

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3069
ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025

Progress of PM-USHA scheme

3069 **Shri Sana Sathish Babu:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of Universities and colleges supported under Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) scheme during last five years, State-wise, including those in Andhra Pradesh, with details of support under Multidisciplinary Education and Research University (MERU) Transformation and Model Degree Colleges;
- (b) total grants allocated and utilised for University enhancement, especially in aspirational districts and other areas in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether scheme has supported gender inclusion, equity and ICT-based skill development initiatives in Andhra Pradesh, and if so, measurable outcomes thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to expand the scheme's coverage to additional districts or institutions in Andhra Pradesh in upcoming phase?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a): The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. All the 615 units under PM-USHA have been approved in various States /UTs with a total amount of Rs. 8178.71 Crore under various components.

The scheme envisages improvement in access, equity and excellence in State Higher Education system through support under various components viz., Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU), Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU), Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC), New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC) and Gender Inclusion and Equity Initiatives (GIEI). During the last five years, 108 Universities and 409 Colleges have been supported under PM-USHA for a total amount of Rs.7,045.98 crore. The State-wise details of Universities and Colleges approved under PM-USHA are at **Annexure**.

(b): Under PM-USHA, priority is given to focus districts. The focus districts are identified by the concerned States/ UTs based on various criteria, including low Gross Enrolment Ratio, Gender Parity, population proportion and enrolment proportion for females, trans genders, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, Aspirational/ Border Area/ Left Wing Extremism prone district, etc.

Under PM-USHA, an amount of Rs.220 crore has been approved for 7 Universities (including 1 MERU and 6 GSUs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Out of this, the State has utilized Rs. 3.03 crore, as per the information furnished by the State.

(c) & (d): Under the scheme, there is a specific component Gender Inclusion and Equity Initiatives (GIEI) and the State of Andhra Pradesh has been approved 5 units under the component for a total amount of Rs. 50 crore. The States/UTs are expected to undertake ICT based skill development activities such as (i) vocational courses for 21st century skills, internships/training, innovation of new courses; (ii) focus on skilling/training /workshops/ placement, for females, transgenders, etc. under the scheme.

The period of the scheme is from 2023-24 to 2025-26 i.e. till 31.03.2026. Any extension / next phase of the scheme is contingent upon several factors including third party evaluation, approval of competent authority etc.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3069 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025 REGARDING PROGRESS OF PM-USHA SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The State-wise details of Universities and Colleges approved under PM-USHA

S. No.	States/ UTs	Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU)	Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU)	Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC)	New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC)	Total Number of Units
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0	0	2	0	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	6	21	0	28
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	5	0	6
4	Assam	1	3	15	0	19
5	Bihar	2	3	15	0	20
6	Chandigarh	0	0	3	0	3
7	Chhattisgarh	1	3	12	0	16
8	Goa	1	0	1	0	2
9	Gujarat	2	4	23	0	29
10	Haryana	0	4	11	0	15
11	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	4	0	6
12	Jammu and Kashmir	0	2	9	0	11
13	Jharkhand	1	3	17	0	21
14	Karnataka	2	5	21	0	28
15	Kerala	3	1	11	0	15
16	Ladakh	0	1	1	0	2
17	Madhya Pradesh	3	5	27	0	35
18	Maharashtra	4	7	46	0	57
19	Manipur	0	0	5	2	7
20	Meghalaya	0	0	5	2	7
21	Mizoram	0	0	4	0	4
22	Nagaland	0	0	3	4	7
23	Odisha	4	5	24	0	33
24	Puducherry	0	0	3	0	3
25	Punjab	0	2	13	0	15
26	Rajasthan	1	3	26	0	30
27	Sikkim	0	1	2	0	3
28	Telangana	1	3	14	0	18
29	Tripura	0	1	3	0	4
30	Uttar Pradesh	6	8	51	0	65
31	Uttarakhand	1	1	4	0	6
	Grand Total	35	73	401	8	517
