

Sarva shiksha Abhiyan(SSA)

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is Government of India's flagship programme for achievement of Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE) in a time bound manner, as mandated by 86th amendment to the Constitution of India making free and compulsory Education to the Children of 6-14 years age group, a Fundamental Right.

The other goals of SSA are :

- a) To bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage and elementary education level by 2010.
- b) Universal retention by 2010. and
- c) focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.

The programme seeks to open new schools in those habitations which do not have schooling facilities and strengthen existing school infrastructure through provision of additional class rooms, toilets, drinking water, maintenance grant and school improvement grants.

Existing schools with inadequate teacher strength are provided with additional teachers, while the capacity of existing teachers is being strengthened by extensive training, grants for developing teaching-learning materials and strengthening of the academic support structure at a cluster, block and district level.

SSA has a special focus on girl's education and children with special needs. SSA also seeks to provide computer education to bridge the digital divide.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was launched in Puducherry in 2003. To initiate the community as the owners of Education system, Village Education Committee in each school is formed involving members of the community. The Village Education Committee (VEC) is entrusted with the responsibility to monitor and to spend the amount given by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to the schools by adhering to the usual procedure and norms.

SSA with its aim to improve the quality of Education concentrates on improving the physical environment of school by constructing additional classrooms needed and enhancing the toilet and drinking water facilities. For additional classrooms, an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs was allotted earlier whereas now Rs.4.00 lakhs per classroom is allocated. To provide toilet and drinking water facilities Rs.20,000 and Rs.15,000 are allocated respectively.

For maintenance of school buildings and to attend to the minor repairs, each school having Primary and Upper Primary sections are being granted annual recurring grants of Rs.7,500 for its maintenance. At the same time to repair the school equipments, an annual grant of Rs.5,000 is allocated to each school. A special teaching learning material grant of Rs.500 per teacher is also allocated.

The capacities of the teachers are updated by organizing series of training courses to the teachers, most of the teachers are trained around 5 to 7 days per year against the norm of 20 days.

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General Indicators 2008-09

i) Enrolment GER and NER (2008-09)

Stages	Enrolment			GER %			NER %		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Primary	58041	54643	112684	113.2	111.6	112.4	100.74	99.23	99.98
Upper Primary	36328	33483	69811	109.9	104.0	107.0	91.12	89.13	90.15

ii) Out of School Children, Dropout rates and PTR

Stages	Dropout rates (%) 2008-09			Out of School Children 2008-09			Pupil – Teacher Ratio Educational Statistics (2008-09)
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	
Primary	3.34	3.02	3.18	302	277	579	22:1
Middle	3.16	2.84	3.00	176	137	313	35:1

Funds released for SSA by Government of India and State

Year	GOI Share released (Rs. in lakhs)	State Share released (Rs. in lakhs)
2006-07	0.00	100.00
2007-08	577.07	142.00
2008-09	638.60	277.00
2009-10 (Latest)	273.96	0.00

Major Interventions approved for 2008-09 and 2009-10

Sl.No.	Activities	2008-09		2009-10	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement so far
1	School Buildings	10	03 In progress	02	-
2	Additional classes (Primary + Up. Primary)	108	108 In progress	76	23 In progress
3	Drinking water	-	-	-	-
4	Toilets	26	19	10 (7 + 3)	07
5	Major Repairs	-	-	-	-

- Major difficulties in the implementation of the programme : - Nil -

- Suggestions to improve the implementation of the programme : - Nil -