



ADULT EDUCATION in States of North East India



20th August 2007



**Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh
received the Satyen Maitra Award for
the best performing TLC district in 2006**



National Literacy Mission

- Launched on May 5, 1988 to impart functional literacy to illiterates in 15-35 age group

Schemes

- Adult Education and Skill Development
(Total Literacy Campaign - TLC, Post Literacy Programme - PLP, Continuing Education Programme – CEP, Project for Residual Illiteracy – PRI)

Funding TLC, PLP 2:1(4:1 in tribal districts)

CE 100% 1st 3 years, 50:50 4th– 5th year

- Support to NGOs/Institutions/SRCs for Adult Education & Skill Development'

(Jan Shikshan Sansthan - JSS, State Resource Centre - SRC, Field and Innovative Projects)



Literacy Scenario in North East

Census 2001	Total	Male	Female
Mizoram	88.80	90.72	86.75
Tripura	73.19	81.02	64.91
Manipur	70.53	80.33	60.53
Sikkim	68.81	76.04	60.40
Nagaland	66.59	71.16	61.46
India	64.84	75.26	53.67
Assam	63.25	71.28	54.61
Meghalaya	62.56	65.43	59.61
Arunachal Pradesh	54.34	63.83	43.53



Projected Female Literacy Rates

	2001	2006 *	with % growth rate of 1.44	Projected rate to achieve 80%	Projected rate to achieve 75%
Tripura	64.91	72.11	79.31	1.58	
Nagaland	61.46	68.66	75.86	2.27	1.27
Manipur	60.53	67.73	74.93	2.45	1.45
Sikkim	60.40	67.60	74.8	2.48	1.48
Meghalaya	59.61	66.81	74.01	2.64	1.64
Assam	54.61	61.81	69.01	3.64	2.64
Arunachal Pradesh	43.53	50.73	57.93	5.85	4.85



Lowest Literacy Districts (out of 150 identified country wide)

Arunachal Pradesh

East Kameng

Tirap

Lower Subansiri

Tawang

Upper Siang

Upper Subansiri

Changlang

Nagaland

Mon

Tuensang

Assam

Dhubri

Kokrajhar

Darrang



Status of Literacy Programmes

	No of districts	TLC	PLP	CE	PRI	SRC	JSS
Arunachal Pradesh	15	5	10	-	-	-	1
Assam	23	14	8	-	-	1	3
Manipur	9	1	8	-	-	-	3
Meghalaya	7	4	3	-	-	1	-
Mizoram	8	-	-	8	4	-	1
Nagaland	8	8	-	-	-	-	1
Sikkim	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Tripura	4	-	-	4	3	1	1



Highlights

- Campaign mode has been adopted largely on a voluntary basis in a number of districts, despite several problems
- Primers prepared in nearly 45 tribal dialects with association of NLM
- Tripura has reportedly achieved 80% literacy rate as assessed in a study carried out by Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
- All 8 districts in Mizoram have completed 5 years of CE. As per the norms, programme should be taken over now by the State fully
- States with no separate Directorates of AE - Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura



Major Stumbling Blocks

- **Slow pace of implementation of the programmes in almost all the states. Project period - Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) 18 months and Post Literacy Programme (PLP) 12 months, has been exceeded and projects are dragging for several years at a stretch**
- **Continuing Education Programme is also not picking up and utilisation of funds is extremely slow**
- **Monthly Monitoring Meetings at the state level to review the programme and take corrective measures not held regularly**
- **Some States not releasing the state share, delaying release of the subsequent installments of central grant and in turn delaying the sanction of the next phase of the literacy programme**
- **Delayed submission of the Utilisation Certificate by most of the districts implementing the projects**



The Road Ahead

- Review of literacy programmes to be included in the periodic reviews of Governors / CMs / CS
- Timely release of State shares for TLC, PLP and CE
- Campaigns to be completed on time and extension, if absolutely unavoidable, should be sought
- Independent Directorate of AE to be set up in every State with a full time Director and functional SLMA
- CE Centres may be provided accommodation in community or panchayat buildings. Alternatively, buildings can be constructed from MPLAD/MLALAD and other development funds
- Zilla Saksharta Samitis need to be revitalized by ensuring participation of socially committed persons including NGOs



The Road Ahead

- **Target specific programmes should be introduced in CE Centres**
- **Equivalency Programme may also be taken up with the help of NIOS, State Open Schools and SRCs**
- **Functional literacy – convergence with other development programmes**
- **Orientation workshops must be held for District Collectors – full support from NLM**
- **States may arrange study tours of the best practices in other States**
- **State governments may request donor agency to include funding for functional literacy in all externally aided projects (NLM has already received positive response from DEA)**



Revamped Strategy for XI Plan

- Amalgamation of Total Literacy, Post Literacy and Continuing Education Programme into a broad based Lifelong Education and Awareness Programme (LEAP)
- Restructuring of the Zilla Saksharata Samiti by integrating them with the Panchayati Raj system over the Plan period
- Multifunctional, single information window
- Skill development for neoliterates through vocational linked literacy programmes both for income generation and equivalency
- Use of ICT for Literacy

Focus Areas for XI Plan

- Low literacy areas (female illiteracy and Northern States), Tribal areas, NE India, SC, ST, females and other disadvantaged groups, Muslim minorities, Adolescents, Disabled



Panchayat Based Literacy Programme

- **Programme for achieving 100% literacy in Gram Panchayats**
- **Incentives to panchayats for taking up literacy drive**
- **Camp based literacy (residential) /Non-residential for Panchayati Raj representatives**
- **Under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, a strong component of literacy has been included**



Some Innovations

- **Kerala and West Bengal** - Association of panchayats in the implementation of literacy programmes
- **Maharashtra, Kerala, Rajasthan** - Equivalency
- **Rajasthan** - 16,000 female literacy camps organized since last 2 years benefiting nearly 3 lakh women
- **Karnataka** - 'Kalike Galike' i.e. 'Earn While You Learn' covers 8 lakh illiterate women from among the 1.25 lakh 'Stree Shakti' self-group groups
- **Andhra Pradesh** – Bapuji Vignana Kendras- 384 CECs have been identified for convergence with CE/library/open school; Akshara Bharati – Basic literacy programme in 13 districts
- **Kerala** – Braille literacy, now digital braille literacy
- Preparation of primers in tribal dialects.



International Conferences

- **Conference for E9 countries on ICT for Literacy, Bangalore, 4-6 October 2007**
- **Sub Regional Conference on Global Literacy for South, South West & Central Asia region, New Delhi, 29-30 November 2007**

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