

6. PM SHRI – Economy

Recently, the Kerala government has joined PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India) scheme to secure funds for modernising government schools

Overview of PM-SHRI Scheme

Full Name – PM Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI)

Launch Year – 2022

Purpose – A centrally sponsored initiative to transform existing schools into model institutions aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Focuses on holistic, inclusive, and quality education for all students, from foundational learning to senior secondary levels.

Scale – Targeting over 14,500 schools across India for upgradation into model schools demonstrating best practices.

Funding Pattern

General States/UTs with legislature – 60% central, 40% state share.

Northeastern and Himalayan States & Jammu & Kashmir – 90% central, 10% state share.

UTs without legislature – 100% central funding.

Eligible Schools

Schools at all levels with a valid UDISE+ code, including –

Elementary – Classes 1–5 / 1–8

Secondary – Classes 1–10 / 6–10

Senior Secondary – Classes 1–12 / 6–12

Can include state-run, UT-run, municipal schools, as well as Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs).

Selection Process

Step 1 – State/UT MoU – States/UTs sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the NEP fully.

Step 2 – Shortlisting – Schools meeting minimum benchmarks (~60 parameters) are shortlisted.

Parameters include –

1. Infrastructure (classrooms, labs, library, playgrounds)
2. Electricity, sanitation, drinking water facilities
3. Teacher strength and student-teacher ratio

Step 3 – Physical Verification – Teams from States, KVs, and JNVs inspect applicant schools. Recommendations are submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Step 4 – Final Selection – Maximum of two schools per block/urban local body are selected –

1. One elementary school
2. One secondary/senior secondary school

Approved by an expert committee.

Relation with KVs and JNVs

Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) – Fully funded by the Union government. Primarily cater to children of central government employees.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) – Fully funded by the Union government. Focus on talented students in rural areas.

PM-SHRI Schools – Will upgrade existing schools, which can include KVs, JNVs, state-run, UT-run, or municipal schools.

Key Features of PM-SHRI Scheme

Infrastructure & Facilities –

1. Improved school buildings
2. ICT-enabled smart classrooms
3. Science and vocational labs

4. Libraries and annual grants for sports and library development

Early Childhood Care & Foundational Literacy – Programs like Balvatika for foundational skill development

Green Schools – Solar panels, LED lights. Nutrition gardens, waste management, water conservation. Promotes sustainability education

Holistic Education – Experiential, play-based, learner-centred pedagogy. Emphasis on mother tongue and local languages

Well-being and Counselling – Support for mental health, career guidance, sports, and arts.

Inclusive Infrastructure – Safe and accessible facilities for girls and children with special needs.

Character & Citizenship Education – Teaching about India's cultural contributions, nation-building, and fundamental duties

Monitoring & Evaluation – Regular assessment through School Quality Assessment Framework (SQUAF) Tracks progress and addresses implementation challenges

Significance

NEP 2020 Alignment – Embodies the vision of **holistic, inclusive, and equitable education** as envisaged by NEP 2020.

Promotion of Quality & Equity – Focuses on enhancing learning outcomes, infrastructure development, and inclusive access.

Integration with Existing Systems – Leverages existing school networks (state schools, KVs, JNVs) to demonstrate best practices in teaching, learning, and governance.

Sustainability & Environment – Promotes green and sustainable practices in school infrastructure and operations.

Community Engagement – Encourages participation of students, teachers, parents, and local communities in school development and governance.

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