



To achieve the universalization of elementary education, the government has started numerous projects and programs under the National Policy of Education. The main aim of these schemes is to improve access to quality education, learning capacity and cognitive development. Some of the schemes are:

1. Samagra Shiksha - an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class 12 has been proposed by the Union Budget for holistic school education in 2018-19. It subsumes the three erstwhile Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). The vision of the Scheme is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education from pre-school to senior secondary stage in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) for Education.

2. National Program for Education of Girls at Elementary Education (NPEGEL) – aims to reach girls, not enrolled in schools. The main focus of this program is to break gender stereotypes and to make sure girls get a good education at the elementary level.

3. Mid-day Meal Scheme: Otherwise known as the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, this plan was launched in 1995 to provide mid-day meals to children studying in primary class. The main objective was to eliminate classroom hunger of children and to increase school attendance and enrolment of children. It also addresses the issue of inadequate and improper nutrition among children.

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) - The Central Sector Scheme -National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme-was launched in May, 2008 with the objective of awarding scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections @ Rs. 500/-

per month (i.e. Rs. 6000/- per annum) to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue study at secondary and higher secondary stage up to class XII. Government has enhanced the rate of the scholarship under the scheme from Rs. 500/- per month (Rs. 6000/- per annum) to Rs. 1,000/- per month (Rs. 12000/- per annum) with effect from 1st April, 2017. There is a quota of scholarships for different States/UTs based on population and enrolment. Students whose parental annual income from all sources is not more than Rs. 1,50,000/- per annum are eligible to avail the scholarships.

National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education(NSIGSE) -The centrally sponsored was launched in May 2008. The objective of the scheme is to establish an enabling environment to reduce drop outs and to promote the enrolment of girl child belonging to SC/ST communities in secondary schools and ensure their retention. The scheme covers (i) all girls belonging to SC/ST communities who pass class VIII and (ii) all girls who pass VIII examination from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (irrespective of whether they belong to SC/ ST) and enroll in class IX in State Government, Government-aided and Local Body schools. A sum of Rs.3000/- is deposited in the name of eligible unmarried girls as fixed deposit on enrolment in class IX, who are entitled to withdraw it along with interest thereon upon reaching 18 years of age and passing class 10th class examination. The scheme is boarded-on National Scholarship Portal and covered under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Convergence: The ministry with MoPR will aim to eradicate the illiteracy and to provide the equal opportunities of education to all the section of the society. In convergence system panchayat raj institution can play the better role in identification of the beneficiaries. Elected representatives could spread awareness on importance of primary education for cognitive and physical development. Thereby ensuring reducing school dropout especially among girl children and improve 100% school attendance and learning outcomes. With Panchayats, line department could provide Higher Secondary facilities for girls, adequate School infrastructure with Sports facility and scope for Adult Education facilities at grassroots level.

PROVISIONS FOR SCHOOLS UNDER
SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

(Activity-Wise Financial Norms)

Sl.No.	Activities	Programmatic Norms	Financial Norms
I) ACCESS AND RETENTION			
1	Opening of New/Upgraded Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New/Upgraded schools from class 1 to 12th [New Primary/Upper Primary Schools as per the defined RTE neighborhood norms; Secondary Schools within 5 km radius & Higher Secondary within the radius of 7 to 10 Km. of every habitation]. Preference may be given to composite schools 	
2	Residential Schools/Hostels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for reaching out to children in sparsely populated, or hilly and densely forested areas with difficult geographical terrain and border areas where opening a new primary or upper primary school and Secondary/Higher Secondary schools may not be viable Urban deprived children, homeless and street children in difficult circumstances and without adult protection, who require not merely day schooling, but also lodging and boarding facilities 	
3	Strengthening of Existing Schools	Provision for : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science and Maths Lab, Computer Room, Art Cultural Room, Library, ACR, Water & Toilet, essential classroom furniture Major Repair, Minor Repair Electrification Residential Quarters for teachers in remote and difficult areas Addition of new stream in existing senior secondary schools (Admissibility for Govt. Schools) 	Assistance for Recurring Expenditure including manpower deployment in new Higher Secondary Schools of up to (1) Rs. 50 lakh for one stream; (2) Rs. 65 lakh for 2 streams and (3) Rs. 80 lakh for 3 streams. For each additional stream in an existing senior secondary school, a recurring financial grant of Rs. 15 lakh per annum will be provided under the scheme.
4	Transport/Escort Facility	Provision for transport /escort facility for Children in remote habitations with sparse population where opening of schools is unviable or where Gross Access Ratio is low	Up to @ Rs. 6000/ per child per annum up to Class XII

II) RTE ENTITLEMENTS			
5	Free Uniforms	Two sets of uniforms for all girls, and children belonging to SC/ST/BPL families in Government schools up to class VIII within a ceiling of Rs. 600/- per child per annum.	
6	Free Textbooks	Provision for textbooks to all children in Government/Local Body and Government aided schools, including Madaras desirous of introducing the State curriculum, within an upper ceiling of Rs. 250/- per child at primary level and Rs. 400/- per child at upper primary level. Primers/textbooks developed for tribal languages with bridging materials to facilitate a transition to the State language of instruction and English, would be eligible for textbooks for classes I and II within the ceiling of Rs. 200/- per child.	
7	Reimbursement towards expenditure incurred for 25% of admissions under Section 12(1)(c), RTE Act.	As per Section 12(1)(c), reimbursement needs to be provided for admission of EWS students in neighbourhood private unaided schools.	The reimbursement would be based on per child norms notified by the State/UTs for classes I to VIII subject to a maximum ceiling of 20% of the total AWP&B approved by the GOI for State/UTs under the Programme.
8	Special Training for age appropriate admission of out-of-school children (OoSC) at Elementary Level	Special Training facility for out-of-school children to enable a child, admitted to an age appropriate class, to integrate academically and emotionally with the rest of the class.	Up to Rs 6,000/- per child per annum for non-residential courses. Up to Rs 20, 000/- per child per annum for residential courses.

9	Media and Community Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity building and Support to SMCs/SDMCs • Activities to enhance Community participation and monitoring for universal access, equity and quality • Programmes for creating Awareness on RTE Act, Learning Outcomes etc. (Admissibility for Government Schools) 	Up to @Rs 1500 per school subject to specific plan
III) QUALITY INTERVENTIONS			
10	Libraries	Strengthening of school libraries including books	a) Up to @ Rs. 3,000/- for primary school and Rs.10,000/- for upper primary school. b) Up to @ Rs. 13,000/- for composite elementary schools (Class I to VIII) c) Up to @ Rs. 10,000/- for Secondary schools. d) Up to @ Rs. 15,000/- for composite Secondary Schools (class 1 to 10 th) e) Up to @ Rs. Rs.10,000/- higher Secondary school only (Class 11 to 12 th). f) Up to @ Rs. 18,000/- for composite higher Secondary school (class 1 to 12 th). These grants will be available on an annual basis.

11	Composite school Grant	<p>School grant to all Government schools on annual basis for the replacement of non-functional school equipment and for incurring other recurring costs, such as consumables, play material, games, sports equipment, laboratories, electricity charges, internet, water, teaching aids etc.</p> <p>To provide annual maintenance and repair of existing school building, toilets and other facilities to upkeep the infrastructure in good condition.</p>	Composite Grant (for Government schools) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There must be transparency in utilization and provision for socialAudit. To be spent only byVEC/SMC/SMDC 	
			Number of students in School	School Grant *
			Ö 100	Rs. 25000/- (including at-least Rs 2500 for swachhta action plan).
			>100 to Ö 250	Rs. 50,000/- (including at-least Rs. 5000 for swachhta action plan).
			> 250 to Ö 1000	Rs. 75,000/- (including at-least Rs 7500 for swachhta action plan).
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12	ICT and Digital Initiatives	<p>The component will cover classes VI to XII. Flexibility to procure hardware such as tablets / laptops/notebooks/integratedteachinglearning devicesandopensourceoperatingsystemaswell as Hardware, Software, training and resource support. This would include support for smart classrooms, virtual classrooms, digital boards and DTH channels on pro-rata basis for number of schools approved.</p>	<p>As per guidelines of ICT @ schools scheme for schools having classes 6 to 12, which provides for non-recurring grant of up to Rs. 6.40 lakh per school and recurring grant of upto Rs. 2.40 lakh per school per annum for a period of 5 years.</p>	

IV) GENDER AND EQUITY							
13	Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">KGBVs to be extended up to Class 12th for smooth transition of girls from Elementary to Senior Secondary.Priority will be given for up-gradation of KGBV where the Girls' Hostel has been established.					
V) INCLUSIVE EDUCATION							
14	Provision for children with special needs (CWSN)	<p>a) The key thrust of Programme will be on providing inclusive education to all children with special needs in general schools. Funding will be based on data of CWSN provided underSDMIS.</p> <p>b) Programmewillalsosupportspecialtraining, education through open learning system, home schooling, wherever necessary, itinerant teaching, remedial teaching, community based rehabilitation (CBR)and vocational education.</p>	<p>i. Provision of up to Rs. 3000 per child, per year for children with special needs, studying in government, government aided and local body schools as perspecific proposal.Thiswillincludeaidsandappliances,teaching material, stipend for CWSN girls @ Rs. 200 per monthfor 10months.</p> <p>ii. Provisionofspecialeducatorsatcluster/schoollevelasper requirementandfinancialnormsasperpara23above.</p>				
VI) VOCATIONALEDCATION							
15	Introduction of Vocational Education at Secondary and higher Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vocational Education to be introduced as an integral part of general education at Secondary and Higher Secondary level as per guidelines of vocational education scheme.The vocational subjects are to be introduced as an additional subject at the secondary level and as compulsory (elective) at the higher secondary level.One/Two job roles may be covered in the span of 4 years based on content and notional hours. First job role may be completed in classes 9-10 and the other in classes 11-12. Further, some job roles which require longer duration of	Non Recurring <ul style="list-style-type: none">ConstructionofWorkshop/laboratorycumClassroom@State ScheduleofRate(SSOR)asperrequirementofStates/UTsUpto Rs. 5.0 lakh per school per job role for Tools & Equipment including Furniture, Computers,etc.				
			Recurring(in lakh) <table><tr><td>Components</td><td>Composite schools (Classes IX – XII)</td><td>Non-Composite schools ((Classes IX– X) / (XI - XII))</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		Components	Composite schools (Classes IX – XII)	Non-Composite schools ((Classes IX– X) / (XI - XII))
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		<p>training will be completed in 4 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onetime non-recurring grant for purchase of tools and equipments may be approved at the time of introduction of new job roles. 	Financial support for One vocational teacher/trainer per job role (@ Rs. 20,000 - 25,000/- per month)	12.00	6.00
			Provision for financial support for engaging resource persons including Skill Knowledge Providers, Coordinators, guest faculty including skilled, semi-skilled rural artisans and crafts persons and administrative cost for VTPs, cost for assessment and selection of VTs up to Rs. 1000 per VT etc.	2.50	1.25
		<p>Assessment. The assessment and certification cost of Rs. 600 per student may be approved for 40 students per class per job role in classes 10 and 12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme will cover Government schools. Government aided schools, in those States/UTs where Govt. Schools have already been covered under the Scheme, may also be considered for financial Assistance as per the norms of the scheme. 	Raw Materials, maintenance of tools and equipments purchase of books, software, e-learning material etc.	4.50	2.25
			Cost of providing hands on skill training/on the job training to students	2.40	1.20
			Cost of Assessment and Certification @ Rs. 600/- for Class X and XII	0.96	0.48
			Office Expenses/Contingencies (including expenditure on awareness & publicity, guidance and counselling, transport, field visits,	2.00	2.00
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction Training of 10 days and In-service training of 05 days for Teachers/Skill Trainers including re-training of existing vocational trainers in relevant job roles @ Rs. 300-500 per day per trainee 		

VII) SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
16	SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sports equipment will be provided under this component. Expenditure for meeting expenses on procuring sports equipment for indoor & outdoor games in convergence with Department of Sports. 	Up to Rs.5,000 for Primary school Up to Rs.10,000 for upper primary Up to Rs.25, 000 for Secondary and higher secondary

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scholarships under the scheme is made through an examination conducted by the State Governments and the lists of eligible students are provided by the respective State Government/UTs.

The scheme is boarded-on National Scholarship Portal. The Scholarships are disbursed through the State Bank of India, directly by electronic transfer into the accounts of students through Public Financial Management System (PFMS). 100% funds are provided by the Central Government for the Scheme.

In order to enhance accuracy and streamline the process of application verification and disbursement of scholarships under NSP, a special was undertaken for de-activation and re-registration of all Schools/Institutes.

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The NSIGSE scheme being re-designed for enhance effectiveness implementation.
