

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2018-19**

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## **INTRODUCTION:-**

Literacy level and educational attainment are vital indicators of development in a society. Attainment of total literacy among youth and adults is one of the goal of Sustainable Development Goals of UNESCO. Literacy rate and educational development are considered to be key variables affecting demographic indicators like fertility, mortality (especially infant mortality) rate and migration. It greatly contributes in improving quality of life, particularly with regard to life expectancy, infant mortality, learning levels and nutritional levels of children. Higher level of literacy and educational development lead to greater awareness on the one hand and help people in acquiring new skills on the other.

Literacy, the foundation of all education and lifelong learning, is an essential component of the right to education. However, in the State of Telangana, adult literacy remains an elusive goal.

Literacy and Adult Education are the important aspects that require urgent policy concern in the State. Although the Performance of the State in terms schooling and higher education improved and State has emerged as one of the better performing States in India, in terms of literacy, Telangana State has been remained as one of the backward States.

## **Literacy Profile:**

A person aged seven years and above who can read and write with understanding in any one language is considered as literate. It is widely reckoned that, in modern societies, literacy skills are fundamental to informed decision-making, personal empowerment and active and passive participation in the local and global social community.

According to the census of 2011, there are 3,11,04,508 persons in the age group of (7) years and above, comprising 1,55,93,698 males and 1,55,10,810 females in Telangana State. The literate part of this population consists of 2,06,96,778 persons, giving an overall literacy of 66.54 per cent, which is lower than the national average of 73%.

The Statement showing the details of literacy rates Urban, Rural and Gender wise in respect of Telangana and India is as follows:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Literacy Rate</b>	<b>Telangana State</b>	<b>All India</b>
1	Male	75.04	80.90
2	Female	57.99	64.60
3	Total	66.54	73.00
4	Rural Area	57.00	67.77
5	Urban Area	81.00	84.11
4	SC	58.90	66.10
5	ST	49.51	59.00

In Telangana State, there is a wide gap (24%) in literacy rates among Urban and Rural areas. The State shows significant difference in male (75%) and female (57.90%) literacy level.

### **Objective of the Department**

Adult Education Department was established on 02.10.1978 to eradicate illiteracy in the age group of 15 – 35 years. The main functions of the Adult Education Department are to plan and implement the Programme of eradication of illiteracy among the adults of 15+ age group in the State and to plan and implement the Continuing Education Programme scheme to sustain and furtherance of skills and also to create lifelong learning environment for the target group and others.

The Government of Telangana is committed to ensuring that Telangana will not be just a literate but a knowledgeable society capable of meeting the challenges posed by the 21<sup>st</sup> century and will provide avenues to every person to realize his or her full potential through equitable access to education opportunities. The vision is realized through universal elementary education of children upto the age of 14 and adult education for the people above the 15 years.

**STATE LITERACY MISSION AUTHORITY:-**

State Literacy Mission Authority (SLMA) has been set up as an independent and autonomous wing of the Department of School Education and Literacy to promote literacy and adult education and to achieve the goals spelt out in the **National/ State** Policy on Education. It is the operating and implementing organization at State level for all the activities envisaged in the State Literacy Mission and has to undertake such other activities for adult education as are considered appropriate. The diversified role of the Authority includes Policy and Planning of adult education, Implementation of literacy and adult education programme, Monitoring, Research and Evaluation, Advocacy and Environment Building, Technology Infusion, Capacity Building, National Cooperation and Publications.

**Organizational Structure:-**

The Director of Adult Education is the Head of the Department of the Adult Education. The department functions under the control of School Education Department. The Director is assisted by one Deputy Director and one Assistant Director with supporting staff at the Directorate of Adult Education. At the District level, the Adult Education Department has a Deputy Director in each district, supported by Project Officers, Assistant Project Officers, Supervisors and other supporting staff.

## **SAAKSHAR BHARAT:-**

Saakshar Bharat (SB), the new variant of the National Literacy Mission, was launched by the then Prime Minister, on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. Initially, the scheme was in operation till the end of XI Five Year Plan i.e., upto 31.03.2012. Subsequently, the Saakshar Bharat Programme has been extended for XII Five Year Plan (2012-17).

The Government of India sanctioned Saakshar Bharat Programme to all (9) low literacy districts of Telangana State excluding Hyderabad district to improve adult literacy and provide opportunities for continuing education. The Government of Telangana under the Department of Adult Education has implemented Saakshar Bharat Programme from 2010-11 to 2017-18. It was implemented upto 31.03.2018 in all 32 districts (including new districts carved out of erstwhile districts) except Hyderabad District. The Government of India proposed to replace the existing Saakshar Bharat Programme as “Padhana Likhna Abhiyan”. Guidelines for the modified programme are awaited.

### **Goals:**

- To raise literacy rate to 80% by the end of 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.
- To reduce gender gap to 10% points.
- To minimize regional and social disparities.

### **Focus:**

- Women, SCs, STs, Minorities and other excluded groups.
- Rural areas of low adult female literacy (adult female literacy rate of 50% or below, as per 2001 Census, is eligible for coverage) and all Left Wing Extremism Affected (LWEA) districts, irrespective of their literacy rate, are also eligible for coverage under the Programme.

**Objectives:-**

- Impart functional literacy and numeracy to non-literate and non-numerate adults;
- Enable the neo-literate adults to continue their learning beyond basic literacy and acquire equivalency to formal educational system;
- Impart non-literate and neo-literates relevant skill development programmes to improve their earning and living conditions.
- Promote a learning society by providing opportunities to neo-literate adults for Continuing Education.

**Coverage under Saakshar Bharat Programme**

- 32 low literacy districts in Telangana State excluding Hyderabad districts.
- 437 Mandals
- 8707 Gram Panchayats

**Progress made upto 31.03.2018**

Under Saakshar Bharat Programme, the following achievements were made since 08.09.2010 to 31.03.2018.

Sl. No.	Date of Examination	Appeared			Successful		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1	06.03.2011	848872	3202364	4051236	581558	2112951	2694510
2	20.08.2011						
3	18.03.2012						
4	26.08.2012						
5	17.03.2013						
6	25.08.2013						
7	09.03.2014						
8	24.08.2014	99508	466724	566232	70619	320031	390650
9	15.03.2015	67014	290949	357963	46419	195753	242172
10	23.08.2015	113174	472541	585715	77910	339398	417308
11	20.03.2016	151953	434678	586631	109129	314944	424073
12	21.08.2016	77574	239759	197998	55100	174231	229331
13	19.03.2017	65603	145296	210899	40789	89233	130022
14	20.08.2017	49621	149511	178532	33603	72002	105605
15	25.03.2018	25695	110418	136113	15928	76824	92752
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1499014</b>	<b>5512240</b>	<b>6871319</b>	<b>1031055</b>	<b>3695367</b>	<b>4726423</b>

## **Activities undertaken during 2018-19**

### **(i) Implementation of Literacy Programme in Jails:**

With the coordination of Prisons Department, Literacy programme is being implemented in all the District Jails. The Department of Adult Education has provided teaching and learning material and also imparted trainings to the Volunteers who impart teaching in all the Jails. The dates of trainings conducted in the Jails were as follows:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Dates of training held</b>	<b>Name of the District / Venue</b>
1.	04-06-2018 & 05-06-2018	Central Prison, Chanchalguda
2.	04-06-2018 & 05-06-2018	Central Prison Charlapalli
3.	04-06-2018 & 05-06-2018	State Jail for Women Chanchalguda
4.	06-06-2018 & 07-06-2018	District Jail Sangareddy
5.	06-06-2018 & 07-06-2018	District Jail Nalgonda
6.	06-06-2018 & 07-06-2018	District Jail Mahaboobnagar
7.	11-06-2018 & 12-06-2018	District Jail Warangal
8.	11-06-2018 & 12-06-2018	District Jail Nizamabad
9.	13-06-2018 & 14-06-2018	District Jail Karimnagar
10.	13-06-2018 & 14-06-2018	District Jail Khammam
11.	13-06-2018 & 14-06-2018	District Jail Adilabad



Telangana Prisons are aiming at complete transformation of Prisoners in all aspects to reduce recidivism and thereby reduce the crime in the Society. An unique programme of Vidhyadana Yojana is adopted during the year 2014 for providing education to inmates. For the last 3 years 1,11,000 non-literate prisoners were made literate.

**i. Computer Literacy Programme in Tirumalayapalem Mandal of Khammam district.**

In collaboration with Tata Consultative Service, Computer Literacy Programme was started in March, 2019. Fifteen (15) Centres were opened in Tirumalayapalem Mandal of Khammam District. Two Hundred and Twenty Five (225) Learners were enrolled in these Centres. This Programme was initiated on Pilot basis.

**(ii) Literacy Programme and Skill Developments Programmes in Manchiryal District:-**

- 100% Literacy Programme was taken up in the Rajiv Nagar, Manchiryal and Erraguntapally of Chennur Mandal by involving students.
- In Dandepally, tailoring training for 120 Neo-literates was organized with the help of Velugu Foundation.

**II. Settlement of Accounts of Saakshar Bharat Programme**

- ❖ District wise Audit of Saakshar Bharat Programme for the period from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2018 was completed by appointing the Chartered Accountant along with liabilities.
- ❖ Accounts of Saakshar Bharat Programme were submitted to the Government of India and Government of India have in turn issued the Utilization Certificate.

### **III. Preparation of Telangana Primer:-**

Separate Telangana Primer has been prepared by organizing various workshops and also got approval of the Government of India.

### **IV. Preparation of District Action Plans and State Action Plans:-**

District wise and State wise Action Plans have been prepared for implementation of Total Literacy Programme in all (33) Districts of Telangana State.

### **V. Conduct of training Programme to the Field Functionaries:-**

Conducted orientation Programmes to Adult Education Field Functionaries for enhancement of their capacity building.

### **VI. Literacy Programme in Hyderabad District:-**

The Deputy Director of Adult Education, Hyderabad district has furnished Action Plan with the approval of the District Collector, Hyderabad for implementation of Basic Literacy Programme among 40,000 non-literate Self Help Group Members with the help of GHMC, Hyderabad during the year 2018-19. The total cost of the Programme is Rs.40.00 lakhs @ Rs.100/- per Learner.

After examination of the Action Plan of Hyderabad Akshara Jyothi Samithi, Hyderabad, permission has been issued to the Deputy Director of Adult Education, Hyderabad district for implementation of the Basic Literacy Programme for coverage of 40,000 non-literates among Self Help Groups with a total cost of Rs.40.00 lakhs as proposed in the Action Plan. The programme is going on in the district.



## VII. Budget Estimates and Expenditure for the year 2018-19

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Budget Estimate for 2018-19	Expenditure 2018-19
1	State Level Administration	163.29	127.98
2	District Level Administration	2030.23	615.80
3	Saakshar Bharat Programme (CSS)	1135.58	170.32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3329.10</b>	<b>914.10</b>

### VII. Conclusion:

Government of India discontinued Saakshar Bharat Programme from 01.04.2018 and proposed to introduce new scheme. They have not yet finalized the new scheme guidelines. Thus no programme has been implemented in the State.