NIPUN Bharat Mission and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy

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The Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE) has launched a National Mission called **"National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat Mission (NBM))"** on **5th July, 2021** for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) by the end of Grade 2.

This Mission aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has been set up under the aegis of the centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha - an integrated scheme for School Education. All States/Union Territories are implementing NBM. It is the first time that the age group of 3-6 years has been included in the school continuum in the foundational stage in 5+3+3+4 structure consisting of 3 years of Balvatika and Grades 1 & 2. The state-wise enrolment for Foundational Stage in Government and Government aided schools are at **Annexure I**.

Financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for implementation of the interventions under Samagra Shiksha including NBM as per the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) under Samagra Shiksha prepared by the States and UTs based on their requirements and priority. These plans are then appraised and approved/estimated by Project Approval Board (PAB) in consultation with the States and UTs as per the programmatic and financial norms of the scheme.

The funds are released for Samagra Shiksha as a whole, based on the fulfilment of certain conditions such as pace of expenditure, receipt of commensurate state share, audited accounts, statement on cumulative state share, statement on outstanding advances, up-to-date expenditure statement, and audited utilization certificate. The state-wise details of the funds allocated (as part of Samagra Shiksha) under NIPUN Bharat Mission during the last three years and the current year are at **Annexure II**.

The various initiatives undertaken under the NIPUN Bharat Mission to achieve universal Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and improve learning outcomes include:-

- A 3-month play based 'School Preparation Module and Guidelines' for Grade I named 'Vidya Pravesh' was launched on 29 July 2021. The goal of Vidya Pravesh programme is to promote school preparedness in all children coming to Grade- I from diverse backgrounds (Balvatika, Anganwadi Centers (AWCs), at home, private play schools etc.), to ensure a smooth transition of children to Grade-I. It provides play based, age and developmentally appropriate learning experiences in a joyful and stimulating environment leading to holistic development to bolster a child's pre-literacy, pre-numeracy, cognitive and social skills. This Programme is being

implemented across the country. From 2022-23 till date, more than 5 crore students in 8.8 lakh schools have been benefitted.

- Jaadui Pitara (JP), a collection of Learning Teaching Material (LTM) for 3 to 6 years age group 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. It also consists of a Trainer's Handbook 'Unmukh' which is a comprehensive guide for the trainers which has an activity bank for 3–6-year-old children.
- The e-JaaduiPitara (e-JP) based on JP was launched on 10th February 2024. The e-JP is a mobile based application and website with play-based pedagogy and a way to disseminate the learning of Jaadui Pitara, (a collection of Play Based Learning Teaching Material (LTM) for 3 to 8 years age group). The browser can be accessed at https://ejaaduipitara.ncert.gov.in/.
- Play and activity-based textbooks for classes 1 and 2 have also been prepared and shared with States/UTs (Hindi- "Sarangi", English-"Mridang", "Mathematics- Joyful-Mathematics and Anandmay-Ganit" and Urdu-"Shahnai") fulfilling NEP 2020 and NCF-FS (National Curricular Framework for Foundational Stage) recommendations.
- Primers have been developed in 121 local languages for FLN learning in mother tongue. These are languages spoken by at least 10,000 population.
- Lakshya or Targets for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy starting from the Balvatika up to Grade 2 based on the learning outcomes have been developed on the basis of national and international research.
- To ensure continuous professional development of teachers, the Government launched NISHTHA Online on the DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) platform in October, 2020. The programme provides multilingual training modules, including text and video content aligned with the developmental goals and learning outcomes of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN). DIKSHA also hosts a dedicated FLN vertical with high-quality learning resources accessible across the country, including socio-economically disadvantaged districts. Currently, DIKSHA hosts content in 133 languages (126 Indian languages and 7 foreign languages), and under NISHTHA FLN and ECCE, more than 15.57 lakh users have successfully completed the online training programme.

This information was given by **the Minister of State for Education, Shri Jayant Chaudhary,** in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1142 ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI, SHRI BRIJ LAL, DR. SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK AND SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA REGARDING "NIPUN BHARAT MISSION AND FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY"

State -wise Enrolment for Foundational Stage in Government and Government aided schools

State/UTs	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	11,291	11,042	10,913	11,474
Andhra Pradesh	6,40,500	6,64,776	5,82,824	5,44,883
Arunachal Pradesh	48,179	46,616	40,359	37,964
Assam	13,14,702	12,22,654	11,15,213	10,35,658
Bihar	36,35,668	25,90,376	25,11,248	24,28,158
Chandigarh	30,164	29,309	26,925	30,343
Chhattisgarh	7,21,279	7,23,579	6,76,804	6,24,948
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	20,347	22,362	22,464	24,704
Delhi	4,50,703	4,16,484	3,85,120	3,54,797
Goa	58,296	57,245	55,037	52,387
Gujarat	13,89,600	13,35,387	12,69,636	17,25,726
Haryana	3,90,089	3,04,590	3,15,643	3,24,882
Himachal Pradesh	1,57,190	1,56,867	1,45,519	1,43,975
Jammu & Kashmir	4,02,784	4,18,042	3,90,012	3,60,676
Jharkhand	11,24,858	10,56,983	9,11,220	8,54,140
Karnataka	12,31,328	9,96,359	9,14,375	8,91,573
Kerala	9,08,195	8,79,307	8,14,291	7,49,451
Ladakh	8,934	8,357	8,314	8,166
Lakshadweep	3,322	3,403	3,409	3,423

Madhya Pradesh	17,37,576	15,28,342	12,45,396	11,82,094
Maharashtra	25,85,858	24,19,182	22,26,691	22,06,774
Manipur	81,599	77,863	75,344	66,876
Meghalaya	2,96,253	2,88,573	2,77,943	3,00,931
Mizoram	45,663	43,612	39,308	38,971
Nagaland	61,265	53,689	51,483	47,521
Odisha	10,64,315	10,08,836	9,17,659	10,51,011
Puducherry	24,007	21,877	20,329	20,109
Punjab	7,99,946	7,97,689	7,24,138	6,96,921
Rajasthan	16,49,319	13,24,618	10,54,543	10,53,570
Sikkim	14,292	12,731	12,556	12,526
Tamil Nadu	9,78,945	8,81,865	7,93,853	7,65,646
Telangana	5,07,830	4,08,333	3,69,732	3,86,831
Tripura	94,516	90,103	85,881	84,963
Uttarakhand	48,81,250	37,37,647	28,95,290	30,32,603
Uttar Pradesh	1,64,080	1,40,936	1,06,552	77,636
West Bengal	34,85,224	35,19,543	32,71,717	31,33,498
All India	**3,10,19,367**	**2,72,99,177**	**2,43,67,741**	**2,43,65,809**

Source: UDISE+

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1142 ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI, SHRI BRIJ LAL, DR. SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK AND SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA REGARDING "NIPUN BHARAT MISSION AND FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY"

State-wise Funds allocated under NIPUN Bharat Mission

Rs. In Lakhs

Sl.No	States/Uts	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Grand Total		**3,83,290.85**	**4,60,780.93**	**2,81,690.24**	**4,19,572.53**
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	866.74	764.23	836.32	837.88
2	Andhra Pradesh	6,184.48	7,842.35	3,732.30	7,455.05
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,596.81	3,704.90	3,514.69	839.3
4	Assam	13,800.57	34,663.28	7,068.95	16,510.92
5	Bihar	48,337.02	65,361.86	25,385.06	60,614.96
6	Chandigarh	483.79	406.52	372.62	450.92
7	Chhattisgarh	15,886.90	17,678.32	7,506.32	11,841.47
9	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1,046.74	1,018.90	1,003.29	928.55
8	Delhi	6,428.72	8,553.69	5,577.95	7,072.44
10	Goa	296.94	293.58	49.49	43.99
11	Gujarat	11,135.59	13,461.54	13,120.29	13,438.93
12	Haryana	11,755.65	9,737.24	2,301.23	5,302.37
13	Himachal Pradesh	11,526.46	15,288.30	14,986.39	14,158.11

14	Jammu & Kashmir	19,390.83	18,399.82	15,955.20	11,974.55
15	Jharkhand	11,939.48	15,334.93	6,119.98	20,321.90
16	Karnataka	10,044.22	9,463.97	9,397.99	21,140.29
17	Kerala	5,250.79	5,631.18	3,666.76	3,610.35
18	Ladakh	2,131.85	752.75	758.37	681.35
19	Lakshadweep	30.7	44.21	46.36	36.66
20	Madhya Pradesh	32,797.48	43,175.68	15,572.15	26,147.31
21	Maharashtra	21,853.42	18,918.77	7,905.88	20,714.46
22	Manipur	4,121.95	4,589.13	1,895.21	2,105.18
23	Meghalaya	4,884.50	1,082.32	1,203.50	143.6
24	Mizoram	1,655.45	1,370.69	1,315.08	1,214.12
25	Nagaland	4,591.07	982.64	389.16	665.65
26	Odisha	15,000.99	15,060.12	29,408.09	27,811.61
27	Puducherry	775.64	174.87	113.65	307.72
28	Punjab	10,162.88	14,894.76	12,281.56	11,970.94
29	Rajasthan	15,156.90	15,379.14	5,682.64	15,437.26
30	Sikkim	1,835.15	1,157.59	753.7	883
31	Tamil Nadu	13,086.10	16,917.51	5,462.43	12,279.21
32	Telangana	2,753.43	4,421.39	8,148.11	4,990.27
33	Tripura	1,939.47	2,166.86	1,241.07	1,762.33
34	Uttarakhand	4,571.27	5,085.57	2,285.12	4,043.02

35	Uttar Pradesh	53,987.75	66,364.13	55,996.36	85,487.14
36	West Bengal	13,983.12	20,638.20	10,637.00	6,349.71

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