



SOCIO-ECONOMIC MOBILISATION OF MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES

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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has evaluated the impact of its flagship education and skill development schemes aimed at improving educational outcomes, employment opportunities and sustainable livelihoods for marginalised communities across the country.

The **Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)** has been evaluated by the **Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog**, covering all three components of the scheme, namely Adarsh Gram, Grants-in-Aid and Hostels. The evaluation assessed the relevance, effectiveness and outcomes of the scheme across multiple States and found that PM-AJAY is aligned with national development priorities and has contributed to improvements in basic infrastructure, educational access and socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Caste communities. As per the evaluation report, access to the hostel component of PM-AJAY has led to increased continuation rates in higher secondary and college education, particularly for girls, by addressing challenges such as long commuting distances and unsafe travel.

As on **December 2025**, a total of **911 hostels** for **74,749 beneficiaries** have been sanctioned under PM-AJAY. State-wise details of hostels sanctioned, completed and beneficiaries covered are given at **Annexure-I**.

The impact of the **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)** has been assessed through a third-party evaluation conducted by the **National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR)**. The evaluation indicates improved student retention, reduced dropout rates, higher pass percentages, enhanced educational aspirations and a reduction in caste and gender gaps among Scheduled Caste students. The third-party evaluation covered **41 districts across six geographical regions** of the country.

As on December 2025, the evaluation reported **15,816 beneficiaries nationwide during 2023-24**, of which **4,135 students (26 per cent)** were covered under **Mode-I**, and **11,681 students (74 per cent)** under **Mode-II** of SHRESHTA. While the evaluation does not provide State/UT-wise outcome indicators, the number of private residential schools under Mode-I and the number of school and hostel projects run by NGOs/VOs under Mode-II, along with beneficiary details, are given at **Annexure-II and Annexure-III** respectively.

The impact of the **Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampann Hitgrahi Yojana (PM-DAKSH)** has also been assessed. Evaluation findings indicate strong relevance and learning effectiveness, with over **90 per cent** of beneficiaries reporting alignment of training with career goals, local labour market needs and achievement of intended learning outcomes. The evaluation highlights significant non-material gains such as improved confidence, self-esteem and social recognition, particularly among

women and marginalised groups. Sustainability outcomes are also positive, with most beneficiaries continuing to use acquired skills, expecting long-term income growth, reinvesting in development and demonstrating the ability to maintain improvements independently.

[This information was given by the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, **Shri Ramdas Athawale**, in a written reply in the **Rajya Sabha** today.]

Annexure-I

State-wise hostels sanctioned under PM-AJAY (2007-08 to December 2025)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Total No. of Hostels Sanctioned	No. of hostels completed	No. of beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh *	33	5	3265
2	Assam	44	36	2924
3	Bihar *	19	16	1890
4	Chhattisgarh	48	46	2420
5	Gujarat	17	17	3270
6	Haryana	17	14	1860
7	Himachal Pradesh *	9	7	1125
8	Jammu And Kashmir	5	4	400
9	Jharkhand	21	16	1450
10	Karnataka	45	35	3136
11	Kerala	9	9	730
12	Madhya Pradesh	87	77	6650
13	Maharashtra*	59	55	5273
14	Manipur	24	16	2155
15	Mizoram	3	0	450
16	Nagaland	9	0	1350

17	Odisha *	177	169	14834
18	Puducherry	4	2	500
19	Punjab	15	15	1226
20	Rajasthan	105	101	4475
21	Sikkim	6	4	600
22	Tamil Nadu	50	47	4641
23	Telangana	11	4	1500
24	Tripura	8	5	520
25	Uttar Pradesh	32	24	2734
26	Uttarakhand*	6	2	350
27	West Bengal	48	48	5021
	Total	911	774	74749

S.No	State/UTs	Private Residential School Selected during 2021-22	No of Beneficiaries	Private Residential School Selected during 2022-23	No of Beneficiaries	Private Residential School Selected during 2023-24	No Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	14	103	5	202	8	438
2	Bihar	6	226	2	198	5	115
3	Chhattisgarh	6	50	5	130	7	231
4	Gujarat	1	1	6	22	1	29
5	Haryana	1	3	10	51	15	293

6	Himachal Pradesh	1	9	8	35	4	56
7	Jharkhand	6	73	3	85	4	60
8	Karnataka	8	51	0	34	1	45
9	Kerala	1	2	16	195	11	278
10	Madhya Pradesh	5	62	8	183	12	267
11	Maharashtra	4	25	5	97	5	120
12	Orissa	17	98	3	183	6	128
13	Punjab	0	0	2	17	3	39
14	Rajasthan	5	60	27	236	25	783
15	Tamil Nadu	4	40	21	198	16	292
16	Telangana	0	0	1	25	1	53
17	Uttar Pradesh	12	247	10	432	17	830
18	Uttarakhand	2	24	6	47	3	53
19	West Bengal	0	0	2	12	0	10
20	A & N Island	0	0	1	2	0	2
21	Puducherry	0	0	1	7	0	8
22	Assam	1	7	1	14	0	5
23	Tripura	1	4	0	0	0	0
	Total	95	1085	143	2405	144	4135

Annexure-II*

Mode-I: Private Residential Schools and beneficiaries under SHRESHTA (last five years)

S.No	State/UTs	Number of Projects 2021-22	No of Beneficiaries	Number of Projects 2022-23	No of Beneficiaries	Number of Projects 2023-24	No of Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	1050	6	255	5	509
2	Gujarat	1	200	1	141	1	0
3	Haryana	1	100	1	191	1	0
4	Karnataka	13	1700	13	853	14	1115
5	Madhya Pradesh	5	1000	5	337	3	280
6	Maharashtra	38	3800	38	3997	37	2862
7	Orissa	12	1800	12	1081	11	1094
8	Rajasthan	20	2300	15	1738	15	1616
9	Tamil Nadu	2	400	2	445	2	0
10	Uttar Pradesh	22	3700	22	2796	22	2881
11	Uttarakhand	1	200	1	37	1	131
12	West Bengal	5	1100	5	225	5	308
13	NCT of Delhi	5	500	5	1026	5	752
14	Assam	6	700	6	574	6	0
15	Manipur	1	200	1	0	1	25
16	Telangana	2	300	2	230	2	108
17	Meghalaya	2	300	2	148	2	0

	Total	142	19350	137	14074	133	11681
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Annexure-III

Mode-II: NGO/VO school & hostel projects and beneficiaries under SHRESHTA (last five years)

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