

SamagraShiksha

SamagraShiksha - an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class 12 has been, launched in 2018-19 with the broader goal of improving school effectiveness measured in terms of equal opportunities for schooling and equitable learning outcomes. It subsumes the three schemes of SarvaShikshaAbhiyan (SSA), RashtriyaMadhyamikShikshaAbhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education(TE).

This sector-wide development programme/scheme would also help harmonise the implementation mechanisms and transaction costs at all levels.

Basic features of SamagraShiksha are given below.

Holistic approach to education

- Treat school education holistically as a continuum from Pre-school to Class 12
- Inclusion of senior secondary levels and pre-school levels in support for School education for the first time

Administrative reform

- Single and unified administrative structure leading to harmonized implementation
- Flexibility to States to prioritise their interventions under the Scheme
- An integrated administration looking at 'school' as a continuum

Focus on Quality of Education

- Enhanced focus on improving quality of education by focus on Teachers and Technology
- Enhanced Capacity Building of Teachers and School Heads
- Focus on strengthening Teacher Education Institutions like SCERTs and DIETs to improve the quality of prospective teachers in the system
- SCERT to be the nodal institution for in-service and pre-service teacher training – will make training dynamic and need-based.

- Support for RashtriyaAvishkarAbhiyan to promote Science and Maths learning in schools.
- Support Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat Programme to develop foundational skills at primary level.
- Provision of library grants for every school ranging from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 20000.

Focus on Digital Education

- Support 'Operation Digital Board' in all secondary schools over a period of 5 years, which will revolutionize education- easy to understand, technology based learning classrooms will become flipped classrooms.
- Enhanced use of digital technology in education through smart classrooms, digital boards and DTH channels
- Digital initiatives like UDISE+, Shagun, to be strengthened
- Strengthening of ICT infrastructure in schools from upper primary to higher secondary level.

Strengthening of Schools

- Enhanced Transport facility to children across all classes from I to VIII for universal access to school
- Composite school grant to be allocated on the basis of school enrolment.
- Specific provision for Swachhta activities – support 'SwachhVidyalaya'
- Improve the Quality of Infrastructure in Government Schools

Focus on Girl Education

- Upgradation of Kasturba Gandhi BalikaVidyalayas (KGBVs) from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12.
- Self-defence training for girls from upper primary to senior secondary stage
- Enhanced Commitment to 'BetiBachaoBetiPadhao'

Focus on Inclusion

- Allocation for uniforms under RTE Act enhanced from Rs. 400 to Rs. 600 per child per annum.
- Allocation for textbooks under the RTE Act, enhanced from Rs. 150/250 to Rs. 250/400 per child per annum. Energized textbooks to be introduced.
- Allocation for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 3500 per child per annum.

Focus on Skill Development

- Exposure to Vocational Skills at Upper Primary Level would be extended.
- Vocational education for Class 9-12 as integrated with the curriculum and to be made more practical and industry oriented.
- Reinforce emphasis on 'Kaushal Vikas'

Focus on Sports and Physical Education

- Sports Education to be an integral part of curriculum

Every school will receive sports equipment for primary, upper primary schools, secondary and senior secondary schools to inculcate and emphasize relevance of sports