

Kids' basic reading ability at pre-2012 levels

Decline Visible In Both Govt & Pvt Schools In Most States

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New Delhi: The basic reading ability of children in India has dropped to pre-2012 levels, while basic maths skills have gone back to 2018 levels, the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022 launched on Wednesday highlighted, showing the reversal of slow improvement achieved in the intervening years.

The decline is visible in both government and private schools in most states, and among both boys and girls. The annual education status report for rural India showed that 43.9% of Class I children cannot read a letter, while only 12% can read a complete word. Around 37.6% of children in Class I cannot read numbers 1 to 9. The report said the percentage of children in Class III in government or private schools who can read at Class II level dropped from 27.3% in 2018 to 20.5% in 2022. Large drops are also visible in Andhra Pradesh (from 22.6% to 10.3%) and Telangana (from 18.1% to 5.2%).

While the maximum drop in reading abilities has been recorded in states like Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana, the drop in arithmetic levels is severe in Tamil Nadu, Mizoram and Haryana.

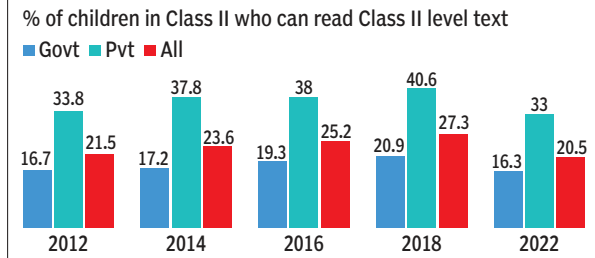
The ASER reading test assessed whether a child can read letters, words, a simple paragraph at Class I level of difficulty, or a 'story' at Class II level of difficulty. "The percentage of children in Class III in government or private schools who can read at Class II level dropped from 27.3% in 2018 to 20.5% in 2022. This decline is visible in every state and for children in both government and private schools," the report stated.

States showing a decline of more than 10 percentage points from 2018 levels include those that had higher reading levels in 2018, such as Kerala (from 52.1% in 2018 to 38.7% in 2022), Himachal Pradesh (from 47.7% to 28.4%), and Haryana (from 46.4% to 31.5%).

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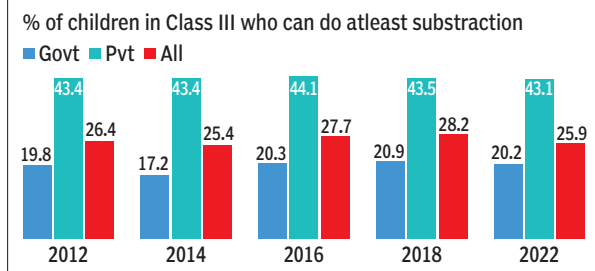
Children in the age group of 5-16 are assessed in 19 languages					
% of children by grade & reading level 2022					
Class	Not even a letter	Letter	Word	Class I level text	Class II level text
I	43.9	35.3	12	4.3	4.5
II	22.3	36.2	20.3	10.1	11.1
III	14.5	27.6	22.4	15.1	20.5
IV	8.9	20.6	20.1	18.9	31.5
V	6.1	14.9	16.4	19.9	42.8
VI	4.4	10.6	13	19.2	52.8
VII	3.1	8	9.7	17.1	62.1
VIII	2.5	5.8	7.5	14.7	69.5

Trends over time



% of children by grade and arithmetic level					
Recognise numbers					
Class	Not even 1-9	1-9	11-99	Subtract	Divide
I	37.6	36.8	19.8	4.1	1.7
II	16.9	36.1	33.1	10.1	3.9
III	9.8	27.6	36.8	17.6	8.3
IV	5.8	20.2	35.3	22.9	15.9
V	3.7	14.6	31.8	24.3	25.6
VI	2.8	10.2	30.4	24.9	31.7
VII	1.9	7.3	28.3	24.7	37.8
VIII	1.6	5.2	25.5	23.1	44.6

Trends over time



Large drops are also visible in Andhra Pradesh (from 22.6% to 10.3%) and Telangana (from 18.1% to 5.2%). "Nationally, the proportion of children enrolled in Class V in government or private schools who can at least read a Class II level text fell from 50.5% in 2018 to 42.8% in 2022. States where this indicator held steady or improved marginally include Bihar, Odisha, Manipur, and Jharkhand. "States showing a decrease of 15 percentage points or more include Andhra Pradesh (from 59.7% in 2018 to 36.3% in 2022), Gujarat (from 53.8% to 34.2%), and Himachal Pradesh (from 76.9% to 61.3%). Drops of more than 10 percentage points are visible in Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Haryana, Karnataka, and Maharashtra," it said.

Rural school enrolments in 6-14 age group reaches 98%

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New Delhi: Despite school closures during the pandemic, overall enrolment figures have increased from 97.2% in 2018 to 98.4% in 2022, recording the highest enrolment for the 6-14 age group, according to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022.

The annual status of education in rural India also highlighted that now almost one-third of the students from classes I to VIII are now taking paid private tuitions.

The big turnaround during this period is the rebound of enrolment in government schools. Government school enrolment in this age group had seen a steady decline from 2006 to 2014 to record 64.9% and remained around that figure till 2018.

In 2018 it increased to 65.6% and thereafter reached

72.9% in 2022. This is visible in all states/UTs in the country.

Another improvement marker highlighted in ASER 2022 released on Wednesday is the lowest ever rate for the proportion of girls out of school — down to 2% from 4.1% in 2018 and 10.3% in 2006. This becomes significant as nationally now a lesser number of girls in the 15 to 16 age group are out of school.

However, MP, UP and Chhattisgarh present causes for concern since they continue to have more than 10% of these older age group girls out of schools.

ASER 2022 returned after a gap of four years, reaching 616 rural districts. This year's data comes after schools reopened after prolonged closures due to the Covid pandemic.

The latest study surveyed a total of 19,060 villages in rural India, which include 3,74,544 households and 6,99,597 children in the age group 3 to 16.

The report also observed that the proportion of government schools with less than 60 students enrolled has increased every year over the last decade. Nationally, this figure was 17.3% in 2010, 24% in 2014, 29.4% in 2018, and stands at 29.9% in 2022.

The states with the highest proportion of small schools in 2022 include Himachal (81.4%) and Uttarakhand (74%).

However, some states show a decrease in the fraction of small schools, such as UP (from 10.4% in 2018 to 7.9% in 2022) and Kerala (from 24.1% in 2018 to 16.2% in 2022).

Girl flees home, raped in train

Kanpur: A civic worker of the carriage and wagon department of the Railways has been arrested for allegedly raping a minor schoolgirl in a train standing at the railway station in Etawah. The crime, which took place on January 15, came to light after the girl's parents lodged an FIR on January 17.

The class 10 student had left house after being scolded by parents to reach her grandfather's place in Mahoba but inadvertently boarded the Jhansi-Etawah Intercity train. When it reached Etawah, all passengers got down and she stayed in the compartment. A civic worker who came to clean the train raped her on the pretext of helping her, police said.

NOTICE
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The office of the Accountant General (Audit-II), Gujarat, Ahmedabad invites sealed quotations for interested bidders for disposal of Scrap items in single bid system on 'as is where is' basis. Interested Bidder may inspect the scrap items and submit information in the Proforma as prescribed in the tender document as per time schedule mentioned in Notice. Bidders may collect tender related documents from the General Office Management section, O/o The Accountant General (Audit-II), Gujarat as per stipulated date and time and also download from official website <https://cag.gov.in/ag2/gujarat/en> (Contact no: 079-26473821, 824).

Sealed quotations, duly filled in specified Proforma addressed to the "Sr. Audit Officer" General Office Management section, O/o The Accountant General (Audit-II) Gujarat, Ahmedabad-380009" must reach latest by 5 pm on 25 January 2023.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 13th January, 2023

S.O. 252 (E). - Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 3591(E) dated 01 August, 2022 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (i) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH 754K on the stretch of land from Km. 263.800 to Km. 269.500 (Mauvana-Vauva Section) in the district of Patan in the state of GUJARAT;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Times of India" and "Divya Bhaskar" both dated 05-08-2022; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas No objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structures, falling within the NH 754K in the stretch of land from Km. 263.800 to Km. 269.500 (Missing Link between Mauvana to Vauva) on NH 754K in the district of Patan in the state of GUJARAT.

State : GUJARAT					
District : Patan					
Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Santalpur					
Village: Vauva					
1	104	Government	Gauchar	0.0241	Forest Department 104
2	106	Government	Government West Land	0.03	Government 106
3	108	Private	Agriculture	0.0203	Ayar Kanabhai Bhurabhai 108
4	109p	Private	Agriculture	0.0466	Ayar Dalabhai Jivanbhai 109p
5	1166	Private	Agriculture	0.0191	Ayar Raniben Devdabhai Ayar Rudiben Lalabhai Ayar Sakhiben Madevbhai Kakuben Virambhai Debbabhai Ayar Dashrathbhai Debbabhai Ayar 1166
6	1169	Private	Agriculture	0.0516	Koli Valabhai Dhanabhai, Koli Raydhanbhai Dhanabhai, Koli Babubhai Dhanabhai 1169
7	1279	Private	Agriculture	0.0181	Ayar Alabhai Khodabhai 1279
8	1282	Private	Agriculture	0.0003	Ayar Lumbhabhai Vaghabhai 1282
9	1283	Private	Agriculture	0.0153	Ayar Jivanbhai Nodhabhai 1283
10	1295	Private	Agriculture	0.0426	Jadeja Ratanisinh Chanubha, alias Chandansinh, Jadeja Govindji Jorubha, Jadeja Karansinh Dipubha 1295
11	1296	Private	Agriculture	0.0109	Ahir Gangdashbai Jivanbhai, Ahir Manabhai Jivanbhai, Ahir Mulabhai Jivanbhai, Ahir Vibhabhai Jivanbhai 1296
12	130	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.0007	Ayar Lalabhai Bhurabhai 130
13	1316/A	Government	Gauchar	0.0034	Government 1316/A
14	131p	Private	Agriculture	0.0131	Ayar Nodhabhai Dosabhai, Ayar Mahadevbhai Khengabhai 131p
15	23	Government	Agriculture	0.0054	Government 23
16	24	Private	Agriculture	0.0431	Raniben Jivanbhai Ayar, Ramabhai Jivanbhai Ayar, Bharathbai Jivanbhai Ayar, Ashaben Jivanbhai Ayar 24
17	25	Private	Agriculture	0.0116	Ayar Patabhai Ratanabhai 25
18	26p	Private	Agriculture	0.0681	Jadeja Ranjisinh Chandubha, Jadeja Ganshyamsinh Sedubha, Jadeja Jawansinh Jilubha 26p
19	35	Private	Agriculture	0.0133	Ayar Devayathbai Bhurabhai, Ayar Rudiben Ranabhai, Ayar Jivanbhai Ranabhai, Ayar Vajabhai Ranabhai, Ayar Ishwarbhai Ranabhai 35
20	36	Private	Agriculture	0.0344	Ayar Jeesangbhai Jasabhai 36
21	936/p1	Private	Agriculture	0.0097	Ayar Valabhai Manabhai 936/p1
22	944	Private	Agriculture	0.0294	Ayar Hansiben Ravabhai, Madevbhai Jivabhai Ayar, Kakuben Jivabhai Ayar, Pamiben Jivabhai Ayar, Madevbhai Manabhai Ayar, Valabhai Manabhai Ayar, Alabhai Bhurabhai Ahir, Badhiben Bhurabhai Ahir 944
23	962	Private	Agriculture	0.0508	Rameshbhai Vajerambhai Brahmin, Pravinbhai Vajerambhai Brahmin 962
24	97	Private	Agriculture	0.0769	Ayar Waliben Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Jamuben Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Virbhanbhai Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Ranabhai Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Savabhai Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Kakuben Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Rajayben Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Sakhiben Lagdhirbhai, Ayar Saviben Lagdhirbhai 97
25	99	Private	Agriculture	0.0197	Ayar Saviben Jeesangbhai, Ayar Badhiben Jeesangbhai, Ayar Pravinbhai Jeesangbhai, Ayar Mohanbhai Jeesangbhai 99
				TOTAL	0.6585

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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

NCM to govt: Add 'holy/religious' to notification on Samed Shikharji

New Delhi: Stating that the Centre and the Jharkhand government have decided that the Jain site of Samed Shikharji will remain a place of pilgrimage and not be converted into a tourism hub, National Commission for Minorities chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura on Wednesday said authorities have also been asked to add the word "holy/religious" to the notification in place of tourist site.

"Jains all over the country were protesting against declaring Samed Shikharji Hill as a tourist place. NCM took up the matter with the Jharkhand government and the ministry of environment and forests. The Centre and the Jharkhand government have decided that it will remain a pilgrim place. No alcohol or meat will be allowed there," Lalpura said at a press conference at the NCM headquarters in Delhi.

A hearing in this matter was held in NCM on Tuesday, he added. "The concerned authorities have been advised to review the government notification to add the word 'holy/religious' so that the sanctity of the area can be maintained. This will resolve the long pending demand of the Jain community," Lalpura said. He said that the Jharkhand government has assured that it would issue an official order in the matter soon.

First trans kitchen opens in Chennai

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Chennai: For Sanjana, her skills in rustling up mouthwatering biryani has been a game-changer. The transsexual, who was into prostitution and begging for over 15 years, mastered the art of making the dish, which helped her bag a job as a cooking master at Chennai Trans Kitchen, the first transsexual-only restaurant in Chennai, the third in Tamil Nadu. The restaurant was inaugurated in Kolathur on Wednesday.

"I lived on streets in Mumbai, Pune and Chennai. Those 15 years were horrible but it was the only way I could make a living," said Sanjana. "I thought there was no way out until I met Jeeva akka, the proprietor of Chennai Trans Kitchen."

L&T Financial Services

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	Property Address-Flat No. AC-4 Admeasuring 3875 Sq.Feet In Tower C On Fourth Floor Having Total Super Built Up Area Admeasuring 3875 Sq.feet In Utopian Corner Out Of 8218 Sq.mtrs Situated In Land Bearing Revenue Survey No. 692, 693, 694/1, 694/2, 695/1, T.P. Scheme No. 2, F.P. Nos. 81, 82, 85, 86 And 87, In The Sim Of Village Ankodra, Sub District And District Vadodra-	BRDHL16 000146, BRDHL16 000143, BRDHL16 000164, BRDHL20 000057, BRDHL16 000145	24th December 2022	Rs. 7,49,812.50/-	Rs. 2,60,61,019.43	Rs. 74,98,125/-	13/02/2023	20/02/2023 At 3PM

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