

NIPUN BHARAT SCHEME

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Context:

Recently, minister of state in the ministry of education, replied to questions on NIPUN BHARAT in Rajya Sabha.

Background:

This initiative aligns with the National Education Policy 2020.

Key Takeaways :

1. The National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) is a significant educational mission launched by the Ministry of Education.
2. Its primary goal is to ensure that every child in the country attains foundational literacy and numeracy skills by the end of Grade 3.

Key points about NIPUN Bharat:

1. Objective: Achieve universal foundational literacy and numeracy in primary schools by 2025.
2. Age Group: NIPUN Bharat focuses on children aged 3 to 9 years, including pre-school to Grade 3.
3. Implementation Mechanism: The mission establishes a five-tier implementation mechanism at the National, State, District, Block, and School levels across all States and Union Territories. It operates under the Samagra Shiksha centrally sponsored scheme.
4. Universal Acquisition of Skills: All Government, Government-Aided, and Private Schools are expected to work towards achieving universal foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) skills by 2026-27.

Key Areas of Focus:

1. Access and Retention: Ensuring children have access to quality education during their foundational years.
2. Teacher Capacity Building: Enhancing teacher skills to effectively teach literacy and numeracy.
3. Quality Learning Materials: Developing high-quality and diverse student and teacher resources.
4. Progress Tracking: Monitoring each child's progress in achieving learning outcomes.