

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 26  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

**Gender Disparity in terms of Literacy Rate**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the NSSO report Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have the biggest gender divide in terms of literacy rate;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to curb the gender literacy divide in above States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Gross Enrolment Ratio of females in schools and colleges has seen a decline in the past 3 years owing to the pandemic and if so, thereof; and
- (f) the district-wise data for enrolment of girls in schools in above mentioned States?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a): As per NSS report no. 585(75/25.2/1) of NSS 75<sup>th</sup> Round survey conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during July 2017–June 2018, Literacy Rates of males and females in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are as under:

State	Male	Female
Uttar Pradesh	81.8	63.4
Madhya Pradesh	81.2	65.5
Rajasthan	80.8	57.6

(b) to (d): In order to improve the literacy rate in the country, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and one UT, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups. In addition, the Department of School Education and Literacy has launched the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with effect from the year 2018-19. This programme subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). Samagra Shiksha is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

(e): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education has developed the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) system to record data on indicators of school education provided by all the States and Union Territories. As per Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20 and as per All India Survey on Higher Education, the Gross Enrolment Ratio for Girls in the years 2019-20, 2018-19 and 2017-18 are as under:

Gross Enrolment Ratio for Girls (All India)

Year	Primary (I-V)	Upper Primary (VI-VIII)	Secondary (IX-X)	Higher Secondary (XI-XII)	Higher Education
2019-20	103.69	90.46	77.83	52.40	27.1
2018-19	107.78	88.54	76.93	50.84	26.3
2017-18	103.03	89.34	76.23	48.32	25.8

(f): As per Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20 the district-wise data for enrolment of girls in schools for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan can be accessed from the web link <https://dashboard.udiseplus.gov.in/#/reportDashboard/sReport> Report No. 4004.

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