

Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA)

Introduction

- In the light of the National Education Policy , RUSA Scheme has been launched as “Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan PM- USHA” vide DO letter No : 24-1/2021-U.Policy Dated 24th June 2023.
- PM USHA is focusing in a) Equity Access and inclusion in higher education b) developing Quality Teaching & Learning processes, c) Accreditation of Non Accredited Institutions and improving accreditation. d) ICT – based Digital Infrastructure. e) Enhancing Employability through Multidisciplinary.

Institutional Structure

- **Central Level:**

- National Mission Authority : Chaired by Hon'ble Minister Education.
- PAB : Chaired by Secretary Higher Education , Gol
- National Project Directorate
- Technical Support Group

- **State Level :**

- State Higher Education Council (SHEC)
- State Project Directorate
- State Technical Support Group

- **Institution Level :**

- Board of Governors
- Project Monitoring Unit

Difference in the objectives of earlier phases of RUSA and PM- USHA

RUSA Earlier Phases	PM- USHA
RUSA phase I was implemented in the year 2013 and phase 2 in the year 2018	Will be implemented in the year 2023
Targeted increase in GER	Focusing on low GER, Left wing extremism, border area districts, aspirational districts and districts with higher SC/ST
Improvement of existing quality of Higher Education Institutions of the State	Improvement of existing quality of Higher Education Institutions of the State
No such objectives	Implementation of recommendations of NEP 2020
Adoption of accreditation as a mandatory quality assurance framework	Improving accreditation status of accredited institutions and getting accreditation of non accredited institutions
No such objective	To establish forward and backward linkages with school education.
To create enabling atmosphere in higher education for research and innovation.	To create enabling atmosphere in higher education for research and innovation.
To correct regional imbalances in access to higher education	To correct regional imbalances in access to higher education by facilitating access to high quality institutions in urban, semi urban and creating opportunities for rural people.

Difference in the objectives of earlier phases of RUSA and PM- USHA

RUSA Earlier Phases	PM- USHA
Improvement of equity in HE by providing opportunities to socially deprived communities, promote inclusion of women, minorities, SC/ST/OBC and differently abled students.	To ensure adequate opportunities for socially deprived communities, women, minorities, SC/ST/OBC and specially abled students
Integrate the skill development efforts of the govt through optimum interventions.	Enhancing employability through skilling and vocationalization
2 Hostel facility under Equity Initiatives	Providing better hostel facilities in remote areas.
Establishing new institutions in unserved underserved areas, Aspirational Districts.	Establishing New Model Degree Colleges in the districts where there are no government institutions.
To identify and fill up critical infrastructural gaps in higher education	Developing infrastructure for online/ digital mode of education.
No such objectives	Focusing on multidisciplinary education, including commerce and humanities fields of education.

Scope of PM- USHA : 1) Focus Districts and 2) Challenge method selection of institutions

1) Focus Districts :

Maximum 50% District of the State will be considered as focus District

- **Lack of access to government colleges**
- **Low GER,**
- **Population proportion for females, transgender, SC, ST,OBCs**
- **Aspirational /Boarder Area, left wing extremism prone area**
- **Gender parity**

2) Challenge method selection of institutions:

Institutions will be short listed by the state by giving priority to the focus areas. On the basis of pre defined criteria weightages will be given to different institutions for proposal submission The proposal will be submitted and it will be evaluated by MoE and approval will be done by PAB at central level

Focus District Identification

Sl No	Districts	Access to Govt Colleges	Percentage of SC Population (Source 2011 Census)	Percentage of ST Population (Source 2011 Census)	Gender Parity Index	GER (As Per AISHE & 2011 Census)	No of Rural HEI	No of Urban HEI	Aspirational District	Boarder Area	Focus District (Yes/No)
1	Kamrup	0	7.1	12.0	1.0	62.3	23	2	No	NA	
2	Jorhat	2	8.1	12.8	0.9	52.7	10	8	No	NA	
3	Dibrugarh	0	4.4	7.8	1.1	23.7	14	3	No	NA	
4	Barpeta	1 (Not started)	4.9	1.4	1.1	16.8	18	5	Aspirational	NA	
5	Tinsukia	2	2.8	6.2	1.1	16.2	8	3	No	Interstate Border with Arunachal Pradesh	
6	Majuli	0	NA	NA	0.9	15.8	6	0	No	NA	

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7	Dhemaji	1	6.4	47.4	1.0	15.1	10	5	No	Interstate Border with Arunachal Pradesh	
8	Kokrajhar	2	3.3	31.4	0.8	13.4	5	3	No	Interstate Border with West Bengal	
9	Goalpara	1	4.5	23.0	1.1	12.8	7	3	Aspirational	Interstate Border with Meghalaya	
10	Nalbari	1 (Not started)	7.8	3.0	0.9	12.7	6	4	No	NA	
11	Lakhimpur	0	7.9	23.9	1.0	12.1	12	6	No	Interstate Border with Arunachal Pradesh	
12	Cachar	1	15.3	1.0	0.9	12.1	4	10	No	International Border with Bangladesh & Interstate Border Manipur	

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13	Bongaigaon	1	11.2	2.5	1.0	11.9	4	5	No	NA	
14	Udalguri	2 Not started	4.6	32.1	1.1	10.4	4	1	Aspirational	Interenational Border with Bhutan	
15	Darrang	1	4.3	0.9	1.3	9.8	4	3	Aspirational	NA	
16	Kamrup Metropolitan	3	8.1	6.0	1.1	9.3	2	25	No	Interstate border with Meghalaya	
17	Karimganj	1	12.9	0.2	1.0	9.0	5	3	No	International Border with Bangladesh, Interstate border with Tripura & Mizoram	
18	Chirang	0	7.3	37.1	1.0	9.0	2	2	No	Interenational Border with Bhutan	

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19	Golaghat	2	5.8	10.5	1.2	8.5	11	6	No	Interstate Border with Nagaland	
20	Sonitpur	1	4.3	9.2	1.0	8.3	8	6	No	Interstate Border with Arunachal Pradesh	
21	Nagaon	2 (Not started)	7.1	3.1	1.2	8.0	15	6	No	NA	
22	Sibasagar	0	3.7	4.3	1.4	8.0	7	6	No	Interstate Border with Nagaland	
23	Baksa	1 (Not started)	7.7	34.8	0.9	7.7	5	0	Aspirational	Interernational Border with Bhutan	
24	Marigaon	1 (Not started)	12.3	14.3	1.1	6.9	5	2	No	NA	

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25	Dhubri	1 (Not started)	3.6	0.3	0.9	6.7	8	6	Aspirational	International Border with Bangladesh	
26	Hailakandi	1 (Not started)	10.7	0.1	0.9	4.6	5	2	Aspirational	Interstate border with Tripura & Mizoram	
27	Charaideo	0	NA	NA	1.1	2.4	4	3	No	Interstate border with Nagaland	
28	Dima Hasao	2	2.0	70.9	3.9	0.9	0	2	No	International Border with Manipur	
29	South Salmara	1 (Not started)	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	0	No	Interenational Border with Bangladesh & Interstate border with Meghalaya	
30	East Karbi Anglong	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	3	No	Interstate Border with Nagaland	
31	West Karbi Anglong	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	No	Interstate Border with Nagaland	

Funding Support System :

Sl No	Recommendation of guidelines
1	90:10 Central :State share for NE States
2	Projects which are not initiated within 6 months from PAB approval would be considered for cancellation
3	Release of Central share would be linked to the timely contribution of state share and all other financial norms.
4	Incentivising institutions that perform better in carrying out the initiatives and tracking the outputs/ outcomes of scheme will be given priority. Duplication of fund from other sources of fund will be avoided.
5	Without completion certificate of project of earlier phases grants for next phase will not be allowed.

PM USHA Components: (Details)

Sl No	Component Name	Financial Support	Eligibility Criteria	No of units to be selected by MoE in India
1	Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities	100 crore each	<p>NAAC accredited State universities will be short listed.</p> <p><u>Indicator & Weightage:</u></p> <p>1) A++ and A+ 100 marks , A grade 75 marks , B++ grade 50 marks, below B++ 0 marks</p> <p>2) NIRF ranking between 1-50 is 100 marks , between 51-100 is 80 marks, between 101-151 is 60 marks, between 151 to 200 is 40 marks</p> <p>3) Student enrolment more than 5000 is 100 marks, 4001 to 5000 is 80 marks, 3000-4000 is 60 marks, below 3000 is 0 marks</p> <p>4) Number of departments more than 25 is 100 marks, 20 to 24 is 30 marks, 15 to 19 is 20 marks. Again filled up sanction faculties and pupil teacher ratios, curriculum framework etc will be also assessed.</p>	35

PM USHA Components: Details

Sl No	Component Name	Financial Support	Eligibility Criteria/ Weightage	No of units to be selected by MoE all over India
2	Grants to Strengthen Universities (Accredited and non-accredited universities)	Rs 20 crore to each	<p>Only State Govt. Universities will be eligible</p> <p><u>Indicators & Weightages:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Situated at focus District 100 marks and not situated at focus districts 10 marks 2) Universities previously not receiving RUSA grants 100 marks, approved only once under RUSA and not received other central grants 80 marks, approved under RUSA once 40 marks, approved in earlier RUSA but fund yet to be utilized 10 marks etc 3) Other weightages will be given in faculty enrolment, student teacher ratio, number of department etc. 	73

PM USHA Components: Details

Sl No	Component Name	Financial Support	Eligibility Criteria/ Weightage	No of units to be selected by MoE all over India
3	Grants to strengthen Colleges (Accredited & Unaccredited colleges)	Rs 5 crore to each	Only State Government and Govt Aided colleges will be eligible <u>Indicators & Weightages:</u> 1) situated at focus district 100 marks, not situated at focus district 10 marks . 2) Not previously approved under RUSA 100 marks, approved only once under RUSA is 80 marks, approved in earlier RUSA but fund yet to be utilized 10 marks etc 3) Other weightage will be given to student enrolment, number of department, faculty position, student teacher ratio, collaboration with local research/ placement/ internship etc	401

PM USHA Components: Details Report

SI No	Recommen dation of guidelines	Financial Support	Eligibility Criteria	No of units to be selected by MoE all over India
4	New Model Degree Colleges	Rs 15 crore to each	<p>Districts without any government HEIS would be eligible</p> <p><u>Indicators & Weightages:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) situated in focus districts 100 marks, not situated in focus district 10 marks. 2) Districts not previously having MDCs 100 marks, District not receiving any central share 50 marks, 3) Land with 3-5acres in urban areas / 7-10 acres in rural areas 50 marks 4) Student enrolment, civic facilities, research internship, private public partnership etc 	40

PM USHA Components: Details

Sl No	Recommendation of guidelines	Financial Support	Eligibility Criteria	No of units to be selected by MoE all over India
5	Gender inclusion and Equity initiatives	Rs 10 crore to each District	Fund will be provided District as an unit. Will include sensitization workshop, combined hostels for female in HEIs Weightages will be <u>Indicators & Weightages:</u> 1) Focus district 100, not focus district 10 marks 2) Land availability at selected site 20 marks 3) Female GER, SC GER, ST GER, Transgender GER.	50 Districts

MoU with the State Governments

- State Governments will have to enter into an MoU with the Ministry of Higher Education in order to be eligible under PM-USHA

Thank You.