

## **Scenario of Education in Rajasthan**

As per the 2001 Census, Rajasthan has recorded literacy rate of 61.03 percent, which is 22.48 percent higher than 38.55 percent recorded in 1991. Rajasthan has improved its position in ranking from second last to seventh among States/UTs in India.

Female literacy rate in the State is 44.34 percent as against 20.44 percent in 1991, a more than 100 percent increase during the decade. The State was awarded the 'Decade Literacy Award' and Decade Female Literacy Award' on National Literacy Day. The State Government is endeavoring to achieve the objective of total literacy in the State through various programmes/schemes like Shiksha Karmi Yojna, Lok Jumbish Project, District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), Total Literacy, Post Literacy and Continuing Literacy, etc.

The main educational programme which aims to achieve universalisation of Elementary Education is through the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan for which Government of India contributes 75 percent and the State contributes 25 percent. For the year 2005-06, the budget for SSA is Rs. 640 Crores.

### **Elementary Education**

Under a separate directorate, the Elementary Education programme of the State covers all classes from 1-8. There are over 1.20 crores children studying in these classes. The state is making a concentrated effort to reduce the level of drop out and to ensure that all children enter into classes.

### **Literacy Programme**

Total literacy campaign (TLC) aims at imparting functional literacy with emphasis on national integration, family welfare health care and eradication of social evils like child marriage, dowry etc. The Directorate of Literacy and Continuing Education has adopted the total literacy campaign as the dominant strategy since 1990. To give it a shape of public campaign, efforts are on to involve all classes of the society and social agencies like youth clubs, voluntary organizations, teachers, educational institutions and Panchyati Raj Institutions.

Under the total literacy programme 90.70 lacs illiterates have been identified. Out of these, 80.57 lacs have been enrolled by the end of Dec.2004. Amongst the enrolled persons 53.78 lacs are female. Out of the total beneficiaries 15.86 lacs S.C. and 15.84 lacs S. T. persons have been enrolled. Up to end of the year 2004, under Continuing Education programme 40.57 lacs persons have been benefited. Of these 4.73 lacs person belong to SC and 5.13 lacs to ST.

### **Secondary Education**

At present 6584 secondary and 3571 senior secondary schools are functioning in the State. A total of 17.50 lacs students in the age group of 14-17 years are studying in these schools. For expansion of secondary education in far-flung areas of the state, during educational session 2004-05, 401 upper primary schools have been upgraded to secondary and 206 secondary to senior secondary schools in the public sector. Besides, 883 upper primary and 477 secondary schools in the private sector have been upgraded to secondary and senior secondary schools respectively.

### **Higher Education**

At present, eleven universities are functioning in the state including six in general education, one Sanskrit, one Law and one Open University for distance learning. Apart from these, six university level institutions, 114 government colleges and 607 colleges in private sector -that includes 73 aided colleges -are also functioning. The number of girls colleges is 259 which are part of 607 colleges .In these institutions about 2 lacs regular and and 2.5 lacs private

students are studying.

Achievements during 2004-05 in the field of higher education are as under:

- 1- NOCs to start 228 new colleges in private sector were issued.
- 2- In 73 private colleges new subjects were started.
- 3- Permanent NOCs for 70 private colleges were issued.

#### Technical Education

Engineering: Private sector participation in technical education has yielded good results. The total number of engineering colleges in the private sector has gone up to 38, by including 6 previously running engineering colleges in the public sector. A total of 44 engineering colleges are now functioning in the State; the total intake capacity has gone up to 14055 during the year 2004-05.

No objection certificates have been issued to establish 8 proposals of engineering colleges including 2 proposals for Architecture course for the session 2005-06

Master of Computer Application (MCA): The number of private MCA institutes in the State has gone up to 19 in the year 2004-05. Thus, including 4 public sector MCA institutes, the total number of MCA institutes is now 23; the intake capacity is 1330 students per year. No objection certificates (NOCs) have been issued in respect of 3 institutes in the private sector for the session 2005-06.

Master of Business Administration (MBA): Private sector participation has also led to an increase in MBA institutes and the number has gone up to 32 in 2004-05. At present, in all 37 institutes are conducting MBA course including 5 Govt. Aided institutions. The total intake capacity of the institutions conducting MBA course is of 2350 students per year. Apart from this, NOCs have been issued to establish 6 institutes in the private sector for the year 2005-06.

Pharmacy Course: At present 18 Private and one Govt. aided Pharmacy institutes are conducting Degree Level Pharmacy Course (B-Pharma) with total intake capacity of 1100 students per year. Similarly, 16 Private and one Govt. aided Pharmacy institutions are conducting Diploma Level Pharmacy Course with total intake capacity of 969 students per year. Thus a total of 36 Pharmacy institutions are functioning in the State. NOCs for 26 proposals have been issued for the session of 2005-06.

Polytechnic: At present, 15 government co-education polytechnic colleges and 6 women polytechnic colleges are functioning in the State. These offer diploma level programs in various engineering branches. Besides, 2 private polytechnic colleges are also functioning. These colleges are offering engineering diploma in 18 disciplines and 6 non-engineering disciplines. The total intake capacity of these institutions is 2540.

Industrial Training Institute (ITI): At present 106 ITIs with 10,284 seats in the public sector, and 62 ITIs with 4956 seats in the private sector, are functioning in the State. The Government intends to setup ITIs at each Panchayat Samiti with the private sector participation.