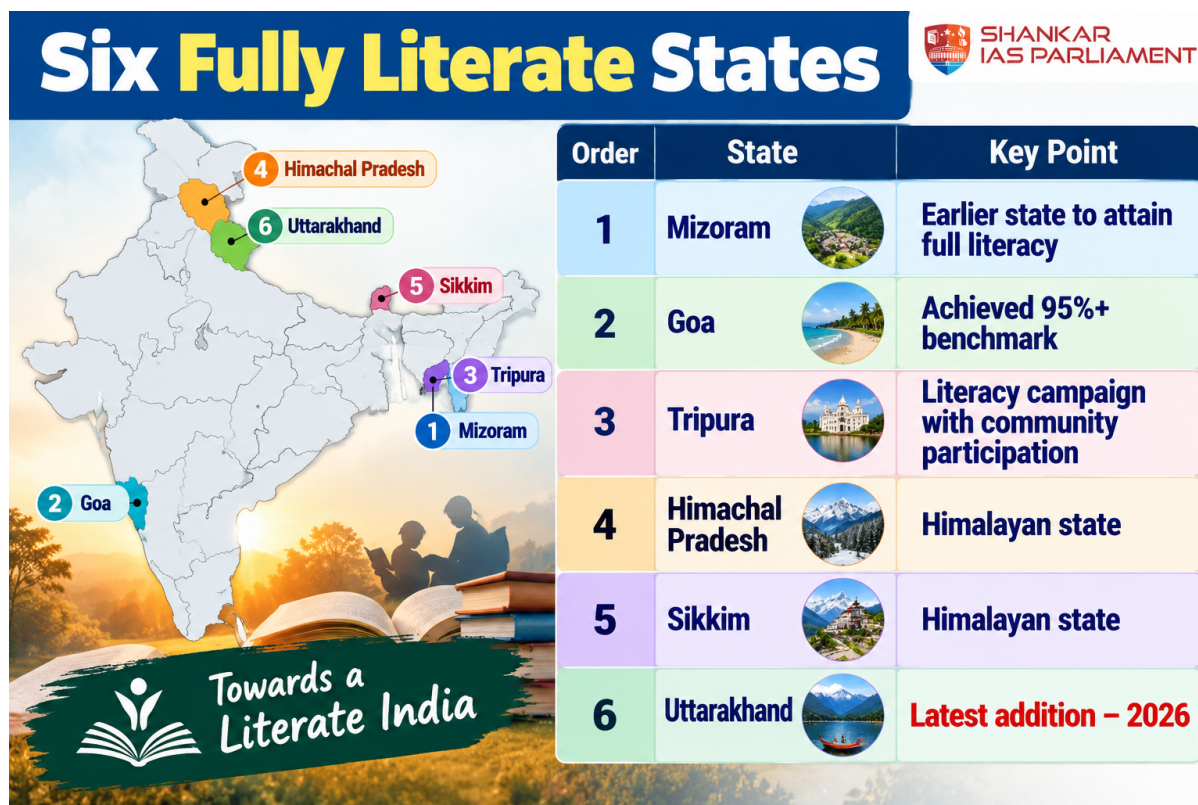
ULLAS: Nav Bharat Saaksharta Programme Overview

- ULLAS** - Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society
- Key Features**
 - This is a centrally supported initiative focused on adult education and literacy.
- Aligned with** - National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- It emphasises the promotion of **lifelong learning**.
- The target beneficiaries are non-literate individuals and **adult learners**.
- The programme utilizes community participation and volunteer engagement.

- It includes mechanisms for assessment and certification of learners.

The Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT)

- It evaluates foundational literacy and numeracy competencies.
- **Conducted through** - National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).
- It used to assess learners' foundational:
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Numeracy
- **Literacy Certification** - According to the ULLAS framework, a State or Union Territory is considered to have achieved full literacy when the literacy rate reaches 95%.



NEP 2020 Linkage

- The Uttarakhand initiative aligns with the key objectives outlined in the National Education Policy 2020, specifically:
 - Achieving universal foundational literacy and numeracy
 - Promoting adult education
 - Fostering lifelong learning
 - Enhancing digital literacy
 - Expanding vocational education
 - Improving access to quality education
 - Integrating technology in educational processes

Uttarakhand - Other Education Initiatives

- **Nanda Gaura Scheme** - It provides **financial assistance to eligible girl students**.
- **Chief Minister Balashray Yojana** - It provides **free education to orphaned children**.
- **Virtual classroom and central studio** - These facilities are being developed to connect **500 schools**, with a particular focus on serving remote areas.
- **Atal Utkrisht Schools** - According to the supplied report, Uttarakhand has established 189 Atal Utkrisht schools.
- **School Infrastructure** - Modern laboratories are being developed in the following institutions:
 - 100 high schools
 - 100 intermediate schools

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