

Chapter-2 (Manual . 1)

Particulars of Organization, Functions and Duties

What is Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan :

- A Programme with a clear *time frame* for universal elementary education
- A response to the demand for quality *basic education* all over the country
- An opportunity for promoting *social justice* through basic education.
- An effort at *effectively involving* the Panchayat Raj institutions, School Management Committees, Village and Urban Slum level Education Committees , Parent's Teacher's Associations, Mother Teacher Associations, Tribal Autonomous Councils and other grass root level structures in the management of elementary schools.
- An expression of *political will* for universal elementary education across the country.
- A *partnership* between the central, State and the local government.
- An opportunity for States to develop their *own vision* of elementary education.

Aims of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan :

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is to provide useful and relevant elementary education for all children in the 6 to 14 age group by 2010. There is also another goal to bridge social, regional and gender gaps with the active participation of the community in the management of schools.

Objectives of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan :

- All children in school, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternative School, Back to school by 2003.
- All children complete five years of primary schooling by 2007.
- All children complete eight years of elementary schooling by 2010.
- Focus on Elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.
- Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary education level by 2010.

Aspects of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan :

- It provides a wide convergent framework for implementation of Elementary education schemes.
- It is also a programme with budget provision for strengthening vital areas to achieve universalisation of elementary education.