

DMU (PMO) on Saakshar Bharat

Quarter ending March, 2012

STATUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SAAKSHAR BHARAT

- Districts covered so far are 372 belonging to 25 states and one U.T. (167 during 2009-10, 115 during 2010-11 and 90 during 2011-12).
- Rs. 1168.58 Crore released to States/UTs as Central Share to cover 7.58 crore non-literates in about 1, 61,953 Gram Panchayats of 4,441 Blocks.
- State Literacy Mission Authorities have been constituted /re-constituted in 25 States/UTs.
- 1,09,948 Lok Shiksha Samities at District/Block/Gram Panchayat level have been constituted.
- 92,076 Subsidiary Bank Accounts at SLMA/District/Block/Gram Panchayat level have been opened.
- 91,098 AECs have been set-up and 1,88,002 Preraks have been engaged.
- 6,666 Resource Persons 1,28,017 Master Trainers and 13,81,563 Volunteer Teachers have been trained.
- Door to door survey has been completed in 80,580 GPs and 4,24,54,206 potential learners have been identified.
- 2,16,455 Basic literacy Primers have been distributed at district level, 50,00,000 at Block level and 1,01,87,611 at GP level.
- 13,92,052 Literacy Centers have been started functioning covering 1,61,76,445 learners.

OTHER INITIATIVES

- National Literacy Mission Authority in association with Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti, an NGO conducted a nationwide mobilization campaign under the banner of Saakshar Bharat Yatra during February-March, 2012. The Yatra was organized through Kala Jathas which included audio visual programmes, road shows, public meetings, Pad Yatras, conventional, preparing People's Wall and People's Book. It was flagged off by the Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 18.2.2012. The Yatra covered 22 states, 180 districts, 1000 blocks and 16000 gram panchayats across the country and it was culminated on 25.3.2012 at New Delhi. Minister of Central & State Governments, Parliamentarians,

Legislators, local community leaders, eminent writers and other dignitaries including people from all walks of life actively participated and supported the cause of literacy. Over 4-5 lakh people took part in the Jatha and more than 30 lakhs in other programmes with a lot of enthusiasm and vigour to make Saakshar Bharat Yatra a grand success.

- Learners Assessment was conducted on 18th March, 2012, throughout the country in 23 states covering about 219 districts. Nearly 120 lakh learners have reportedly participated in the assessment test.
- Based on the MoU signed between NLMA and Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) in 2010-11, the CONCOR has further extended financial support of Rs.250 lakh February, 2012 for upgradation of 100 Adult Education Centres (AECs) to Model AECs in 5 states. Besides, Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. (REC) have also entered into MoU with NLMA on 18.1.2012 and 13.3.2012 respectively for extending financial support to facilitate and strengthen Adult Education in the country. Accordingly, both PFC & REC have provided financial assistance of Rs. 660 lakh and Rs. 1050 lakh for setting up of 264 AECs in 8 states and 320 AECs in 10 states respectively during this financial year.
- The National Literacy Mission Authority participated in the Republic Day Parade held on 26th January, 2012 with a tableau on 'Saakshar Bharat'. The tableau was awarded first prize. A trophy and a citation were received by JS (AE) & DG (NLMA) from Hon'ble Minister of Defense.
