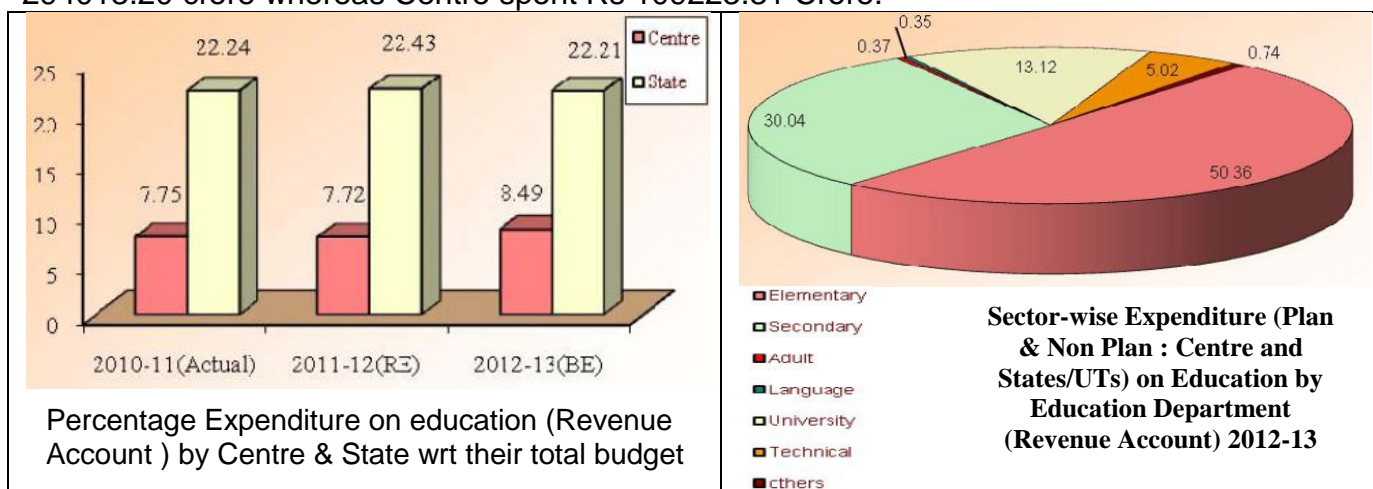


CHAPTER - 29

EDUCATION

29.1 It seems ironical that the cradle of civilization, India, with its rich literary cultural tradition, finds itself in an unenviable position in aspects of educational attainment, in spite of its booming knowledge industry providing IT solutions to systems across the world. Amongst the three dimensions identified for the human development index, during 2013, India scored 0.65 in case of education, second to health which scored 0.71. The score was better than income index (with a score of 0.60) and the progress as reflected by the three constituent indicators of HDI , has been fastest in case of education. Expected and mean years of schooling in case of India at 11.7 and 4.4 years are not only less than the world average (12.2 & 7.7 years respectively) but are also lowest amongst the BRICS countries . Comparison of proportion of population with at least secondary education, gives identical results with India (26.6 %–F, 50.4%–M) scoring significantly lower than the world average (54.2%- F, 64.2% – M) and the gender disparity is also quite conspicuous in case of India. Amongst BRICS countries also India’s position is similar except in case of proportion of males with at least secondary education, where it scores marginally better than Brazil with the value at 49.0 % . But Brazil scores significantly higher when the same indicator is applied to female population as 51.9 % females in Brazil have at least secondary education.

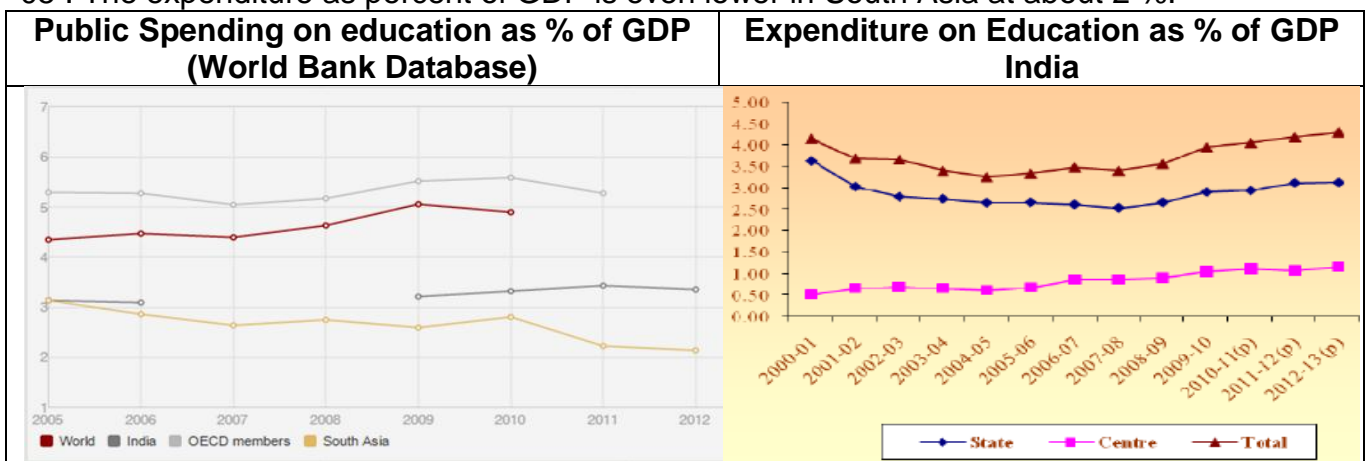
29.2 **Expenditure on Education** : Taking into account both the revenue as well as the capital account, the total budget estimates for education for 2012-13 of the Education Departments (State as well as the Centre) works out to Rs. 330641.45 crore, which is 10.70% of the total budget estimates. Whereas other departments spent Rs.79386.53 crore (2.57 % of total budget of all sectors) on education taking the total amount on spent on education to Rs 410027.98 crore, which was 13.27 % of total budget of all sectors. Out of the total amount of Rs 403236.51 crore on revenue account spent on education, State’s expenditure was Rs 294013.20 crore whereas Centre spent Rs 109223.31 Crore.



29.3 Mass basic education has been given priority in the country right from the time of independence. In the recent past, Sarva Siksha Abhiyan has been launched by Govt of India , in recognition of the need for Universal Elementary Education. Which accounts for largest share of the central expenditure on education. Although, India has been witnessing tremendous progress in elementary education since the early 1990s, and has also emerged

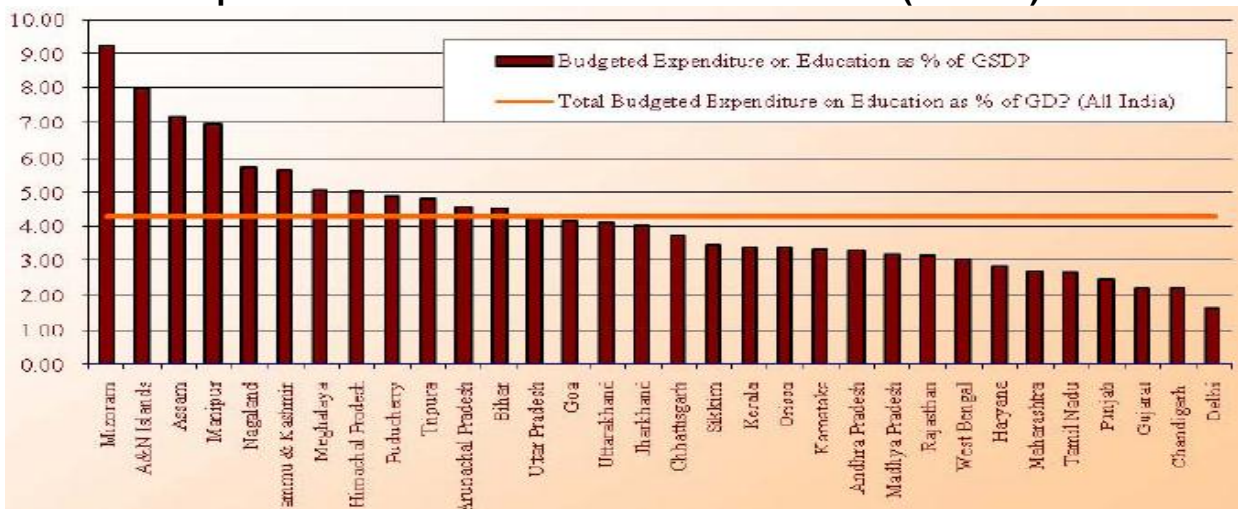
as an important player in the worldwide information technology, it's secondary and higher secondary education continue to remain underdeveloped and neglected. The States generally decide on their own secondary education system and the related policies within a national framework. While there is substantial variation across States, the country's public spending on secondary education is about 1.2% of the GDP. Given the limited public resources, the private sector has largely influenced the pace of growth of secondary education during the last two decades. While the focus of the Govt. is to make the elementary education both universal and compulsory through Right to Education Act, the aim wrt secondary education is to make it universal only (not compulsory).

29.4 Expenditure on education as per cent of GDP In high Income OECD countries , public expenditure on education is more than 5 per cent of GDP ,whereas in case of India the expenditure was about 4.3 % despite increase from the lowest levels of about 3.3 % in 2004-05 . The expenditure as percent of GDP is even lower in South Asia at about 2 %.



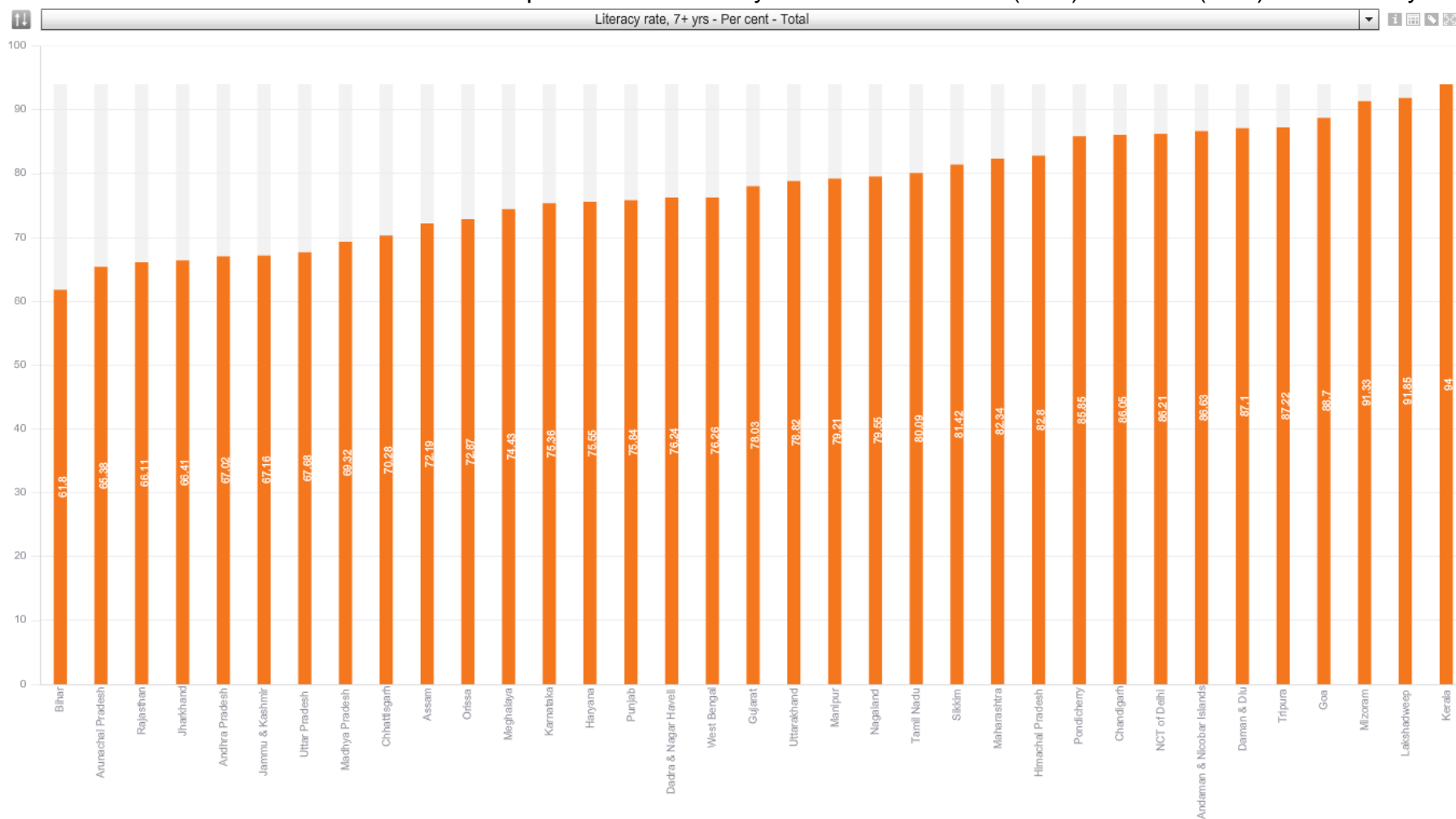
29.5 Considering the estimated public expenditure as per cent of GDP, The expenditure on elementary education is about 1.80% of GDP which is maximum among all other sub sectors of education followed by secondary education which is hovering around 1.05% of GDP. Contribution made by adult education (0.01) as percentage of GDP is lowest among all the sub sectors followed by university & Higher Education and Technical education for which it is around 0.89% and 0.54% respectively.

Expenditure on Education as Percent of GSDP (2012-13)

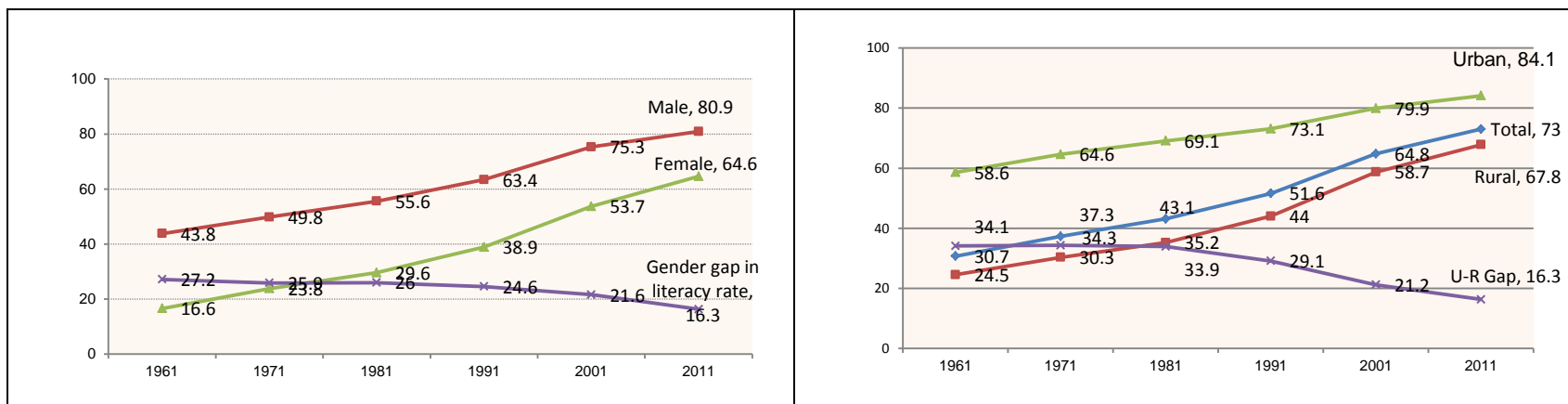


29.6 **Literacy rate** Comparing Region wise literacy rates (15+ years) (published by **UNESCO**), the literacy rate of India at 72.99 % (7+ age group) is only higher than that of African Region (64%) and is lower than the world average (84%). In fact, it is even lower than the average for Asian region (82%). The comparison, however, may not be strictly valid because the age group in case of India is 7 + years and the rate might change when applied to 15+ age group. But according to results of 2001 Census it is expected to become even more unfavorable (for 2001 literacy rate 7+ : 64.8%; 15+ : 61.0%)

29.7 Amongst major states, BIMARU states (including Jharkhand & Chhattisgarh) continue to have lower literacy rate (both for male & female) compared to all India average. Literacy rate in Orissa is quite close to the national average while that of Andhra Pradesh is much lower. Kerala continues to top the list with literacy rates both for males (96.1) & female (92.1) above ninety.



29.8 Literacy rate, both for male and female, has been improving continuously with last two Census recording significantly more increase (points) in female literacy rate as compared to that of males. Gender gap and the urban rural differential in literacy rate is steadily declining & the gap stands at 16.3 during 2011 in both cases. Literacy rate in 2011 was 73% an increase of 8.2 points over 2001.



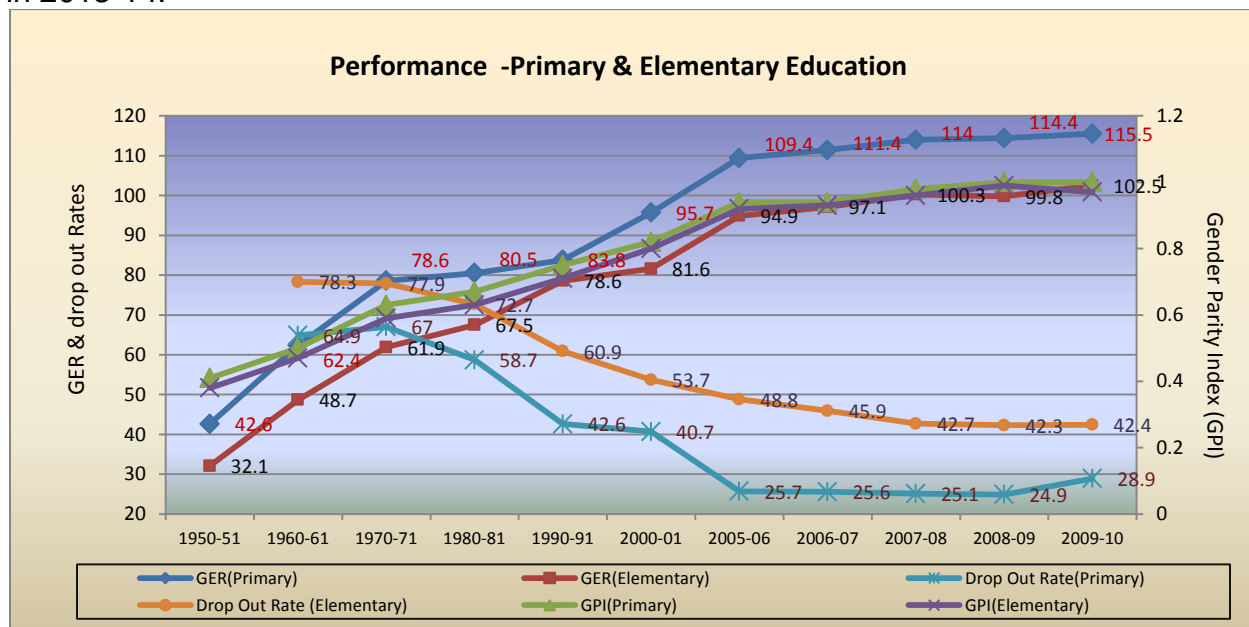
Performance over the years:

29.9 **Elementary Education** : Considerable progress has been made in case of Primary & Elementary education wherein government has been trying to focus on Universalization through its initiatives like Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, Mid Day Meal Scheme and Right to Education Act . Acknowledging the need of initial schooling for all , government has made elementary education not only universal but compulsory.

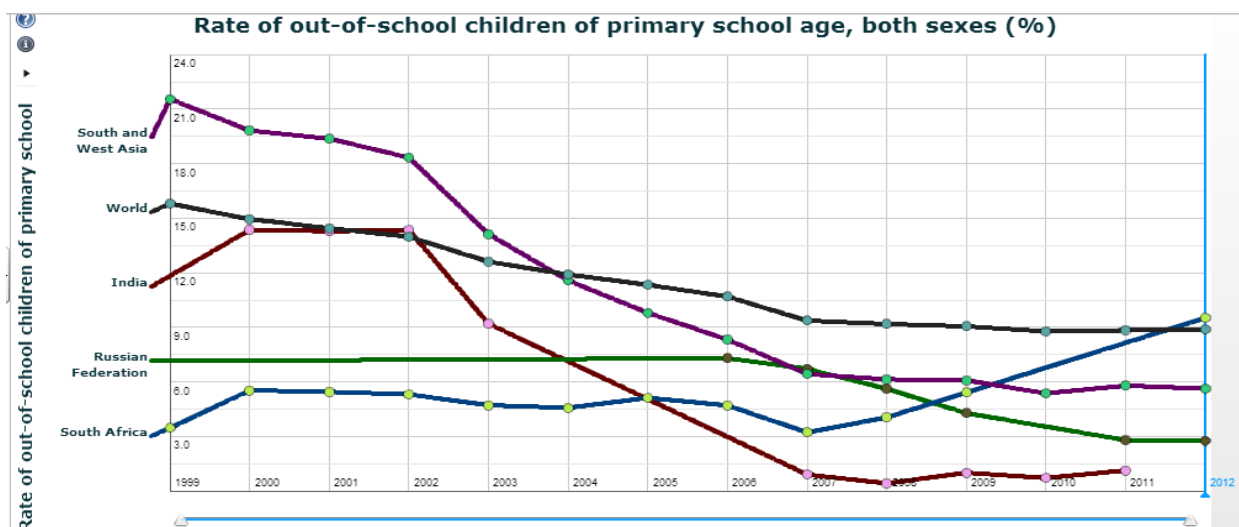
29.10 Since independence , when much less than half and one third of the eligible children were enrolled at primary(I-V) and elementary education (I-VIII) levels respectively, thrust on providing basic education has yielded results with the gross enrollment ratio (GER)at both the levels presently exceeding hundred. The progress is visible across the social categories and gender with present GER for SC, ST & girls shooting above hundred.(GER is the total student enrollment in a given level of education, regardless of age expressed as percentage of corresponding eligible official age group population in a given school year). World average GER for primary level is also over hundred (106). The enrolment in primary classes increased from 101.16 million in 2002-03 to 131.85 million in 2006-07 and further to 133.41 million in 2009-10, 135.21 million in 2010-11 and 137.10 million in 2011-12 and thereafter it is showing a decreasing trend. It decreased to 134.78 million in 2012-13 and to 132.43 in 2013-14. The GER & NER are 101.36 & 88.08 and 89.33 & 70.20 respectively at Primary and Upper Primary levels of

education. GER of SC at primary level and upper primary level are 113.03 & 98.27 respectively. The same for ST are 113.18 & 91.33 respectively. At the primary level, the share of SC and ST enrolment with respect to total enrolment in 2013-14 works out to 19.88 and 11.09 percent respectively. At the upper primary level, it was 19.41 percent and 9.73 percent respectively. Notably, at all levels, government schools are the main providers of educational needs of both SC and ST children. SC and ST enrolment together had a share of 37.36 and 35.36 percent respectively of the total enrolment in government run primary and upper primary schools. The share of OBC enrolment in the primary and upper primary classes in schools across the country was 44.10 and 44.44 percent respectively. The ratio of Grade V to Grade I improved to 93 percent in 2013-14 compared to 88 percent in 2013-14. This is also reflected in the retention rate at primary level which is estimated to be 82 percent. Retention rate of SC, ST and Muslim were 80.68, 67.68 and 78.06 percentage respectively. One of the other important indicators that are essential to achieve UEE is a high transition from primary level to upper primary level of education. It has improved significantly from 64.48 percent in 2002-03 to 89.58 percent in 2012-13 but declined slightly to 81.13 percent in 2006-07. Both Boys and Girls have a transition rate of about 89 and 90 percent respectively.

29.11 Gender Parity Index (GPI: ratio of girls GER to boys GER in a given level of education) also shows narrowing down of gender gap in educational attainment since the days of independence when educating a girl child wasn't given the same importance as boys. The index has risen from less than half (about 0.4) during 1950-51 for both the levels (primary & elementary) to about 1 presently. However, the average of 662 districts in 2013-14 indicates a ratio of girls to boys enrolment of 0.93 which was 0.94 in 2012-13 in primary classes and 0.95 in upper primary classes remains same in 2012-13 and 2013-14. Percentage girls enrolment shows a decrease from 2012-13 to 2013-14. At primary level it decreased from 48.36 (2012-13) to 48.20 in 2013-14 which was 48.22 percent in 2007-08. At upper primary level it decreased from 48.77 in 2012-13 to 48.66 in 2013-14.

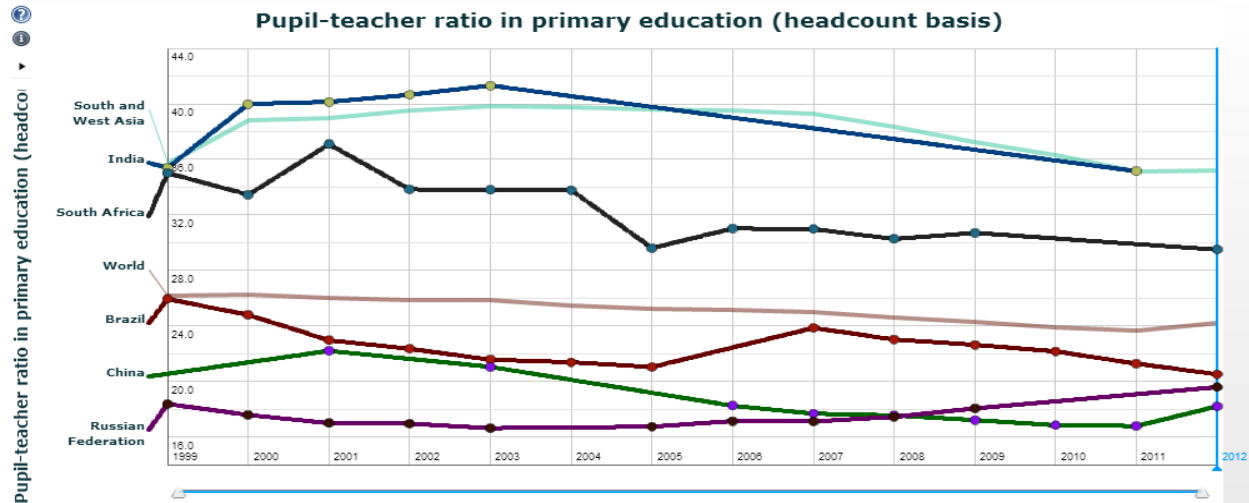


29.12 Drop out Rates (in %) have also reduced significantly, almost by half to about 30 & 42 (for primary & elementary levels respectively) during 2009-10 . With improvement in the number of schools, facilities in schools and enrolment, the annual dropout rate for 2012-13 indicates an average rate of 4.7 compared to 5.6 percent the previous year in primary grades. Dropout rate at upper primary level increased from 2.65 in 2011-12 to 3.13 in 2012-13. A few states have almost achieved the goal of universal retention at primary level. Along with drop out rates , out of school rate also indicates deprivation of education. As per UNESCO database out of school rate in case of India has decreased significantly during the recent years and India is better placed not only compared to world average and that of South Asia but also vis a vis BRICS countries like Russia and South Africa.



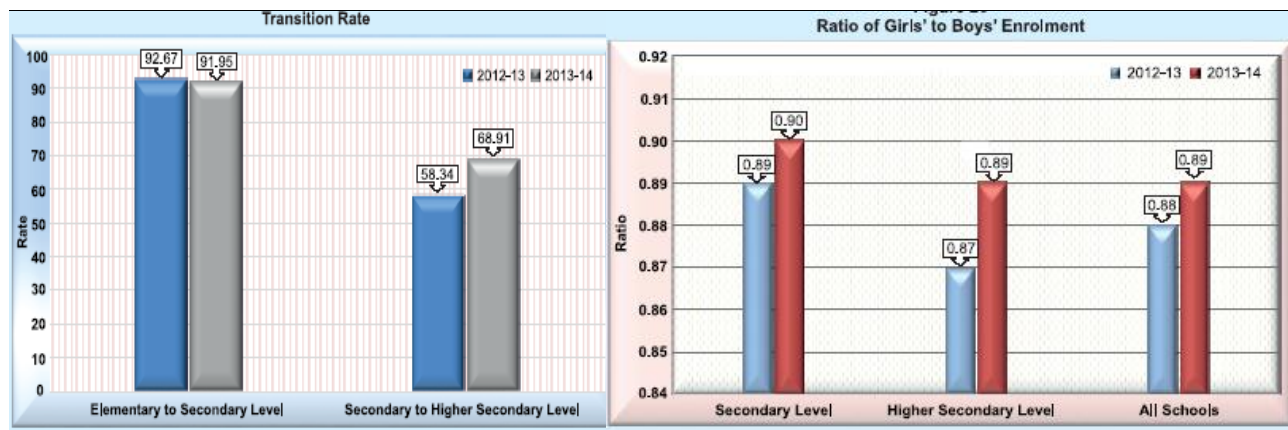
29.13 Overall Pupil Teacher Ratio , PTR has been around 30, it has reduced significantly from 36 in 2005-06. During 2013-14, at the primary level, it was 25 students per teacher while at the upper primary level it was 17. In 219 districts the PTR was above 30 as per DISE database. These districts were concentrated mostly in Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Percentage of schools with PTR greater than 30 at the primary level has shown significant improvement, from 37.02% in 2012-13 to 29.90% in 2013-14. States like Bihar (69.62%), Delhi (45.08%), and Jharkhand (47.21%) show more than 40 percent of Primary schools have PTR above 30. At the upper primary level, percentage of schools having PTR above 35 has decreased to 15.35 , compared to 27.46 for the previous year. In Bihar, not only is pupil-teacher ratio high but also the student-classroom ratio. It was 57% in 2013-14 compared to 65% in 2012-13 and 79% in 2011-12.

Comparison of PTR in primary education across BRICS countries as per UNESCO database is as follows:

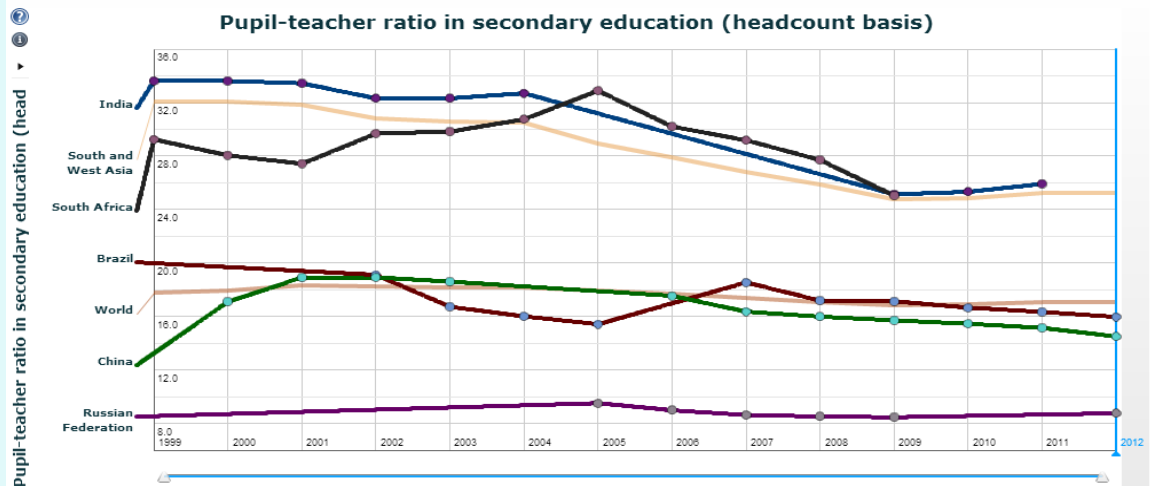


Source : UNESCO

9.14 Secondary & Sr Secondary Education : Despite the increasing trend in GER during the last decade (Sec & Sr Sec GER increased from about 33 per cent during 2001-02 to 49 per cent 2009-10 i.e. from about one third to half of the population being enrolled in eligible age group), enrollment & subsequent retention of the students remains a concern from secondary level onwards. It is noticed that the differential due to gender also starts to widen at this stage compared to the primary level. World average GER for secondary level is about 70 per cent. GER in case of India for secondary school & Sr secondary schools increased from about 68% & 41 % respectively during 2012-13 to about 77 % & 52 % respectively during 2013-14. Girls accounted for 53 & 55 % of enrolment at secondary and Sr. secondary levels as on 30th September 2013. Significant proportion of the population does not make the transition from elementary to secondary/senior secondary level.



Comparison of PTR in secondary education , across BRICS countries as per UNESCO database is as follows :

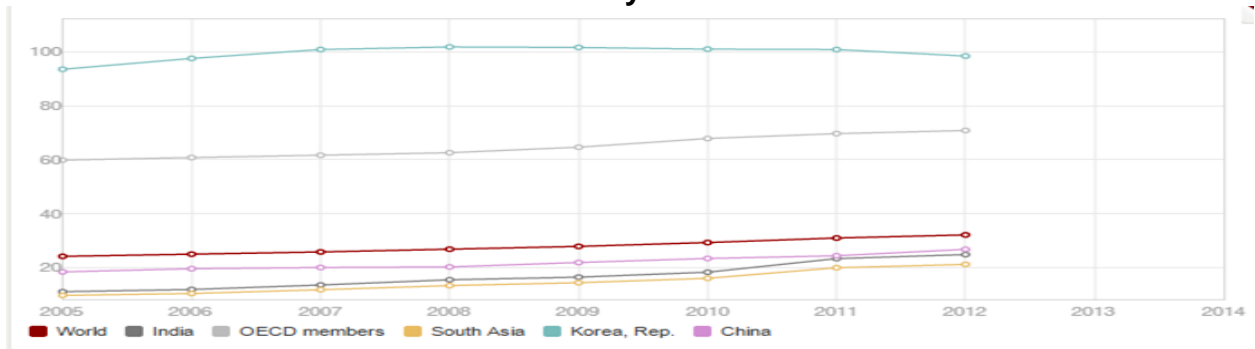


Source UNESCO

29.15 Until recently, the role of the Central Government in the development of secondary education was relatively limited. It was financing the national level bodies like NCERT, NIOS, KVS, NVS, etc. and assisting States through select centrally-sponsored schemes. Now, the Ministry of Human Resource Development is envisaging playing a larger role in the development and universalization of secondary education in the country. It has proposed to introduce a centrally-assisted programme called the "Scheme for Universal Access and Quality at the Secondary Stage (SUCCESS). Pupil teacher ratio for secondary schools improved from 28 during 2012-13 to 26 during 2013-14 whereas that for Sr secondary deteriorated from 38 to 41. There were about 0.69 secondary schools and 0.32 Sr Secondary Schools per 10 Sq km as on 30th September 2013 as per Flash Statistics for secondary education, DISE.

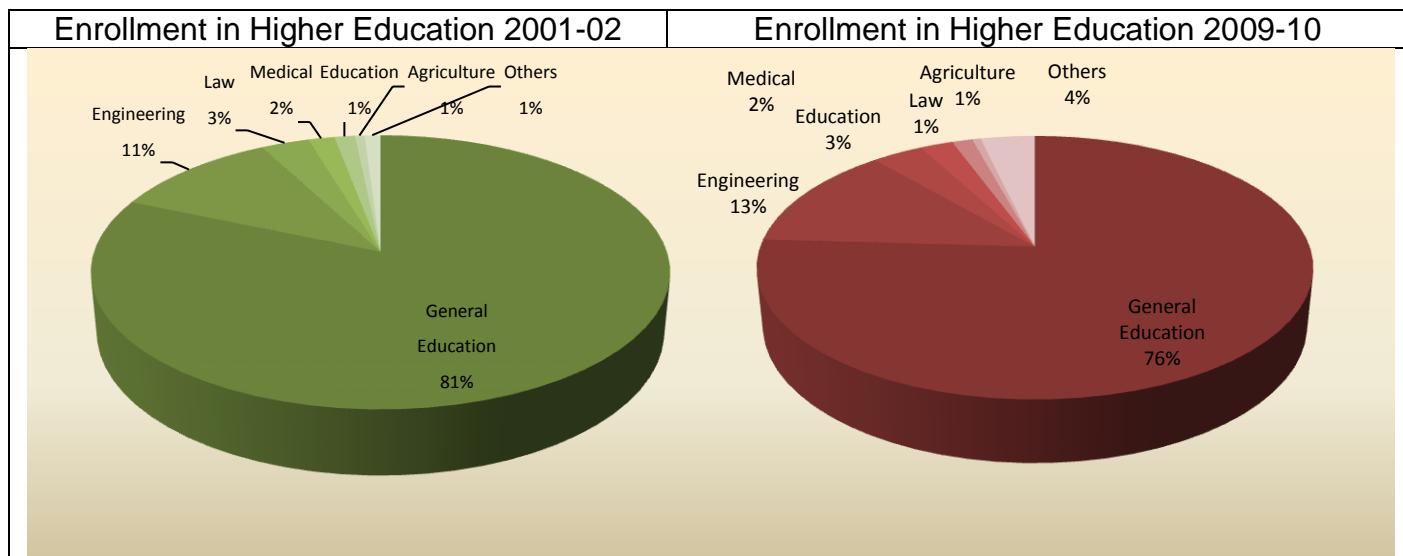
29.14 **Tertiary Education:** The attrition of school going population continues as we move up the levels with even lesser number making the transition to higher education (tertiary level). Some improvement has been observed during the decade with GER almost doubling from 8 in 2001-02 to about 23 in 2012-13 though it is still quite low, below the world average of over 30 and only a shade better than GER of South Asia. GER for tertiary education is about 100 in case of Korea. US (95) Australia (80), Russian federation (75), Japan(60) also have significantly higher GER whereas the GER of China (27) is closer to that of India, though it is still higher as shown below.

GER Tertiary Education



Source : World Bank

29.15 One of the trend of the tertiary education is more and more students are turning towards professional courses. Share of the general education (Arts, science & commerce etc) has gone down. Increase in the category “others” others may be on account of management courses.



29.16 Increased demand for professional courses has resulted in a large number of such colleges coming up all over the country , specially in educational hubs of southern states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka ,Andhra Pradesh and in the state of Maharashtra . NCT of Delhi has also witnesses unprecedented growth with more & more professional Institutes coming up in Ghaziabad, Noida etc. At the national level, the number of University/university level Institutes more than doubled during the last twenty years and colleges for general education increased to about three times the number twenty years earlier in 1990—91. In the same period, number of colleges imparting professional education increased to more than eight times the number in 1990-91. The spurt , both in demand (reflected by GER) and supply for professional courses followed India’s integration to the global economy and increased demand of its professionals specially in the fields of IT and Management.

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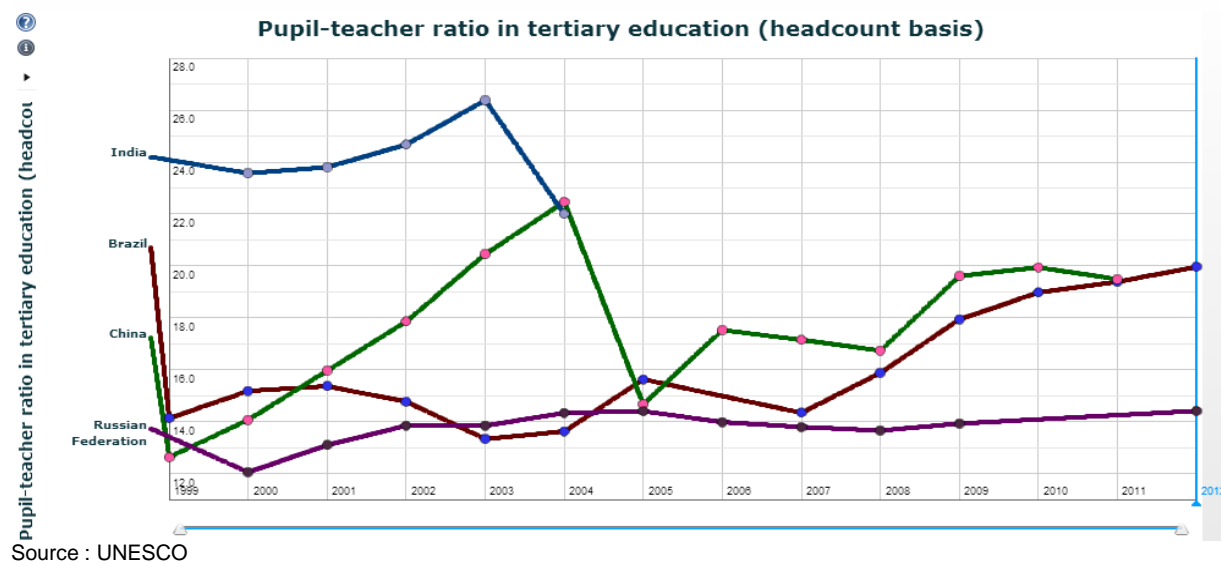
| Year | General Education Colleges | Professional Education Colleges | University/University level Instts |
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| 1990-91 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 0.18 |
| 2000-01 | 7.9 | 2.2 | 0.25 |
| 2009-10 | 14.4 | 8.3 | 0.44 |
| 2012-13 | 24.12 | 11.04 | 0.66 |

29.17 As per recent All India Survey on Higher Education 2012-13, total enrolment in higher education has been estimated to be 29.6 million with 16.3 million boys and 13.3 million girls. Girls constitute 45% of the total enrolment. Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher education in India is 21.1, which is calculated for 18-23 years of age group. GER for male population is 22.3 and for females it is 19.8. For Scheduled Castes, it is 15.1 and for Scheduled Tribes, it is 11.0 % as compared to the national GER of 21.1. College

density, i.e. the number of colleges per lakh eligible population (population in the age-group 18-23 years) varies from 6 in Bihar and Daman & Diu to 61 in Puducherry as compared to All India average of 25. 73% Colleges are privately managed; 58 % Private-unaided and 14% Private aided. Andhra Pradesh has more than 80% Private-unaided colleges, whereas, Bihar has only 6.3 % and Assam 9.5 % Private-unaided colleges. Gender Parity Index for all categories in higher education was 0.89 .

29.18 During the decade, number of students enrolled in PhD/MPhil dropped during 2005-06 & 2006-07 to below 50,000 mark (36,000-37,500) after the initial higher enrollment of about 50,000-65,000 during 2001-2004. The enrollment crossed one lakh mark during 2007-08 & it slid down again to about 0.8 lakh in 2008-09 , increasing thereafter to 0.92 lakh in 2009-10 to cross 1 lakh mark during 2010-11 and reach present levels of about 1.19 lakh (2012-13).

29.19 Pupil Teacher Ratio for higher education, in case of Universities and colleges in India, was 23 as per All India Survey on Higher Education 2012-13 . Comparison among PTR of BRIC countries as per UNESCO database is given below.



29.20 **Genesis of Education Statistics** : The Educational Statistics System in India dates back to the pre-independence period. Annual Educational Statistics began to be collected from 1913-14 followed by elaborate quinquennial reviews. Prior to 1947, the Directorate of Commercial Intelligence collected Educational Statistics. The activity was taken over by the Ministry of Education (MOE) after independence when the Government was required to plan for Universalisation of Elementary Education (UEE). To assess the status and to prepare a plan to this effect, the MOE conducted the first All-India Educational Survey (AIES) in 1957. Since then, five more AIESs have been conducted by NCERT from time to time, the last one in 1993. These surveys have become an integral part of the system of Educational Statistics in India.

29.21 **Sources of Education Statistics:** The two main sources of educational data are the educational institutions and households. The educational institutions provide the data on enrolment and number of teachers, which is collected annually from all recognized institutions whereas information on aspects like literacy, educational level of population, private expenditure on education etc. is available only from households. Agencies compiling statistics based on information collected from educational institutions are :

(i) Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD): Planning Monitoring and Statistics Division, in the Department of Secondary and Higher education (DS&HE) brings out reports - Expenditure on Education, Select Educational Statistics, Statistics of School Education, Statistics of Technical and Higher Education etc, based on the information provided by State Governments. In the States, there are divisions or units in the Department of Education, which collect data from schools, through their district and block offices and compile the same in the ES proformae prescribed by the PMSD for onward transmission to MHRD. In general, the data collected from schools are first compiled manually at the block level, then the block level figures are aggregated to prepare district tables and finally, State level tables are prepared by aggregating the district level tables.

(ii) National University of Educational Planning & Administration (NUEPA) : The University is involved in educational statistics at all levels i.e. elementary (DISE), Secondary (SEMIS) & Higher education (All India Survey of Higher Education). The University has also conducted All India Educational Administration Surveys in the past.

- **District Information System for Education (DISE):** Project of DISE has been taken up by NUEPA to assist in monitoring the goal of Universal Elementary Education - *Sarva Siksha Abhiyan* whereby free and compulsory elementary education for children between 6-14 years of age is being targeted through *Right to Education Act*.
- **Secondary Education Management Information System (SEMIS)** Project of SEMIS has been undertaken by NUEPA for assessment of performance at secondary level where participation rate is far below that at elementary level. Database created through SEMIS is expected to help in the centrally assisted programme called the "*Scheme for Universal Access & Quality at The Secondary Stage*" (*SUCCESS*)
- **All India Survey of Higher Education** was conducted by NUEPA at the behest of Ministry of HRD.

(iii) National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT): Detailed statistics on students, teachers and physical facilities in schools up to higher secondary level are collected in 5 to 7 years through **All India educational Surveys (AIES)** conducted by the NCERT.

29.22 Important sources of household data on education are:

(i) **Population Census** : The decennial census is an important source of data on literacy, persons attending/not attending school and level of education of the population of the country. In the 1991, 2001 & 2011 Census, the literacy data has been collected and compiled for the population in the age group 7+. While the literacy rate for the age group 7+ is made available just after the census, the tables on literacy for different age groups become available after 5 to 6 years of the census. Internationally, the age groups for which literacy data is reported is 15+.

(ii) **National Sample Surveys (NSS)** conducted by the National Sample Survey Office. The last survey in which the NSSO collected data on social consumption was the 52nd Round (1995-96). In this survey, data on literacy, school attendance, dropouts and educational expenditure from the sample households was collected and the findings brought out in a report published in October 1998.

There are various agencies involved in the collection of data on technical and higher education in the country. This area comprises higher (general education), technical education, medical education, agricultural education and teacher education.

- The **University Grants Commission (UGC)** is responsible for collection and reporting of data on higher education obtained directly from colleges and universities. Prior to 1982, the Department of Education in MHEd as well as UGC collected data on higher education but in order to avoid duplication, it was decided that UGC alone should collect data on higher education. However, the UGC faces problems of time lag and non-response from the reporting institutions, but some basic statistics are published every year in UGC's Annual Report. The MHRD has again stated collecting data on higher education from the States for the year 1994-95 onwards.
- **Indian Council of Medical Research** collects data for the medical education in India
- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research** collects data on agricultural education in India.
- **Institute of Applied Manpower Research(IAMR)** conducts national surveys on area manpower profiles, vocational & technical education for National Technical Manpower Information System

29.23 Besides the above ,some information is also available with **Directorate of Employment & Training** (data on the educational level of the job seekers through Employment Exchanges),State Governments etc. National Family & Health Welfare Survey, 1992-93 & 1998-99 also collected data on literacy and children attending school, based on a sample survey of households.

29.24 Internationally, UNESCO, World Bank and some other agencies maintain information on education related indicators for various countries.

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