

SAAKSHAR BHARAT PROGRAMME IN UTTARAKHAND

Saakshar Bharat is a centrally sponsored scheme of Department of school Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, launched by the Prime Minister of India on the International Literacy Day, 8th September, 2009. It aims to promote and strengthen the education of adults who have lost the opportunity of access to formal education and crossed the standard age for receiving such education.

Saakshar Bharat will cover all adults in the age group of 15 and beyond for basic literacy, post literacy and Continuing Education programmes. The volunteer based mass campaign approach has been made for alternative approaches to adult education. Jan Shiksha Kendras (Adult Education Centers) (AECs), will be set up to coordinate and manage all programmes within their territorial Jurisdiction.

Saakshar Bharat has been come into operation from 1-10-2009.

Objectives:- Saakshar Bharat has four broad objectives:-

1. Impart functional literacy and numeracy to non-literate and non-numerate adults.
2. Enable the neo-literate adults to continue their learning beyond basic literacy and acquire equivalency to formal education system.
3. Impart non and neo-literates relevant skill development programmes to improve their earning and living conditions.
4. promote a learning society by providing opportunities to neo-literate adults for continuing education .

Targets:- The principal target is to impart functional literacy to adults in the age group of 15 years and beyond. Auxiliary targets are to cover adults under basic education programme and equal number under vocational (skill development) programme. It will focus on women, Schedule Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Minorities, other disadvantaged groups and adolescents in rural areas of selected districts.

Teaching- Learning Programmes:- To address the diverse needs of the non and neo-literate adults, Functional Literacy Programme, Basic Education Programme, Vocational Education and Continuing Education Programme will be offered as an integrated continuum.

(a) **Functional Literacy Programme:-** Literacy Programme will aim to 'Impart functional literacy to non-literate adults'. It aims at achieving self

reliance in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic(Numeracy) and become aware of the causes of one's deprivation and moving towards amelioration of their condition through organization and participation in the process of development, acquiring skills to improve the economic status and general well being, Creating an aware and responsible citizen.

(b) Basic Education Programme:- "Enable the neo-literates to continue their learning beyond basic literacy and acquire equivalency to formal educational system." To enable young adults to continue their learning till they are able to achieve equivalent levels with Grade III, IV, V, VI, VII and beyond in the formal school system or through the open Learning System.

(c) Vocational Education (Skill Development) Programme:- "To equip non and neo-literates with vocational skill to improve their living and earning conditions." Suitable skill development training to those having rudimentary levels of education or no education. Jan Shikshan Sansthan will assist Assistance to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education and Skill Development. Institutionally networked with the Adult Education Centres so that they could impart skill development training as well as literacy linked vocational training.

(d) Continuing Education Programme:- Continuing education programme (CEP) is aimed at 'Establishing a learning society by providing opportunities to neo literates and other targeted beneficiaries for lifelong learning'. It will create a sustainable learning environment so that learners are encouraged to continue with their literary aspirations and take advantage to the programme facilities to satiate their learning appetite.

Operational framework for teaching learning programme

Lok Shiksha Kendras (Adult Education Center):- The Lok Shiksha Kendra are responsible for delivering the entire range of activities under the programme including functional literacy, Basic literacy, Vocational education and continuing education within their territorial jurisdiction. Two Co-ordinators (Preraks) may be engaged on payment of honorarium to discharge administrative and academic tasks. Preraks will also be assigned teaching responsibilities together with volunteer teachers.

Resource Support:- State Resource Centres (SRCs) will extend adequate academic and technical resource support to adult and continuing education programme especially in the realm of development of teaching learning material and training of literacy practitioners and managers.

Financing and Budget:- A total financial outlay for “ Saakshar Bharat” in Uttarakhand is Rs. 6187.09 lakhs, out of which the Central share is Rs. 4640.32 lakhs. The share of funding between Central and State Government is in the ratio of 75:25. The allocation of funds is based on adult female illiterate population in the districts covered under the programme.

Duration of the Scheme:- The scheme will be in operation till 31.3.2012, unless decided otherwise by the Government of India. The literacy programme has timeframe of 18 months.

The Districts covered under programme:-

(i) Garhwal Region –

- (a) Tehri
- (b) Haridwar

(ii) Kumaon Region –

- (a) Bageshwar
- (b) Champawat
- (c) Udham Singh Nagar

**List of District having rate of 50% adult female literacy or below
(Based on census-2001)**

S. No	Name of the District	Female Adult Literacy Rate	No. of Block Panchayats	No. of Village Panchayats	Coverage
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Uttarkashi	36.05	6	454	--
2	Tehri Garhwal	38.20	9	969	1 st Phase
3	Haridwar	44.71	6	307	1 st Phase
4	Champawat	43.48	4	290	1 st Phase
5	U.S. Nagar	45.11	7	309	1 st Phase
6	Bageshwar	47.57	3	397	1 st Phase
Total			35	2736	

State Budget Summary (District wise up to 31-3-2012)

Sl. No	Activity	Bageshwar	Champawat	U.S. Nagar	Haridwar	Tehri	Remarks
1	Basic Literacy	5128770	4580680	28053100	33253400	14234240	
2	Basic Education (Equivalency)	0	0	0	0	0	

3	Continuing Education						
	(a) Non-Recurring	20075000	14250000	7725000	7675000	50270000	
	(b) Recurring						
	(i) Honorarium to Preraks	44464000	32480000	34608000	34384000	109648000	
	(ii) Programme cost	25011000	18270000	19467000	19341000	61677000	
4	Community Mobilization & Environment Building	992500	725000	772500	767500	2447500	
5	Training of Co-ordinators	801000	588000	629000	624000	1971000	
	Sub Total	96472270	70893680	91254600	96044900	240247470	
6	Monitoring, Evaluation Management	3858890	2835747	3650184	3841796	9609909	
	Grand Total	100331160	73729427	94904784	99886696	249857649	618709717
	Central Share 75%						464032287
	State Share 25%						154677429

ACTIVITY WISE FINANCIAL NORMS

Sl. No	Activity Component	Upper ceiling
1	Establishment of Adult Education Centre	N/Recurring Rs. 60,000/ for new centers and Rs. 25,000 for old centers Recurring: 75,000 per annum/ centre
2	Basic Literacy (a) Through volunteer mode (b) Through resident instructor (c) (d) Residential Camps Tuition Fee to basic literacy volunteers	Rs. 230 per learner Rs. 40,000 per resident group/30 learners per year. Rs. 125/day/learner/45 days
3	Basic Education (Equivalency programmes)	Rs. 5968 per learner (NIOS norms)
4	Common Elements (a) Survey and Community Mobilization	Rs. 2,500/- per AEC (Gram Panchayat) Rs. 1,000/- per literacy functionary

	(b) training	
5	Management, Monitoring & Evaluation	4% of the Programme cost

Implementing Agency

(a) At National level – National literacy Mission Authority, MHRD New Delhi

Directorate of Adult Education [Block 10, Jamnagar House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi-110011
(Tel: 23388446; Fax: 23383739)]

(b) At State level –

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(i) General body:-

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| (1) | Chief Minister | - | Chairman |
| (2) | Secretary School Education | - | Member Secretary |

(ii) Management Committee:-

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| (1) | Education Minister | - | Chairman |
| (2) | Secretary School Education | - | Member Secretary |

(iii) Executive Committee:-

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| (1) | Chief Secretary | - | Chairman |
| (2) | Secretary School Education | - | Member Secretary |

(c) At District level:-

Zila Lok Shiksha Samiti.

(d) At Block level:-

Block Lok Shiksha Samiti	
Pramukh Block Panchayat	- Chairman
Block Education Office	- Member Secretary

(e) At Gram Panchayat level:-

Gram Panchayat Lok Shiksha Samiti –

Gram Pardhan

- Chairman

Senior Prerak

- Member Secretary

MAIN FEATURES OF SAAKSHAR BHARAT

1. Basic literacy, post literacy and continuing education programmes will now form a continuum rather than consequential segments.
2. In addition to the volunteer based mass campaign approach the Mission provides for alternative approaches to adult education.
3. State governments, Panchayati Raj institutions and local communities will be major stakeholders in the programme.
4. Lok shiksha Kendras (Adult Education Centres) will be set up at Gram Panchayat level to coordinate and manage the local elements of the programme.
5. Vigorous monitoring and evaluation systems will be put in place.