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PM SHRI schools in Uttar Pradesh

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

- (a) the progress achieved in the infrastructural and academic upgradation of schools in Uttar Pradesh (UP) under the PM SHRI scheme;
- (b) whether these schools are successfully functioning as exemplar institutions for the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020;
- (c) the details of central funds allocated and seamlessly utilized for smart classrooms and modern laboratories in UP;
- (d) the impact of these upgraded facilities on improving student enrollment and retention rates over the last four months; and
- (e) the steps taken to facilitate peer-learning between PM SHRI schools and surrounding State-run institutions?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) & (b) Under PM SHRI scheme, a total of 1725 PM SHRI schools have been selected from the State of Uttar Pradesh. Besides, 88 and 75 schools of KVS and NVS, respectively, located in the state of Uttar Pradesh have also been approved. The details of these PM SHRI schools may be accessed on the website of PM SHRI scheme at the link: <https://pms shri .education.gov.in/state>.

As informed by State of Uttar Pradesh, the State has upgraded school infrastructure over last 3 years, constructing 511 additional classrooms, 485 CWSN-friendly toilets, 409 Bal Vatika classrooms, 162 science and multi-activity rooms, and 302 double-storey classroom blocks. Furniture procurement for Classes I to V has been completed in 51 districts. Further, sports facilities in 830 schools, 75 science and math gardens, 308 girls' toilets, 301 boys' toilets, 38 double-storey classrooms, 30 computer rooms, and drinking water facilities in 659 schools has been approved. To transform PM SHRI schools in alignment with NEP 2020, all 1,129 upper primary/composite schools are now equipped with ICT labs. Furthermore, 1,015 schools have been saturated with smart classrooms.

As informed by the State, the state has implemented a structured pedagogy approach, providing teachers with diverse Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs) and professional development through on-site mentoring and the Shikshak Sankul peer network. Student progress is continuously tracked using Talika assessments and the NIPUN Plus App, paired with NEP 2020-aligned Holistic Progress Cards (HPCs) to actively involve parents. To ensure holistic development, the state introduced a 10-Point Strategy for effective classroom practices, dedicated reading programs, and experiential initiatives like the Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan and various student clubs. These comprehensive reforms have successfully elevated foundational learning,

culminating in the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 results, where Grade 3 students outperformed the national average by 4 percentage points. These PM SHRI schools are successfully functioning as exemplar institutions and showcasing all the initiatives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and also offering benchmarking leadership to other schools in the neighbourhood.

(c) Under the PM SHRI Scheme in the State, smart classes, ICT labs and modern laboratory-related activities have been approved for PMSHRI schools to strengthen experiential learning, science education, digital learning and skill-based learning. The modern laboratories include Astronomy Labs, A.I. and Skill Labs, Science Lab equipment, Science Lab furniture, Science Labs and Language Labs.

Further, as informed by State of Uttar Pradesh, for smart classes and ICT Labs in PM SHRI Schools, a central fund of Rs.119.90 crore has been approved, out of which Rs. 110.15 crore has been utilised. For modern laboratories, Rs. 63.52 crore has been approved out of which Rs. 44.94 crore has been utilized.

(d) As informed by State of Uttar Pradesh, the retention rate improved from 70.4% in academic year 2024–25 to 72.3% in academic year 2025–26, reflecting an increase of 1.9 percentage points.

The current student enrollment stands at 512,629, compared to 606,475 students enrolled in academic year 2025–26. The process of enrolment is still going on in the schools and current enrolment figures are provisional which may be revised after completion of ongoing UDISE+ exercise.

(e) As informed by State of Uttar Pradesh, the State organised exposure visits and inter-state learning visits for teachers and school leaders to observe innovative practices, share experiences, and adopt successful pedagogical and school leadership models.

The State has also operationalised a Twinning (Pairing) Framework under which each PM SHRI School is paired with a nearby institution to promote peer learning through resource sharing, exchange of best practices, teacher mentoring, student exchange activities, and collaborative events.

Additionally, Shikshak Sankul Meetings have been institutionalised as a continuous peer-learning platform where PM SHRI Schools and neighbouring parishadiya schools regularly share best practices, demonstrate effective classroom strategies, collaboratively address academic challenges, and strengthen the overall quality of teaching and learning.
