An Overview of India's Economic Challenges

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Discussion Questions

- Is Healthcare a luxury good?
- Do policy reforms and actual development go hand in hand?
- Do our current education policies strive towards Rabindranath Tagore's views on education as harmony with environment, universality, independence, self-realization?

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For Middle
Income Trap:
PM's Economic
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HEALTHCARE

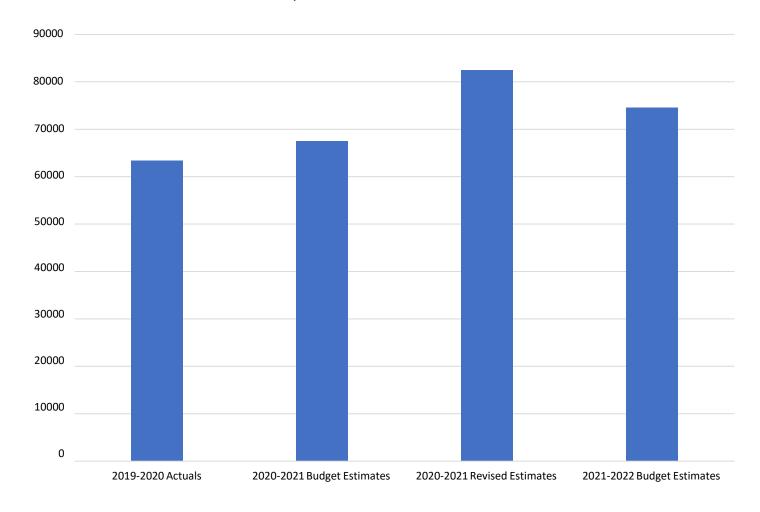
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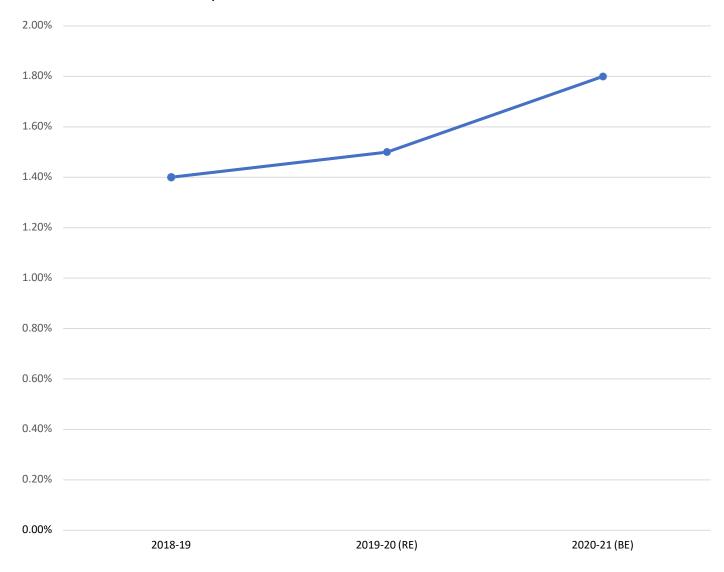
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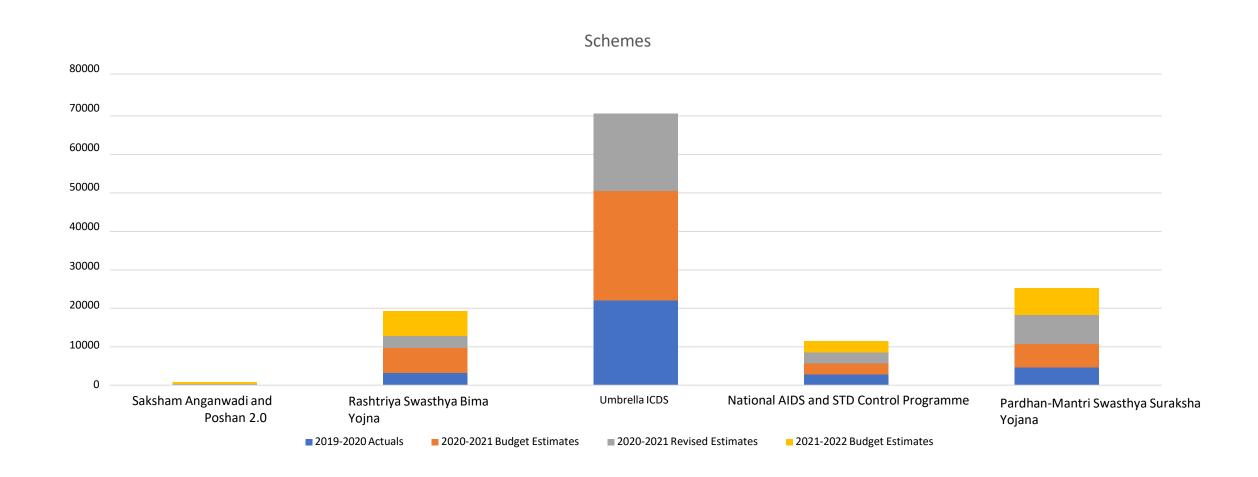


Programs on Health

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| Programs | outlay |
| Min. of Health and Family Welfare | 73932 Crores |
| Total outlay for Health and well-being | 2,23,846 crores |
| PM Atma Nirbhar Swasthya Bharat Yojana | Rs. 64,180 crore |
| Integrated Public Health Labs | Highlights |
| critical health care hospital blocks in 602 districts. | |
| strengthening NCDC Expanding integrated | |
| health information portal | |
| Introduction of National Commission for | |
| Allied Healthcare Professionals Bill | |
| Mission Poshan 2.0 to improve nutritional | |
| outcomes across 112 aspirational districts. | |
| Pneumococcal vaccine | |
| urban Jal Jeevan Mission | |
| | 2.87 lakh crore |
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| Air pollution | 2217 crores |
| COVID19 Vaccines | Rs. 35, 000 crore |

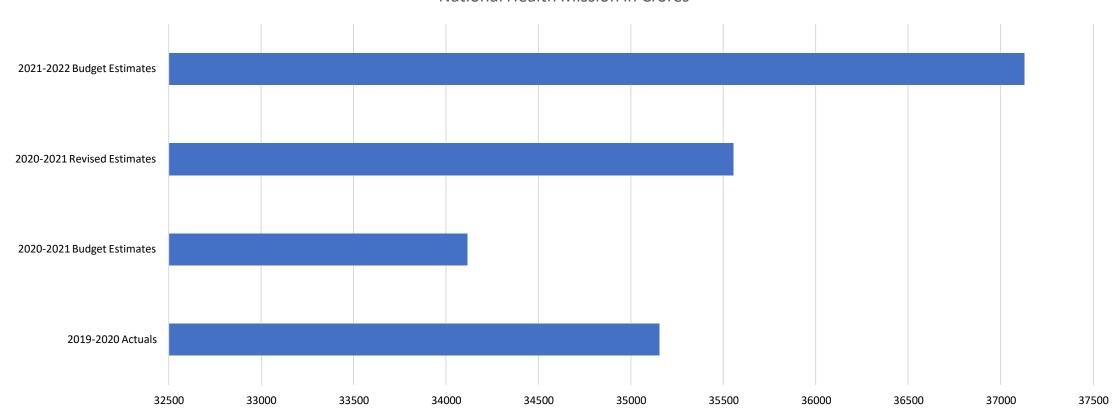
| | Financial Outlay |
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| Schemes | 2021-22 |
| National Rural Health Mission | 30100 Crores |
| National Urban Health Mission | 1000 Crores |
| Human Resources for Health and | |
| Medical Education | 4800 Crores |
| Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri | |
| Jan ArogyaYojana | 6400 Crores |

Schemes (in Crores)

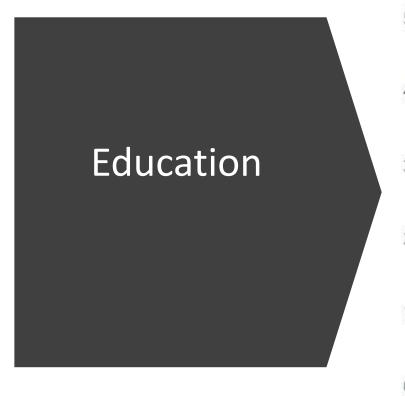


National Health Mission (in Crores)

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Spending On Education Down Since 2014





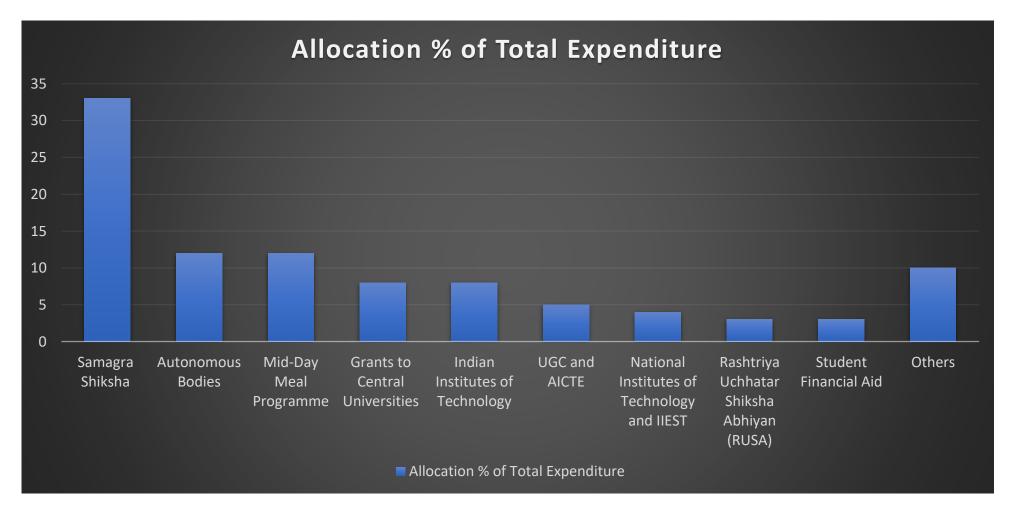


*Revised Estimates

**Budget Estimates

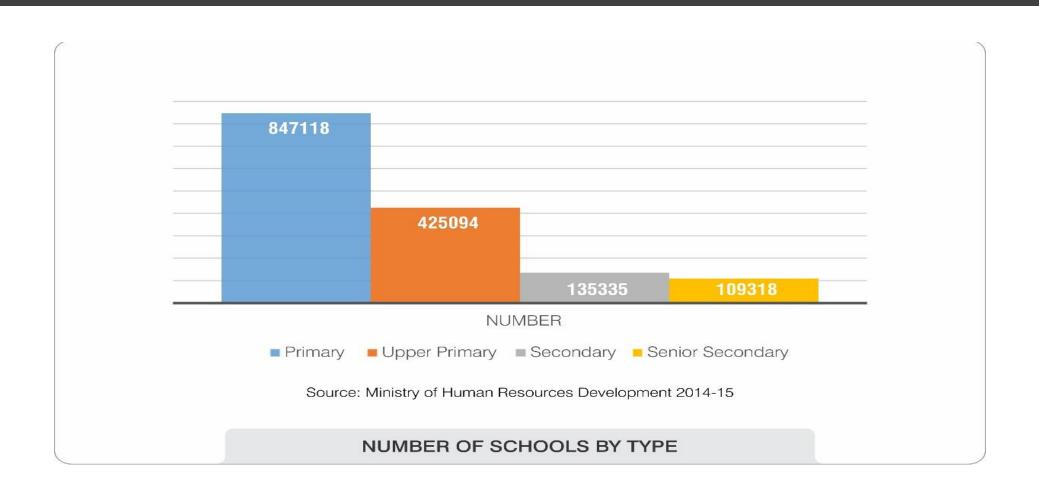
Source: Government of India Budget Documents

Major heads of expenditure under the Ministry of Education (2021-22)



Sources: Expenditure Budget - Ministry of Education, 2021-22; PRS.

Trends in Education



Impact of Covid-19 on Education

- Lockdown shifted the mode of teaching from offline to online.
- In 2020-21, Rs 818 crore was allocated by the central government across states to promote online learning, while Rs 268 crore for online teacher training under **Samagra Shiksha** to ensure professional development of teachers.
- Percentage of students in government and private schools owning a smartphone increased from 36.5% in 2018 to 61.8% in 2020 in rural India.

Initiatives for Education during pandemic

- **PM eVidya-** All states were provided access to various e-content through the web portal DIKSHA. The e-content included courses for students, channels for telecasting educational programmes and a channel for differently abled children.
- Swayam MOOCs- 92 online massive open online courses (MOOCs) were provided to open school students in Class 9-12
- National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER) NROER was created with around 17,500 e-contents for various school subjects in all classes.
- Manodarpan- This initiative was part of the Aatma Nirbhar Abhiyaan, which aimed at providing psychological support to students, parents, and teachers.

National Education Policy (NEP)

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

Major Reforms in NEP

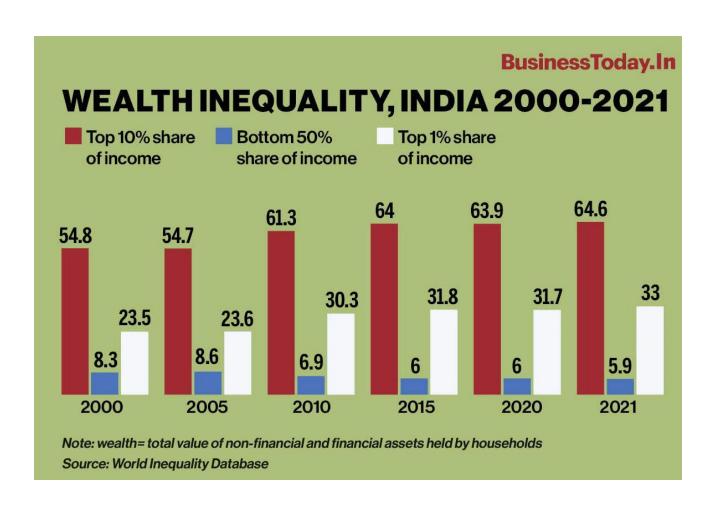
- 50 % Gross Enrolment Ratio by 2035
- Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education -Flexibility of Subjects
 - Multiple Entry / Exit
 - UG Programs 3 or 4 years
 - PG Programs 1 or 2 years
 - Integrated 5-year Bachelor's / Master's
 - M Phil to be discontinued
- Credit Transfer and Academic Bank of Credits
- HEIs: Research Intensive/Teaching Intensive Universities and Autonomous Degree Granting Colleges
- Model Multidisciplinary Education and Research University (MERU)

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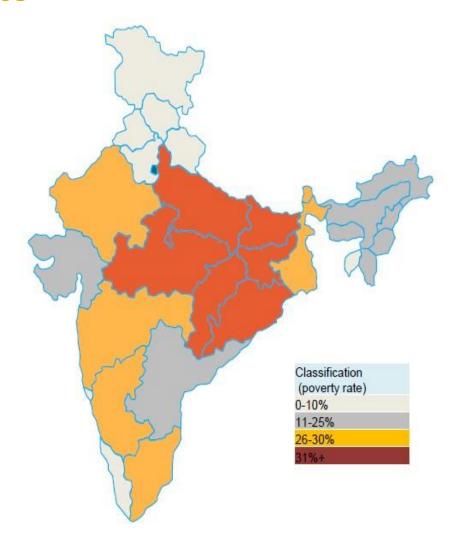
- Graded Autonomy: Academic, Administrative & Financial
- Phasing out Affiliation System in 15 years
- National Mission on Mentoring
- Independent Board of Governors (BoG)
- Single Regulator for Higher Education (excluding Legal and Medical)
- On-line Self Disclosure based Transparent System for Approvals in place of 'Inspections'
- Common Norms for Public and Private HEIs
 - Private Philanthropic Partnership
 - Fee fixation within Broad Regulatory Framework
- Public Investment in Education Sector to reach 6% of GDP at the earliest

POVERTY AND INCOME INEQUALITY

Redistribution of income and wealth: A lost hope or an achievable task?

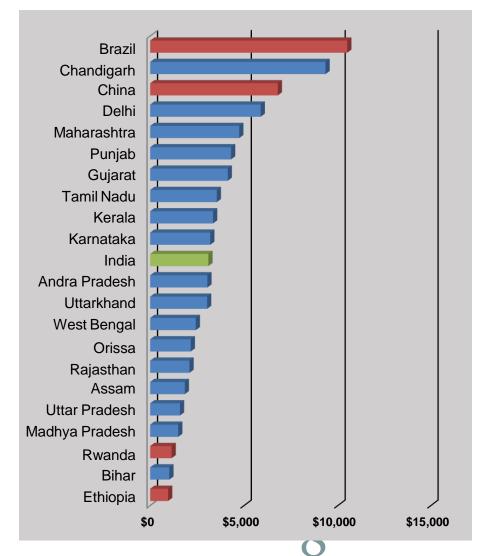


Concentration of poverty in states



Per capita incomes – a comparative lens on







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