

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN, BHADRAK

INTRODUCTION:

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a flagship programme which provides an effort to universalize elementary education by community-ownership of the school system. It is in response to the demand for quality basic education all over the country. The SSA programme is also an attempt to provide an opportunity for improving human capabilities to all children through provision of community-owned quality education in a Mission mode.

WHAT IS SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN?

- ✚ A programme with a clear time frame for universal elementary education.
- ✚ A response to the demand for quality basic education all over the country.
- ✚ An opportunity for promoting social justice through basic education.
- ✚ An effort at effectively involving the Panchayati Raj Institutions, School Management Committees, Village and urban Slum level Education Committees, Parent Teachers Associations, Mother Teacher Associations, Tribal Autonomous Councils and other grass root level structures in the management of elementary schools.
- ✚ An expression of political will for universal elementary education across the country.
- ✚ A partnership between the Central, State and the local Govt.
- ✚ An opportunity for States to develop their own vision of elementary education.

AIMS OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN:

- ❖ The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is to provide useful and relevant elementary education for all children in the 6 to 14 age group by 2010. There is also another goal to bridge social, regional and gender gaps, with the active participation of the community in the management of schools.

- ❖ Useful and relevant education signifies a quest for an education system that is not alienating and that draws on community solidarity. Its aim is to allow children to learn about and master their natural environment in a manner that allows the fullest harnessing of their human potential both spiritually and materially. This quest must also be a process of value based learning that allows children an opportunity to work for each others well being rather than to permit mere selfish pursuits.

- ❖ Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan realizes the importance of Early Childhood Care and Education and looks at the 0-14 age as a continuum. All efforts to support pre-school learning in ICDS centers or special pre-school centre in non ICDS areas will be made to supplement the efforts being made by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

MISSION STATEMENT OF SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN:

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission strives to secure the right to quality basic education for all children in the 6-14 years age group. The goals of the SSA Mission are:

- Enrolment of all children in schools, Education Guarantee Centre, Alternate school, ' Back-to-School' camp by 2005.

- Retention of all children till the upper primary stage by 2010.

- Bridging of gender and social category gaps in enrolment, retention and learning.

- Ensuring that there is significant enhancement in the learning achievement levels of children at the primary and upper primary stage.

INTERVENTION OF SARVA SIKSHYA ABHIYAN

Sarva Sikshya Abhiyan consists of different intervention as follows

- 1 Girls Education headed by Girls Education Coordinator
- 2 Sc & St Education headed by Sc & St Coordinator
- 3 Pedagogy Intervention headed by Pedagogy Coordinator
- 4 IED(Inclusive Education for Disables) headed by IED & Media Coordinator
- 5 Planning Intervention headed by Planning Coordinator
- 6 MIS(Management Information System) headed by MIS Programmer
- 7 Finance Intervention headed by Financial Consultant
- 8 Civil Intervention headed by Senior Technical Consultant

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is a national programme of Government of India for achievement of Universalization of Elementary Education (UEE) in a time bound manner, as mandated by 86th amendment to the Constitution of India making free and compulsory Education to the Children of 6-14 years age group, a Fundamental Right. In Odisha SSA has been implemented in 30 districts since 2001 with the following objectives –

- Universal Access..
- Universal Enrolment.
- Universal Retention.
- Bridge all gender and social category gaps at primary stage and at Upper Primary stage .
- Focus on Elementary Education of satisfactory quality with focus on education for life.

In the present phase of SSA, it is mandatory to ensure that the approach and strategies for universalising elementary education are in conformity with the rights perspective mandated under the RTE Act. The RTE Act provides that 'Every child of the age of 6-14 years shall have a right to free and compulsory education in a neighbourhood school till completion of elementary education. Free education is defined as 'removal of any financial barrier by the state that prevents a child from completing eight years of schooling'. 'Compulsory education' means obligation of the appropriate government to provide free elementary education and ensure compulsory admission, attendance and completion of elementary education to every child in the six to fourteen age group.