

Need to promote 'Education for All' in Andhra Pradesh-laid

SHRI G. M. HARISH BALAYOGI (AMALAPURAM): The New India Literacy Programme (ULLAS), a national initiative aimed at achieving the vision of "Education for All", initially saw significant enrollment in Andhra Pradesh, with 30 lakh learners joining in 2022-23. However, this momentum sharply declined, with only 5,533 learners participating in 2023-24 and 26,124 in 2024-25. Regarding funding, the state was allocated ₹512.69 lakhs in 2022-23, with ₹384.51 lakhs released by the Central Government. However, in 2023-24, while the allocation increased to ₹943.09 lakhs, no funds were released. Similarly, in 2024-25, despite an allocation of ₹871.07 lakhs, no Central funds were disbursed. A critical aspect of the program is the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT), intended to evaluate and certify learners twice annually. Unfortunately, since the program's launch, FLNAT has yet to be conducted in Andhra Pradesh. To address these pressing issues, I urge the Government to undertake targeted awareness campaigns to boost enrollment and participation in the state. Additionally, I request the immediate release of central funds and appeal to the National Literacy Mission Authority (NLMA) to finalize and announce dates for conducting FLNAT in Andhra Pradesh to ensure the program's effectiveness and reach.