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According to the Ministry of Education, Bihar has the lowest literacy rate in India at 61.8%, followed by Arunachal Pradesh at 65.3% and Rajasthan at 66.1%.

Kerala has the highest literacy rate in India at 94%, followed by Lakshadweep at 91.85% and Mizoram at 91.33%.

Union Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi shared this information in response to a written question in Lok Sabha.

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The literacy rate in rural India is 67.77% compared to 84.11% in urban India.

IMPROVING ADULT LITERACY RATE



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The Samagra Shiksha Scheme aims to provide universal access and retention in education, bridging gender and social category gaps, and enhancing learning levels from pre-school to senior secondary levels.

The central government assists states and union territories in implementing the Samagra Shiksha Scheme as a program.

To improve adult literacy rates, a centrally sponsored scheme called Saakshar Bharat was implemented in rural areas of 404 districts in 26 states and one union territory, which had a female literacy rate of 50% or below according to Census 2001.

The scheme aimed to raise the overall literacy rate of the country to 80% and reduce the gender gap to 10% points by the end of the XII five year plan, Devi said. The programme was prolonged to March 31, 2018.

The minister said that as against the ultimate goal which had been to turn 7.00 crore adult illiterates into literates, around 7.64 crore students who passed the National Institute of Open Schooling's (NIOS) biennial Basic Literacy Assessment Tests between August 2010 and March 2018 were recognised as literates.



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