

## **New India Literacy Programme**

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Why is in news? Government has announced the New India Literacy Programme

Government has announced a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** namely, "**New India Literacy Programme**" (NILP) for implementation during five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27.

The programme aims to cover a **target of 5.00 crore learners during the five years** under **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy component.** 

The programme has **five objectives**: (i) Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, (ii) Critical Life Skills, (iii) Vocational Skills Development, (iv) Basic Education and (v) Continuing Education.

The **major challenge faced by the Government** while implementing the NILP presently is the opening and mapping of all Bank Accounts of Single Nodal Agencies (SNAs) and Implementing Agencies (IAs) in all States with **Public Financial Management System** (PFMS).

The Central and State shares are in the **ratio of 60:40 for all States other than North Eastern Region (NER) and Himalayan States** where the sharing pattern between the Centre and the State is in the ratio of **90:10**.

For **UTs with legislature** the ratio is 60:40, **except in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir** where the ratio is 90:10, and for all other **UTs without legislature the Central share is 100%.** The fund flow is through PFMS and State treasuries.

Various steps are being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the programme in the country and encouraging users to join the programme including Andaman and Nicobar Islands.