

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 141

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th September, 2020

NEW EDUCATION POLICY

†141. **SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced New Education Policy and if so, whether it includes Indian Philosophy and values;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made arrangements to provide education in the schools through digital medium and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether students and teachers are facing problems in their educational activities as a result thereof; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the details of the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to ensure online education for the students belonging to the economically weaker sections and for the students residing in adverse geographical conditions like Uttarakhand ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b) The Government has announced New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on 29th July 2020. Para 4.27 of the NEP 2020 recommends promotion of Indian Philosophy and values from early school education. It also aims to start course on Indian Knowledge systems. With respect to Higher Education, it plans to establish and strengthen departments in Language, Literature, Indology, Art, Dance, Theatre, Education, Mathematics, Statistics, Pure and Applied Sciences, Sociology, Economics, Sports, Translation and Interpretation, and other such subjects in all Higher Education Institutes (HEIs). (NEP para 11.7) Moreover, Faculty training and 4-year B. Ed. programmes will also be started in all such areas. (NEP para 15.4 and 15.8)

(c) A comprehensive initiative called **PM eVIDYA** has been initiated which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. This will benefit nearly 25 crore school going children across the country. The initiative is a work in progress and includes:

- DIKSHA the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in states/UTs: and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades (**one nation, one digital platform**)
- One earmarked TV channel per class from 1 to 12 (**one class, one channel**)
- Extensive use of **Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani**
- Special **e-content for visually and hearing impaired** developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube

INDIA REPORT- Digital Education June 2020

The State/ UT Governments have also managed the critical task of providing digital education at the door step of the students. The report can be accessed here:

https://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/India_Report_Digital_Education_0.pdf

(d) & (e) PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education

Keeping in view the availability of digital infrastructure, guideline briefs on various modes of digital education including online mode that depends more on availability of internet, partially online mode that utilizes the blended approach of digital technology and other offline activities, partial and offline mode that utilizes television and radio as a major medium of instruction of education.

The guidelines can be accessed at:

https://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf

(f) The Uttrakhand State in PAB for 2020-21 has been allocated funds for Smart Classrooms in 929 schools with an outlay of Rs 2740.60 lakh. Also the total funds of Rs 65.19 crore allocated for the aspirational districts in India.
