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Progress of NIPUN Programme

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of children with Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) Skills in the country, State and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh, especially in Bapatla Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the total budget outlay for the National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN) programme and increase/decrease over the last financial year;
- (c) the details of all the indicators under the NIPUN program and their progress since the inception of the scheme, State and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh, especially in Bapatla Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (d) the target year fixed by the Government for saturation of the scheme and achieving universal foundational literacy and numeracy skills; and
- (e) whether there is any mechanism exists to ensure corrective action for States falling behind and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (e): As per the recommendation of NEP 2020, a dedicated mission 'National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy' (NIPUN) Bharat Mission was launched by the Government on 5th July 2021, for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by Grade 2 by 2026. This Mission has been set up under the aegis of the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha- an integrated scheme for School Education. Under Samagra Shiksha, all 36 States/Union Territories are implementing NIPUN-Bharat Mission.

The Ministry of Education conducted a large-scale Foundational Learning Study (FLS) in March, 2022, through the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to collect reliable and valid data about Grade 3 students' abilities in foundational literacy and numeracy and assess the extent of learning outcomes being achieved. The report cards for all States/UTs may be accessed at <https://nipunbharat.education.gov.in/fls/sList.aspx>. The percentage

of students meeting the global proficiency level in basic literacy and numeracy in Andhra Pradesh as compared to National Average is given below:

Subject	Percentage of Students meeting Global Proficiency Level	
	Andhra Pradesh	National Average
English	36	54
Telugu	46	45
Numeracy	53	52

Further, to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education has been implementing a rolling programme of sample based National Achievement Survey (NAS) aimed at classes III, V, VIII and X with an interval of three years. It acts as an indicator of the health of the education system, so as to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at different levels. About 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools of 720 districts from both rural and urban areas were assessed from Government and Private Schools.

The budget outlay under NIPUN-Bharat Mission for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 are as under:

Rs. In crores	
Financial Year	National Outlay
2023-24	2685.28
2024-25	3029.26

Source: PRABANDH Portal

The various indicators under NIPUN Bharat Mission are 3 Months Play Based 'School Preparation Module', Development of Learning Teaching Material (LTM), Training of Teachers, Age-appropriate workbooks for FLN learners, innovative pedagogical approaches like toy-based learning and storytelling etc. For effective implementation of NIPUN Bharat Mission following initiatives have been taken and the same are being implemented by all States/UTs including State of Andhra Pradesh:-

- A 3 Months Play Based 'School Preparation Module and Guidelines' for Grade I named 'Vidya Pravesh' was launched on 29th July, 2021. The Vidya Pravesh program was implemented in 8,93,866 government and government-aided schools in 2024-25, benefiting more than 10 million students.

- JaaduiPitara (JP), meaning Magic Box is a collection of Learning Teaching Material (LTM) for 3 to 6 years age group. It was launched on 20th February, 2023. It is a box having 53 LTM for the foundational stage like toys, games, puzzles, puppets, posters, flashcards, story cards, play book set for students, and handbooks for teachers. The user manual and all the activity cards, picture reading posters, story cards, and instructions of JP have been translated into 22 languages.
- The e-JaaduiPitara (e-JP), an app, was launched on 10.02.2024. This is in addition to the JaduiPitara earlier released which has physical components as LTM for children. e-JP has been developed as an exemplar of content that is needed in any school for the Foundational Stage.
- In order to provide continuous learning opportunities to the pre-school practitioners, NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement) online was launched using DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) platform in October 2020 to reach out to elementary teachers and its further extension to all level of teachers. Over 15 lakh teachers have been trained under NISHTHA FLN & ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education).
- Primers in child friendly manner have been developed in 104 local languages for FLN learning in mother tongue. These are the languages spoken by at least 10000 population.
- National Curricular Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) covering children 3 to 8 years was Launched on 20th October 2022. It Provides guidance for curriculum preparation and teacher training.

A new concise format for monitoring of NIPUN, NIPUN Bharat Mission Planning and Implementation Template (NBMPIT), was developed and shared with all States/UTs to understand the progress at a glance and for better monitoring. The progress is also discussed in Review meetings held with States/UTs from time to time.

PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) has been setup under National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) by the DoSE&L. It has conducted State Educational Achievement Survey (SEAS) 2023. The primary objective of this survey is to evaluate the learning competencies of students in Foundational Literacy, Foundational Numeracy, Language and Mathematics at the end of each of the educational stages i.e. Foundational, Preparatory, and Middle. The SEAS-23 has included blocks in the sample to cover of students to understand the learning gaps at the block level, a strategic shift from district. Approximately 8.4 million students and 6 lakh teachers, of 4 lakh schools of 6416 educational blocks were assessed in SEAS-23.
