

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

**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1187  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

TOTAL LITERACY

1187. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
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SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government observed International Literacy Day recently and if so, the details thereof along-with the programmes organized to mark the occasion;
- (b) the details regarding literacy rate in the country, State and gender-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to introduce a policy to ensure full literacy in the country and if so, the time by which the total literacy is likely to be achieved under the said Policy;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated a policy to provide special assistance to those States in which the literacy rate is less than the national average and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to achieve cent percent literacy in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) Yes. The International Literacy Day 2021 was organized as a part of Shikshak Parv, 2021 celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. The event was organised by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) under the aegis of Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education on blended mode, both on offline and online mode. The schedule of the event is enclosed at **Annexure – I**.
- (b) A statement indicating details regarding literacy rate as per 2011 census in the country, State/UT wise and gender-wise including Tamil Nadu are at **Annexure II**.

(c) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.6 of UNESCO mandates, “By 2030, ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy”, and, National Education Policy 2020 recommended, “Strong and innovative government initiatives for adult education - in particular, to facilitate community involvement and the smooth and beneficial integration of technology - will be affected as soon as possible to expedite this all-important aim of achieving 100% literacy”. Government of India is implementing Padhna Likhna Abhiyan through innovative initiatives for adult education with the involvement of the community and technologies.

(d) The Government of India provides funding to States under Padhna Likhna Abhiyan as per prescribed fund sharing pattern.

(e) As per Budget Announcements 2021-22 Government of India has focused, among others, on adult education which states, “To enable increased access of resources, online modules covering the entire gamut of adult education will be introduced”. The Government of India has uploaded online modules on adult education and other critical life skills & citizenship education which are available to every citizen on the public domain.

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## Annexure – I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1187 FOR 06.12.2021 ASKED BY SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI: SHRI SELVAM G., DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S., DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR, SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON, SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE, SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR, SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE REGARDING ‘TOTAL LITERACY’**

### **International Literacy Day 2021 schedule**

**Theme:** Digital Literacy for Youth and Adults

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

**Time:** 3:00 PM to 4.30 PM

**Venue:** Room No. 112, Conference Hall, C- Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	Introductory Remarks by Chair Chairperson: Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education
3:10 PM - 3:20 PM	Presenter Prof. Saroj Sharma, Chairperson, NIOS
3:20 PM - 3:35 PM	Speaker 1 Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Former Chairman, NIOS
3:35 PM - 3:50 PM	Speaker 2 Prof. Nagendra Singh, Prof. & Head, Department of Education, Dean (Research), RIE Ajmer, NCERT.
3:50 PM - 4:05 PM	Speaker 3 Prof. Pankaj Arora, CIE, University of Delhi
4:05 PM - 4:25 PM	Q & A conducted by Chair
4:25 PM - 4:30 PM	Wrap up by Chair

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1187 FOR 06.12.2021 ASKED BY SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI: SHRI SELVAM G., DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S., DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR, SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON, SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE, SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR, SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE REGARDING 'TOTAL LITERACY'**

**Literacy rate in the country, State and gender-wise including Tamil Nadu, as per Census 2011**

S. No.	Name of States / UTs	Literacy Rate		
		Persons	Male	Female
	<b>India</b>	<b>72.98</b>	<b>80.88</b>	<b>64.63</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	67.02	74.88	59.15
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	65.38	72.55	57.70
3.	Assam	72.19	77.85	66.27
4.	Bihar	61.80	71.20	51.50
5.	Chhattisgarh	70.28	80.27	60.24
6.	Goa	88.70	92.65	84.66
7.	Gujarat	78.03	85.75	69.68
8.	Haryana	75.55	84.06	65.94
9.	Himachal Pradesh	82.80	89.53	75.93
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	67.16	76.75	56.43
11.	Jharkhand	66.41	76.84	55.42
12.	Karnataka	75.36	82.47	68.08
13.	Kerala	94.00	96.11	92.07
14.	Madhya Pradesh	69.32	78.73	59.24
15.	Maharashtra	82.34	88.38	75.87
16.	Manipur	76.94	83.58	70.26
17.	Meghalaya	74.43	75.95	72.89
18.	Mizoram	91.33	93.35	89.27
19.	Nagaland	79.55	82.75	76.11
20.	Odisha	72.87	81.59	64.01
21.	Punjab	75.84	80.44	70.73
22.	Rajasthan	66.11	79.19	52.12
23.	Sikkim	81.42	86.55	75.61
<b>24.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>80.09</b>	<b>86.77</b>	<b>73.44</b>
25.	Tripura	87.22	91.53	82.73
26.	Uttar Pradesh	67.68	77.28	57.18
27.	Uttarakhand	78.82	87.40	70.01
28.	West Bengal	76.26	81.69	70.54
29.	A & N Islands	86.63	90.27	82.43
30.	Chandigarh	86.05	89.99	81.19
31.	D & N Haveli	76.24	85.17	64.32
32.	Daman & Diu	87.10	91.54	79.55
33.	Lakshadweep	91.85	95.56	87.95
34.	NCT of Delhi	86.21	90.94	80.76
35.	Puducherry	85.85	91.26	80.67

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