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To improve adult literacy, the Education Ministry promoted the Saakshar Bharat scheme in 404 rural districts across 26 states and one Union Territory. Education | Edited by Rahul Kumar | Updated: September 08, 2023 11:34 pm IST

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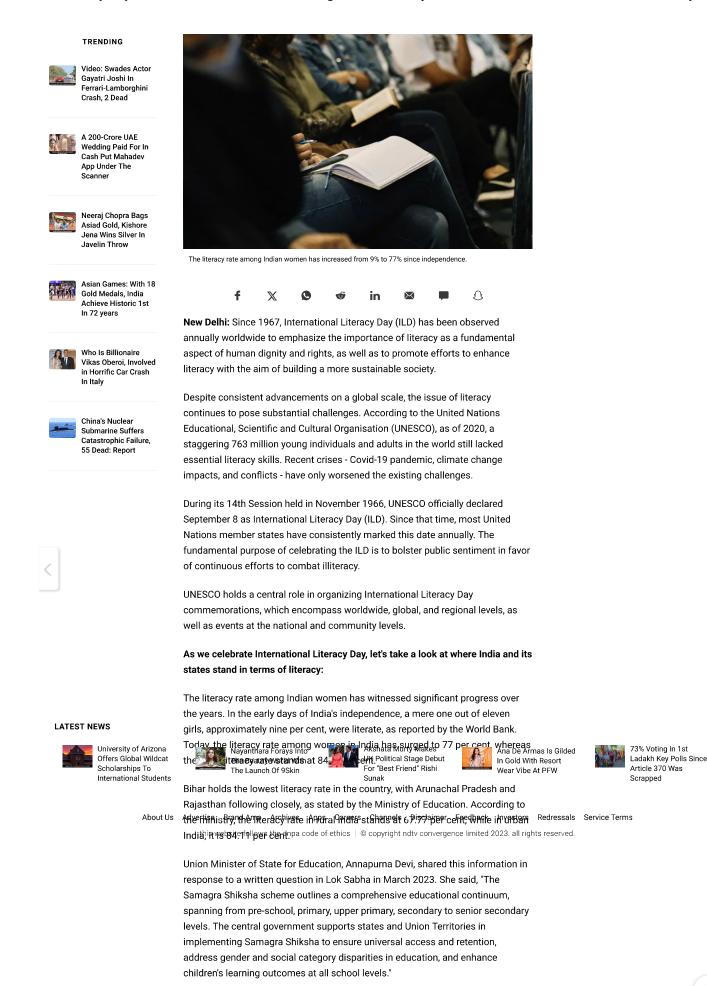
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Based on data shared by the Ministry of Education, Bihar has the lowest literacy rate at 61.8 per cent, followed by Arunachal Pradesh at 65.3 per cent and Rajasthan at 66.1 per cent. Conversely, Kerala boasts the highest literacy rate at 94 per cent, with Lakshadweep at 91.85 per cent and Mizoram at 91.33 per cent.

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> The minister said, "The goal was to increase the country's overall literacy rate to 80 per cent and reduce the gender gap to 10 percentage points by the end of the XII five-year plan. The scheme was extended until March 31, 2018. During the Saakshar Bharat scheme's implementation, out of the total target of educating 7.00 crore adult non-literates, approximately 7.64 crore learners who successfully passed the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests administered by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) between August 2010 and March 2018 were certified as literate."

(With inputs from agencies and UNESCO's official website)

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