## Chapter 3

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Educational attainment is the first and foremost step towards improving quality of life, awareness level and also level of skill of people in the society. Better literacy and educational level definitely have a positive impact on overall development and productivity. Considering the importance of education, India has enacted 'Right to Education' to ensure free and compulsory Education for children in the age group 6-14 years. The present chapter provides information on following tables:
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Literacy and level of education are basic indicators of the level of development achieved by a society. Higher levels of education and literacy, particularly of female literacy, lead to a greater awareness and also contributes in improvement of economic and social conditions. It acts as a catalyst for social upliftment, enhancing the returns on investment made in almost every aspect of development effort, be it population control, health, hygiene, environmental degradation control, employment of weaker sections of the society.

The literacy rate at all India level has steadily increased from 18.32\% in 1951 to 72.98\% in 2011 and the increase in literacy rates for females and males were from $8.86 \%$ and $27.15 \%$ to $64.63 \%$ and 80.9\% respectively as per population censuses (Table 3.1). In 2011, among the State/ UTs, the highest literacy rate of $94 \%$ is in Kerala (male : 96.1, female 92.1) and lowest is $61.8 \%$ in Bihar (male : 71.2, female : 51.5) (Table 3.3).The gap in literacy rates of males and females is lowest in

Meghalaya (3.1 percentage points) and less than 5 percentage points in the States of Kerala and Mizoram and between 5 to 10 percentage points in A\&N Island, Chandigarh, Goa, Lakshadweep Nagaland, Punjab and Tripura. The gap in literacy rates of males and females is highest in the State of Rajasthan (27.1 percentage points) and much more in the States of Chhattisgarh, Dadra \& Nagar Haveli, Jammu \& Kashmir, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh (Table 3.4).

At all India level, the adult ( $15+$ years) literacy rate is $69.3 \%$ and that among males is $78.8 \%$ and females is $59.3 \%$. Rural - Urban gap existed in Adult literacy rate for both females and males. The adult literacy rate for females in rural areas is $50.6 \%$ vis -a -vis $76.9 \%$ in urban areas whereas for males the same in rural areas is $74.1 \%$ vis -a -vis $88.3 \%$ in urban areas (Table 3.6).

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for female at the primary level stood at 100.7 compared to 97.9 for males in 2015-16, at the upper primary class level the GER for females has been reported at 97.6 against 88.7 for males and at the higher secondary level 56.4 and 56.0 is the GER for females and males respectively during 2015-16. There were 93 girls per 100 boys in primary classes, 95 in upper primary classes, 91 in secondary classes and 90 in senior secondary classes per 100 boys during 2014-15 (Table 3.8 \& 3.9).

As per NSS $71^{\text {st }}$ round $2014,40 \%$ of males and $44.8 \%$ of females were "currently not enrolled" and $1.4 \%$ of males and $1.2 \%$ females respectively were 'enrolled but not attending' (Table 3.11). Major reason for non-enrolments, has been reported as not interested in education for rural males and females whereas for urban India financial constraints is the major reason for non-enrolment (Table 3.11 \& 3.12)

As per data of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, dropout rates were observed at 3.9\% and $4.4 \%$ in the Primary classes, $4.6 \%$ and $3.5 \%$ in Upper Primary classes and $16.9 \%$ and $17.2 \%$ in Secondary classes for female and male respectively in 2014-15(Table 3.15). As per NSS $71^{\text {st }}$ round report, more dropout (around 60\%) was observed in 5-15 age group in rural areas whereas more dropout (around $55 \%$ ) was noticed in age 16-24 in urban areas of both the genders in the year 2014. Major reason for dropout for males is "engaged in economic activities" and for females the reason is "engaged in domestic activities" for rural as well as urban areas (Table 3.14).

In general, it is prevalent that expenditure on education for males is more than females. Average expenditure on education per student is by and large less in rural areas as compared to urban areas. As per NSS $71^{\text {st }}$ round report, expenditure for female student for graduation and postgraduation and above courses is higher than the male counterparts in rural areas (Table 3.20).
3.1 : Trend in Literacy Rates in Post Independent India

| Year | Rural |  |  | Urban |  |  | Combined |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 1951 | 4.87 | 19.02 | 12.10 | 22.33 | 45.60 | 34.59 | 8.86 | 27.15 | 18.32 |
| 1961 | 10.10 | 34.30 | 22.50 | 40.50 | 66.00 | 54.40 | 15.35 | 40.40 | 28.31 |
| 1971 | 15.50 | 48.60 | 27.90 | 48.80 | 69.80 | 60.20 | 21.97 | 45.96 | 34.45 |
| 1981 | 21.70 | 49.60 | 36.00 | 56.30 | 76.70 | 67.20 | 29.76 | 56.38 | 43.57 |
| 1991 | 30.17 | 56.96 | 36.00 | 64.05 | 81.09 | 67.20 | 39.29 | 64.13 | 52.21 |
| 2001 | 46.70 | 71.40 | 59.40 | 73.20 | 86.70 | 80.30 | 53.67 | 75.26 | 64.83 |
| 2011 | 57.93 | 77.15 | 66.77 | 79.11 | 88.76 | 84.11 | 64.63 | 80.88 | 72.98 |
| \% Increase in 2011 <br> over 2001 | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ |



Source: Census of India, Office of Registrar General, India.
Notes: 1. For 1951, the population male, female and persons refers to effective literacy rates and the break up of Rural,
2. Literacy rates for 1951, 1961 and 1971 relate to population aged 5 years and above whereas literacy rates for 1981,
3. The 1981 literacy rates exclude Assam where the 1981 Census could not be conducted.
4. The 1991 literacy rates exclude Jammu \& Kashmir where the 1991 Census could not be conducted due to disturbed
5. The 2001 literacy rates exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul Sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.

### 3.2 Trend in Literacy Rates of SC/ST categories

Scheduled Castes

| Year | Rural |  |  | Urban |  |  | Combined |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 1961 | 2.52 | 15.06 | 8.89 | 10.04 | 32.21 | 21.81 | 3.29 | 16.96 | 10.27 |
| 1971 | 5.06 | 20.04 | 12.77 | 16.09 | 38.93 | 28.65 | 6.44 | 22.36 | 14.67 |
| 1981 | 8.45 | 27.91 | 18.48 | 24.34 | 47.54 | 36.60 | 10.93 | 31.12 | 21.38 |
| 1991 | 19.45 | 45.95 | 33.25 | 42.29 | 66.90 | 55.11 | 23.76 | 49.91 | 37.41 |
| 2001 | 37.84 | 63.66 | 51.16 | 57.49 | 77.93 | 68.12 | 41.90 | 66.64 | 57.49 |
| 2011 | 52.56 | 72.58 | 62.85 | 68.64 | 83.32 | 76.17 | 56.46 | 75.17 | 66.07 |
| \% Increase in 2011 over 2001 | 39\% | 14\% | 23\% | 19\% | 7\% | 12\% | 35\% | 13\% | 15\% |

Scheduled Tribes

| Year | Rural |  |  | Urban |  |  | Combined |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 1961 | 2.90 | 13.37 | 8.16 | 13.45 | 37.09 | 22.41 | 3.16 | 13.83 | 8.53 |
| 1971 | 4.36 | 16.92 | 10.68 | 19.64 | 37.09 | 28.84 | 4.85 | 17.63 | 11.30 |
| 1981 | 6.81 | 22.94 | 14.92 | 27.32 | 47.60 | 37.93 | 8.04 | 24.52 | 16.35 |
| 1991 | 16.02 | 38.45 | 27.38 | 45.66 | 66.56 | 56.60 | 18.19 | 40.65 | 29.60 |
| 2001 | 32.44 | 57.39 | 45.02 | 59.87 | 77.77 | 69.09 | 34.76 | 59.17 | 47.10 |
| 2011 | 46.94 | 66.80 | 56.89 | 70.32 | 83.16 | 76.78 | 49.36 | 68.51 | 58.95 |
| \% Increase in 2011 <br> over 2001 | $\mathbf{4 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ |

Source: Census of India, Office of Registrar General, India.
3.3 Comparison of Literacy Rates

| State/Union Territory | 2001 |  |  | 2011 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| Andaman \& Nicobar Islands | 75.2 | 86.3 | 81.3 | 82.4 | 90.3 | 86.6 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 50.4 | 70.3 | 60.5 | 59.1 | 74.9 | 67.0 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 43.5 | 63.8 | 54.3 | 57.7 | 72.6 | 65.4 |
| Assam | 54.6 | 71.3 | 63.3 | 66.3 | 77.8 | 72.2 |
| Bihar | 33.1 | 59.7 | 47.0 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 61.8 |
| Chandigarh | 76.5 | 86.1 | 81.9 | 81.2 | 90.0 | 86.0 |
| Chhattisgarh | 51.9 | 77.4 | 64.7 | 60.2 | 80.3 | 70.3 |
| Dadra \& Nagar Haveli | 43.0 | 73.3 | 60.0 | 64.3 | 85.2 | 76.2 |
| Daman \& Diu | 70.4 | 88.4 | 81.1 | 79.5 | 91.5 | 87.1 |
| Delhi | 74.7 | 87.3 | 81.7 | 80.8 | 90.9 | 86.2 |
| Goa | 75.4 | 88.4 | 82.0 | 84.7 | 92.6 | 88.7 |
| Gujarat | 58.6 | 80.5 | 70.0 | 69.7 | 85.8 | 78.0 |
| Haryana | 45.7 | 78.5 | 67.9 | 65.9 | 84.1 | 75.6 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 67.4 | 85.4 | 76.5 | 75.9 | 89.5 | 82.8 |
| Jammu \& Kashmir | 43.0 | 66.6 | 55.5 | 56.4 | 76.8 | 67.2 |
| Jharkhand | 38.9 | 67.3 | 53.6 | 55.4 | 76.8 | 66.4 |
| Karnataka | 56.9 | 76.1 | 66.6 | 68.1 | 82.5 | 75.4 |
| Kerala | 87.9 | 94.2 | 90.9 | 92.1 | 96.1 | 94.0 |
| Lakshadweep | 80.5 | 92.5 | 86.7 | 87.9 | 95.6 | 91.8 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 50.3 | 76.1 | 63.7 | 59.2 | 78.7 | 69.3 |
| Maharashtra | 67.0 | 86.0 | 76.9 | 75.9 | 88.4 | 82.3 |
| Manipur | 60.5 | 80.3 | 70.5 | 70.3 | 83.6 | 76.9 |
| Meghalaya | 59.6 | 65.4 | 62.6 | 72.9 | 76.0 | 74.4 |
| Mizoram | 86.8 | 90.7 | 88.8 | 89.3 | 93.3 | 91.3 |
| Nagaland | 61.5 | 71.2 | 66.6 | 76.1 | 82.8 | 79.6 |
| Odisha | 50.5 | 75.4 | 63.1 | 64.0 | 81.6 | 72.9 |
| Puducherry | 73.9 | 88.6 | 81.2 | 80.7 | 91.3 | 85.8 |
| Punjab | 63.4 | 75.2 | 69.7 | 70.7 | 80.4 | 75.8 |
| Rajasthan | 43.9 | 75.7 | 60.4 | 52.1 | 79.2 | 66.1 |
| Sikkim | 60.4 | 76.0 | 68.8 | 75.6 | 86.6 | 81.4 |
| Tamil Nadu | 64.4 | 82.4 | 73.5 | 73.4 | 86.8 | 80.1 |
| Tripura | 64.9 | 81.0 | 73.2 | 82.7 | 91.5 | 87.2 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 42.2 | 68.8 | 56.3 | 57.2 | 77.3 | 67.7 |
| Uttarakhand | 59.6 | 83.3 | 71.6 | 70.0 | 87.4 | 78.8 |
| West Bengal | 59.6 | 77.0 | 68.6 | 70.5 | 81.7 | 76.3 |
| India | 53.7 | 75.3 | 64.8 | 64.6 | 80.9 | 73.0 |

Source: Office of Registrar General, India.
Notes: 1. Literacy rates pertain to the population aged 7 years and above.
2. Literacy rates for 2001 exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul Sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur.
3.4 State-wise Gap in the Literacy rates of Males and Females in last two decades

| State/Union Territory | Gender Gap in literacy rate * |  | Declined by (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 | 2011 | 2001-2011 |
| Andaman \& Nicobar Islands | 11.1 | 7.8 | 29.3 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 19.9 | 15.7 | 20.9 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 20.3 | 14.9 | 26.8 |
| Assam | 16.7 | 11.6 | 30.5 |
| Bihar | 26.6 | 19.7 | 25.8 |
| Chandigarh | 9.7 | 8.8 | 9.0 |
| Chhattisgarh | 25.5 | 20.0 | 21.5 |
| Dadra \& Nagar Haveli | 30.3 | 20.9 | 31.2 |
| Daman \& Diu | 18.0 | 12.0 | 33.5 |
| Delhi | 12.6 | 10.2 | 19.3 |
| Goa | 13.1 | 8.0 | 38.8 |
| Gujarat | 21.9 | 16.1 | 26.6 |
| Haryana | 32.8 | 18.1 | 44.7 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 17.9 | 13.6 | 24.1 |
| Jammu \& Kashmir | 23.6 | 20.3 | 13.9 |
| Jharkhand | 28.4 | 21.4 | 24.7 |
| Karnataka | 19.2 | 14.4 | 25.2 |
| Kerala | 6.3 | 4.0 | 36.3 |
| Lakshadweep | 12.1 | 7.6 | 36.9 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 25.8 | 19.5 | 24.4 |
| Maharashtra | 18.9 | 12.5 | 34.0 |
| Manipur | 19.8 | 13.3 | 32.8 |
| Meghalaya | 5.8 | 3.1 | 47.3 |
| Mizoram | 4.0 | 4.1 | -2.8 |
| Nagaland | 9.7 | 6.6 | 31.6 |
| Odisha | 24.8 | 17.6 | 29.2 |
| Puducherry | 14.7 | 10.6 | 28.1 |
| Punjab | 11.9 | 9.7 | 18.2 |
| Rajasthan | 31.9 | 27.1 | 15.0 |
| Sikkim | 15.6 | 10.9 | 30.0 |
| Tamil Nadu | 18.0 | 13.3 | 25.9 |
| Tripura | 16.1 | 8.8 | 45.4 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 26.6 | 20.1 | 24.4 |
| Uttarakhand | 23.7 | 17.4 | 26.4 |
| West Bengal | 17.4 | 11.2 | 36.0 |
| India | 21.6 | 16.3 | 24.7 |

Source: Office of Registrar General, India.

* Gender Gap=Literacy rate for males-Literacy rate for females
3.5 Literacy rates (\%) for persons in different age-groups for rural \& urban population as per NSS

|  | Rural |  |  |  | Urban |  |  |  | Rural + Urban |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | Male | Female | Person | Gender Gap (Rural) | Male | Female | Person | Gender Gap (Urban) | Gender Gap (Rural + Urban) |
| 2007-08 (NSS 64 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ round) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age 5 \& above | 76.8 | 57.3 | 67.3 | 19.5 | 89.7 | 78.1 | 84.2 | 11.6 | 17.6 |
| Age 7 \& above | 77.0 | 56.7 | 67.0 | 20.3 | 89.9 | 78.1 | 84.3 | 11.8 | 18.2 |
| Age 15 \& above | 71.8 | 47.5 | 59.7 | 24.3 | 88.7 | 74.6 | 82.0 | 14.1 | 21.8 |
| All ages | 68.4 | 51.1 | 60.0 | 17.3 | 82.2 | 71.6 | 77.1 | 10.6 | 15.8 |
| 2014 (NSS 71 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ round) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age 5 \& above | 80.3 | 62.4 | 71.4 | 17.9 | 91.0 | 80.9 | 86.1 | 10.1 | 15.5 |
| Age 7 \& above | 79.8 | 61.3 | 70.8 | 18.5 | 91.1 | 80.8 | 85.9 | 10.3 | 16.1 |
| Age 15 \& above | 75.0 | 53.1 | 64.1 | 21.9 | 89.7 | 77.9 | 84.0 | 11.8 | 19.0 |
| All ages | 72.3 | 56.8 | 64.7 | 15.5 | 83.7 | 74.8 | 79.5 | 8.9 | 13.7 |

Gender Gap in Literacy rates by age-groups during 2007-08 (NSS 64 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ round)


Gender Gap in Literacy rates by age-groups during 2014 (NSS 71 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ round)


Source: NSS $64{ }^{\text {th }}$ Round (2007-08) \& 71st Round (2014)

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### 3.6 Adult Literacy Rate (Age 15 Years and Above)

| Year | Male | Female | Total | Gender Parity Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1961 | 41.5 | 13.2 | 27.8 | 0.32 |
| 1971 | 47.7 | 19.4 | 34.1 | 0.41 |
| 1981 | 54.9 | 25.7 | 40.8 | 0.47 |
| 1991 | 61.9 | 34.1 | 48.5 | 0.55 |
| 2001 | 73.4 | 47.8 | 61.0 | 0.65 |
| 2011 | 78.8 | 59.3 | 69.3 | 0.75 |



Source: Census of India, Office of the Registrar General, India.
3.7 Adult Literacy Rate by sex and place of residence- 2011

| Residence | Male | Female | Total | Gender Parity Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rural | 74.1 | 50.6 | 62.6 | 0.68 |
| Urban | 88.3 | 76.9 | 82.8 | 0.87 |
| Total | 78.8 | 59.3 | 69.3 | 0.75 |
| Residence Parity <br> Index | $\mathbf{0 . 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 6}$ |  |



[^1]| Year | Primary Classes <br> I-V ( 6-10 Years) |  |  | Upper primary Classes VI-VIII ( 11-13 Years) |  |  | Higher Secondary Classes IX-XII (14-17 Years) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total |
| 2005-06 | 105.8 | 112.8 | 109.4 | 66.4 | 75.2 | 71.0 | 35.8 | 44.6 | 40.4 |
| 2006-07 | 108.0 | 114.6 | 111.4 | 69.6 | 77.6 | 73.8 | 36.8 | 45.0 | 41.1 |
| 2007-08 | 112.6 | 115.3 | 114.0 | 74.4 | 81.5 | 78.1 | 41.9 | 49.4 | 45.8 |
| 2008-09 | 114.0 | 114.7 | 114.3 | 76.6 | 82.7 | 79.8 | 43.5 | 51.0 | 47.4 |
| 2009-10 | 113.8 | 113.8 | 113.8 | 79.0 | 84.3 | 81.7 | 46.1 | 52.5 | 49.4 |
| 2010-11 | 116.3 | 114.9 | 115.5 | 82.9 | 87.5 | 85.2 | 48.5 | 55.7 | 52.2 |
| 2011-12 | 107.1 | 105.8 | 106.5 | 81.4 | 82.5 | 82.0 | 54.5 | 58.8 | 56.8 |
| 2012-13* | 107.2 | 104.8 | 106.0 | 84.6 | 80.6 | 82.5 | 56.5 | 55.5 | 56.8 |
| 2013-14* | 102.6 | 100.2 | 101.4 | 92.8 | 86.3 | 89.3 | 62.6 | 60.9 | 62.5 |
| 2014-15* | 101.4 | 98.9 | 100.1 | 95.3 | 87.7 | 91.2 | 65.8 | 63.8 | 65.3 |
| 2015-16 | 100.7 | 97.9 | 99.2 | 97.6 | 88.7 | 92.8 | 56.4 | 56.0 | 56.2 |

### 3.9 Number of Females per 100 Males Enrolled in different stages of education

| Year | Primary Classes I-V | Upper Primary Classes VI-VIII | Secondary <br> Classes IX-X | Senior Secondary Classes XI-XII | Higher Education |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2005-06 | 87 | 81 | 73 | 72 | 62 |
| 2006-07 | 88 | 82 | 73 | 74 | 62 |
| 2007-08 | 91 | 84 | 77 | 76 | 63 |
| 2008-09 | 92 | 86 | 79 | 77 | 65 |
| 2009-10 | 92 | 88 | 82 | 80 | 67 |
| 2010-11 | 92 | 89 | 82 | 79 | 78 |
| 2011-12 | 93 | 90 | 84 | 81 | 80 |
| 2012-13* | 94 | 95 | 89 | 87 | 81 |
| 2013-14* | 93 | 95 | 89 | 89 | 85 |
| 2014-15* | 93 | 95 | 91 | 90 | 85 |
| 2015-16 | 93 | 95 | 91 | 90 | 86 |

Source: Educational Statistics at a Glance 2016, MHRD
School Education in India 2015-16 : Flash Statistics, U-DISE

[^2]3.10 Per 1000 distribution of persons (aged 5 years and above) by completed level of education : 2014

| Level of Education | Rural |  | Urban |  | Rural + Urban |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Not Literate | 198 | 376 | 90 | 190 | 165 | 320 |
| Literate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Without Schooling | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Up to Primary | 377 | 336 | 285 | 280 | 349 | 319 |
| Upper Primary | 173 | 130 | 157 | 143 | 168 | 134 |
| Secondary | 118 | 80 | 150 | 133 | 128 | 96 |
| Higher Secondary | 71 | 45 | 114 | 102 | 85 | 62 |
| Diploma | 11 | 5 | 30 | 14 | 17 | 8 |
| Graduation | 37 | 18 | 126 | 96 | 64 | 42 |
| Post-graduatio and above | 8 | 4 | 43 | 35 | 18 | 14 |

3.11 Percentage distribution of current enrolment status of persons (aged 5-29 years) : 2014

| Status |  | Rural |  | Urban |  | Rural + Urban |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Currently not Enrolled | 39.4 | 45.1 | 41.5 | 44.2 | 40.0 | 44.8 |  |
| Currently Enrolled | Attending | 58.7 | 53.0 | 57.0 | 54.6 | 58.2 | 53.5 |
|  | Not Attending | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.2 |

3.12 : Per 1000 distribution of never-enrolment (for persons aged 5-29 years) by reasons for non-enrolment : 2014

| Major Reasons | Rural |  | Urban |  | Rural + Urban |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Not interested in education | 332 | 270 | 295 | 271 | 325 | 270 |
| Financial constraints | 215 | 163 | 328 | 300 | 236 | 185 |
| Engaged in domestic activities | 48 | 234 | 38 | 134 | 46 | 218 |
| Engaged in economic activities | 89 | 17 | 69 | 11 | 85 | 16 |
| School is far off | 18 | 29 | 4 | 17 | 16 | 27 |
| Marriage |  | 6 |  | 4 |  | 6 |
| No tradition in the community | 29 | 67 | 22 | 63 | 28 | 67 |
| Other reasons* | 268 | 213 | 243 | 200 | 263 | 211 |

*include (for all): timings of educational institution not suitable,language/medium of instruction used unfamiliar, inadequate number of teachers, quality of teachers not satisfactory and others; For girl students only, additionally: non-availability of female teacher, non-availability of girls' toilet.

[^3]3.13 Percentage distribution of persons(age 5-29 years) who dropped out/discontinued education by age of dropping out / discontinuance : 2014

| Age-group of dropping out/ <br> discontinuance | Rural |  |  | Urban |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Person | Male | Female | Person |
| $5-15$ | 58.1 | 62.7 | 60.3 | 45.0 | 41.4 | 43.3 |
| $16-24$ | 41.5 | 36.7 | 39.2 | 53.6 | 57.4 | 55.4 |
| $25-29$ | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 |

Persons, who did not enroll in a particular level, after completing the previous level, are termed as discontinued whereas those who enrolled/attended a specific level but did not complete that level successfully are called drop-outs. Here drop-outs and discontinued are treated together.
3.14 Per 1000 distribution of droppingout/discontinuance (for persons aged 5 -29 years) by reasons for dropping out/discontinuance : 2014

| Major Reasons | Rural |  | Urban |  | Rural + Urban |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Not interested in education | 251 | 162 | 208 | 143 | 238 | 156 |
| Financial constraints | 236 | 154 | 237 | 149 | 236 | 152 |
| Engaged in domestic activities | 59 | 329 | 24 | 231 | 48 | 297 |
| Engaged in economic activities | 299 | 39 | 336 | 69 | 310 | 49 |
| School is far off | 6 | 42 | 2 | 18 | 5 | 34 |
| Unable to cope up with studies | 55 | 51 | 53 | 36 | 54 | 46 |
| Completed desired level/class | 45 | 43 | 83 | 113 | 57 | 65 |
| Marriage |  | 124 |  | 171 |  | 139 |
| Other reasons* | 48 | 57 | 58 | 70 | 51 | 62 |

*include (for all): timings of educational institution not suitable, language/medium of instruction used unfamiliar, inadequate number of teachers, quality of teachers not satisfactory, unfriendly atmosphere at school, preparation for competitive examination and others. For girl students only, additionally: non-availability of female teacher, non-availability of girls' toilet.

[^4]3.15: Trend in Average Annual Drop-Out Rate at different stages of School Education

| Year | Primary |  | Upper Primary |  | Secondary |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| $2011-12^{*}$ | 5.3 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 2.1 | NA | NA |
| $2012-13^{*}$ | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 2.3 | 14.5 | 14.5 |
| $2013-14^{*}$ | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 17.8 | 17.9 |
| $2014-15$ | 3.9 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 16.9 | 17.2 |

3.16 Number of Female Teachers per 100 Male Teachers at Different Levels of Education

| Year | Primary | Upper <br> Primary | Secondar <br> $y$ | Senior <br> Secondar <br> v | Higher Secondary |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2005-06$ | 65 | 67 | 61 | 62 | NA |
| $2006-07$ | 66 | 65 | 63 | 61 | NA |
| $2007-08$ | 80 | 67 | 61 | 58 | NA |
| $2008-09$ | 73 | 71 | 60 | 60 | NA |
| $2009-10$ | 84 | 75 | 63 | 63 | NA |
| $2010-11$ | 76 | 80 | 61 | 65 | 59 |
| $2011-12$ | 79 | 76 | 66 | 66 | 64 |
| $2012-13^{*}$ | NA | NA | NA | NA | 64 |
| $2013-14^{*}$ | NA | NA | NA | NA | 64 |
| $2014-15^{*}$ | NA | NA | NA | NA | 63 |

Source: Educational Statistics at a Glance 2016, MHRD
School Education in India 2015-16 : Flash Statistics, U-DISE

* Figures related to School Education are provisional.

NA: Not Available
3.17 Number of Females per 100 Males in University Education in Major Disciplines

| Year | Arts/ <br> Humanities, <br> Social Science | Engineering <br>  <br> Technology | Commerce | Science |  <br> Computer | Medical <br> Science | Managem <br> ent | Law | Others |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2010-11 | 98.6 | 40.9 | 71.4 | 86.9 | 57.8 | 115.0 | 48.1 | 46.2 | 97.5 |
| $2011-12$ | 104.5 | 39.9 | 78.9 | 95.2 | 67.3 | 155.4 | 55.2 | 47.0 | 121.0 |
| $2012-13$ | 109.6 | 40.4 | 80.6 | 93.4 | 71.7 | 154.0 | 57.2 | 46.9 | 118.5 |
| $2013-14$ | 111.7 | 39.6 | 80.9 | 90.2 | 80.1 | 157.5 | 58.1 | 47.8 | 118.0 |
| $2014-15$ | 113.3 | 39.0 | 83.6 | 87.7 | 78.5 | 153.8 | 57.8 | 45.4 | 120.6 |
| $2015-16$ | 111.6 | 38.7 | 85.9 | 89.1 | 77.2 | 157.1 | 59.6 | 45.9 | 122.3 |

[^5]Source: D/o Higher Education, MHRD
3.18 : Percentage distribution of students by course for general and technical/professional education : 2014

| Course | Male | Female |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| General |  |  |
| Humanities 45.7 54.3 <br> Science 34.5 27.8 <br> Commerce 19.8 18 <br> All 100 100 |  |  | 

Technical/Professional

| Medicine | 3.9 | 13.7 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Engineering | 46.2 | 29.4 |
| Law | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Management | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| IT/Computer Courses | 10.1 | 12.4 |
| Courses from ITI/ recognised vocational <br> institutes | 16.1 | 6.5 |
| Others* | 15.4 | 28.5 |
| All | 100 | 100 |

3.19 Percentage distribution of students pursuing general and technical/professional courses : 2014

| Course |
| :--- |
| General |
| Up to class $X$ Male Female <br> Humanities 54.2 45.8 <br> Science 49.9 50.1 <br> Commerce 59.5 40.5 |

Technical/Professional

| Medicine | 35.3 | 64.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Engineering | 75.2 | 24.8 |
| Law | 63.9 | 36.2 |
| Management | 62.3 | 37.7 |
| IT/Computer Courses | 61.1 | 38.9 |
| Courses from ITI/ recognised vocational <br> institutes | 82.8 | 17.2 |
| Others* | 51.1 | 48.9 |

* Includes agriculture, education, chartered accountancy \& similar courses and any other courses not mentioned elsewhere
3.20 Average expenditure (Rs) per student pursuing general education at different levels : 2014

| Gender | Primary | Upper <br> Primary | Secondary | Higher Secondary | Graduate | PG and above | Diploma |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 3061 | 3603 | 5568 | 9820 | 11306 | 13017 | 15209 |
| Female | 2512 | 2813 | 4534 | 8012 | 11813 | 16715 | 10706 |
| Person | 2811 | 3242 | 5100 | 9031 | 11527 | 14604 | 13422 |
| Urban |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 10604 | 11864 | 13781 | 21681 | 17480 | 19090 | 23040 |
| Female | 9489 | 10940 | 13284 | 18442 | 16161 | 16565 | 21249 |
| Person | 10083 | 11446 | 13547 | 20179 | 16771 | 17744 | 21947 |
| Rural + Urban |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 4895 | 5775 | 7805 | 13511 | 13324 | 15417 | 16920 |
| Female | 4273 | 4922 | 7049 | 11509 | 13649 | 16641 | 14918 |
| Person | 4610 | 5386 | 7459 | 12619 | 13478 | 15999 | 15997 |

[^6]3.21 : Enrolment in Higher Education through Regular \& Distance Mode

| Mode | 2014-15 |  |  | 2015-16 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | \% Female | Male | Female | \% Female |
| Regular | 16431441 | 13968473 | $45.95 \%$ | 16539469 | 14220411 | $46.23 \%$ |
| Distance | 2057178 | 1754545 | $46.03 \%$ | 2055254 | 1769647 | $46.27 \%$ |
| Total | 18488619 | 15723018 | $45.96 \%$ | 18594723 | 15990058 | $46.23 \%$ |

3.22 : Enrolment of Foreign Students in Higher Education

| Country | 2014-15 |  |  | 2015-16 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | \% Female | Male | Female | \% Female |
| All Countries | 27889 | 14404 | 34.06\% | 30151 | 15273 | 33.62\% |
| Top Countries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nepal | 5542 | 3152 | 36.25\% | 6403 | 3171 | 33.12\% |
| Afghanistan | 3411 | 306 | 8.23\% | 3972 | 432 | 9.81\% |
| Bhutan | 1605 | 1092 | 40.49\% | 1677 | 1248 | 42.67\% |
| Sudan | 1937 | 167 | 7.94\% | 1869 | 190 | 9.23\% |
| Nigeria | 1384 | 568 | 29.10\% | 1458 | 632 | 30.24\% |
| Malaysia | 934 | 990 | 51.46\% | 705 | 1196 | 62.91\% |
| Sri Lanka | 641 | 969 | 60.19\% | 511 | 678 | 57.02\% |
| Iran | 729 | 815 | 52.78\% | 722 | 737 | 50.51\% |
| Iraq | 1220 | 166 | 11.98\% | 981 | 136 | 12.18\% |
| United Arab Emirates | 600 | 684 | 53.27\% | 672 | 807 | 54.56\% |
| United States | 465 | 514 | 52.50\% |  |  |  |
| Yemen |  |  |  | 1164 | 74 | 5.98\% |

[^7]
### 3.23 : Gender Parity Index(GPI)

| Level | 2014-15 |  |  | 2015-16 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All | SC | ST | All | SC | ST |
| Primary (I-V) | 1.03 | 1.02 | 0.98 | NA | NA | NA |
| Upper Primary (VI-VIII) | 1.09 | 1.09 | 1.02 | NA | NA | NA |
| Elementary (I-VIII) | 1.05 | 1.04 | 0.99 | NA | NA | NA |
| Secondary (IX-X) | 1.01 | 1.03 | 1.01 | NA | NA | NA |
| Senior Secondary (XI-XII) | 0.99 | 1.03 | 0.95 | NA | NA | NA |
| Higher Education | 0.92 | 0.91 | 0.81 | 0.92 | 0.91 | 0.83 |

3.24 : Year-wise Gender Parity Index (GPI) for all Categories of Students

| Level/ <br> Year | Primary $(I-V)$ | Upper <br> Primary <br> (VI-VIII) | Elementary (I-VIII) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Secondary } \\ \text { (IX-X) } \end{gathered}$ | Senior Secondary (XI-XII) | (IX-XII) | Higher Education |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1950-51 | 0.41 | 0.22 | 0.38 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1960-61 | 0.50 | 0.34 | 0.47 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1970-71 | 0.63 | 0.45 | 0.59 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1980-81 | 0.67 | 0.53 | 0.63 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 1990-91 | 0.75 | 0.61 | 0.71 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 2000-01 | 0.82 | 0.75 | 0.80 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 2005-06 | 0.94 | 0.88 | 0.92 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.69 |
| 2006-07 | 0.94 | 0.90 | 0.93 | 0.81 | 0.83 | 0.82 | 0.69 |
| 2007-08 | 0.98 | 0.91 | 0.96 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.85 | 0.70 |
| 2008-09 | 0.99 | 0.93 | 0.97 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.72 |
| 2009-10 | 1.00 | 0.94 | 0.98 | 0.88 | 0.87 | 0.88 | 0.74 |
| 2010-11 | 1.01 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 0.88 | 0.86 | 0.87 | 0.86 |
| 2011-12 | 1.01 | 0.99 | 1.00 | 0.93 | 0.92 | 0.93 | 0.88 |
| 2012-13* | 1.02 | 1.05 | 1.03 | 0.96 | 0.94 | 0.99 | 0.89 |
| 2013-14* | 1.03 | 1.08 | 1.04 | 1.00 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 0.92 |
| 2014-15* | 1.03 | 1.09 | 1.05 | 1.01 | 0.99 | 1.01 | 0.92 |

[^8]3.25 : Examination Result : Level-wise Out-turn/Pass out in Higher Education

| Level | 2014-15 |  |  |  | 2015-16 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male Female among | Female | Male <br> total pass out | Female | \% Female among <br> total pass out |  |  |
| Certificate | 39391 | 36574 | $48 \%$ | 37321 | 41467 | $53 \%$ |  |
| Diploma | 470765 | 276887 | $37 \%$ | 500999 | 287323 | $36 \%$ |  |
| Integrated | 12680 | 9593 | $43 \%$ | 12477 | 10127 | $45 \%$ |  |
| M.Phil. | 9678 | 13519 | $58 \%$ | 8701 | 14423 | $62 \%$ |  |
| PG Diploma | 115065 | 107445 | $48 \%$ | 95013 | 80340 | $46 \%$ |  |
| Ph.D. | 13252 | 8578 | $39 \%$ | 14887 | 9284 | $38 \%$ |  |
| Post Graduate | 693697 | 726514 | $51 \%$ | 665846 | 739150 | $53 \%$ |  |
| Under Graduate | 3086332 | 3208575 | $51 \%$ | 3128466 | 3203533 | $51 \%$ |  |
| Total | 4440860 | 4387685 | $50 \%$ | 4463710 | 4385647 | $50 \%$ |  |

Level-wise percentage Females Passout 2015-16


Source: D/o Higher Education
3.26 : Median number of years of Schooling completed by age-group : 2015-16

| Age | Median number of years of Schooling completed |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Female | Male |
| 6-9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| 10-14 | 5.1 | 4.9 |
| 15-19 | 8.9 | 8.9 |
| 20-24 | 9.2 | 10.0 |
| 25-29 | 7.7 | 9.1 |
| 30-34 | 6.4 | 8.6 |
| 35-39 | 4.5 | 8.1 |
| 40-44 | 3.1 | 7.9 |
| 45-49 | 0.0 | 7.2 |
| 50-54 | 0.0 | 6.2 |
| 55-59 | 0.0 | 5.3 |
| 60-64 | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 65+ | 0.0 | 3.1 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 7.0 | 8.5 |
| Rural | 3.1 | 5.8 |
| Total | 4.4 | 6.9 |

Median number of years of Schooling completed


[^9]3.27 : Median Number of years of Schooling completed by State/UT

| State/Union Territory | Female | Male |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Andaman \& Nicobar Islands | 7.5 | 8.1 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 3.9 | 6.2 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 3.5 | 5.7 |
| Assam | 4.6 | 5.8 |
| Bihar | 0.9 | 4.6 |
| Chandigarh | 8.7 | 9.6 |
| Chhattisgarh | 4.2 | 6.4 |
| Dadra \& Nagar Haveli | 4.6 | 7.8 |
| Daman \& Diu | 6.6 | 8.4 |
| Delhi | 7.4 | 8.9 |
| Goa | 7.5 | 8.8 |
| Gujarat | 4.9 | 7.3 |
| Haryana | 4.9 | 8.0 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 6.7 | 8.8 |
| Jammu \& Kashmir | 4.6 | 7.8 |
| Jharkhand | 2.3 | 5.8 |
| Karnataka | 5.1 | 7.3 |
| Kerala | 8.7 | 9.0 |
| Lakshadweep | 7.5 | 8.9 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 3.6 | 6.0 |
| Maharashtra | 6.1 | 8.1 |
| Manipur | 6.8 | 8.2 |
| Meghalaya | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Mizoram | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| Nagaland | 5.4 | 6.5 |
| Odisha | 4.0 | 6.1 |
| Puducherry | 7.6 | 9.0 |
| Punjab | 6.5 | 7.8 |
| Rajasthan | 1.7 | 6.3 |
| Sikkim | 5.8 | 6.7 |
| Tamil Nadu | 6.7 | 7.9 |
| Telangana | 3.9 | 6.9 |
| Tripura | 5.4 | 7.0 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 3.0 | 6.1 |
| Uttarakhand | 4.9 | 7.7 |
| West Bengal | 4.5 | 5.8 |
| India | 4.4 | 6.9 |

Source: National Family Health Survey 2015-16 (NFHS-4)


[^0]:    Note: A person who can read and write a simple message in any language with understanding is considered literate in NSS surveys.

    * Gender Gap=Literacy rate for males-Literacy rate for females

[^1]:    Source: Census of India, Office of the Registrar General, India.

[^2]:    * Figures related to School Education are provisional.

[^3]:    Source: NSS $71{ }^{\text {st }}$ Round 2014

[^4]:    Source: NSS 71 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Round 2014

[^5]:    (Others includes Agriculture, Education, Indian language, Foreign language, Oriental learning, Home
    Science, Fine Arts, Physical Education, Library Education, Fisheries etc.

[^6]:    Source: NSS $71{ }^{\text {st }}$ Round 2014

[^7]:    Source: D/o Higher Education, MHRD

[^8]:    Source: Educational Statistics at a Glance 2016 and D/o Higher Education, MHRD
    NA: Not Available

    * Figures related to School Education are provisional.

[^9]:    Source: National Family Health Survey 2015-16 (NFHS-4)

