

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines in New Delhi

School Management Committee Guidelines 2026 to strengthen community participation and school governance - Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan calls for School Management Committees to become a people's movement for strengthening education

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Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, launched School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines today at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri Ashish Sood, Education Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi; Shri Gajender Yadav, Minister of School Education, Government of Chhattisgarh; Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL); Secretary, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Shri Ashok Kumar Meena and Smt. Archana S. Awasthi, Additional Secretary, DoSEL, along with other senior officials, were present during the occasion.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said that the School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines–2026 will play a pivotal role in translating the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 into action across the country’s nearly 15 lakh schools. He said the Guidelines envision SMCs as a vital bridge between students, teachers, parents, and communities to ensure holistic development of children through stronger community participation and shared responsibility in education.



Shri Pradhan emphasised that while the government is committed to ensuring education, health, well-being, mental health, and support for Children With Special Needs (CWSN), the SMC Guidelines also recognise the importance of handholding, mentoring, and community ownership in strengthening schools. He said the Guidelines aim to develop SMCs into a sustainable culture and a people’s movement for improving educational outcomes. Highlighting the role of initiatives like Vidyanjali in encouraging greater public participation, he noted that India’s education system has historically thrived under community leadership, and the new SMC Guidelines seek to revive that spirit by placing schools once again at the centre of societal engagement.

Shri Ashish Sood, while addressing, stated that this programme is not merely about issuing new guidelines, but represents a deep and transformative shift taking place in India’s education system. He emphasized that if India is to achieve the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047, the path must pass through its classrooms.

Shri Sood described the newly launched SMC Guidelines 2026 as a crucial link in this transformative journey. He explained that the earlier SMC framework, introduced after the Right to Education Act, was largely limited to grant monitoring, infrastructure supervision, and administrative processes. However, today’s challenges and expectations have significantly evolved. He pointed out that issues such as child safety, mental health, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), digital transparency, learning outcomes, and community participation have become critically important. The new SMC Guidelines have been designed keeping these priorities in mind. The Minister emphasized that these guidelines transform SMCs from mere monitoring bodies into true “school community governing institutions.” SMCs will now actively contribute to holistic child development, academic quality, student welfare, safety, inclusivity, digital governance, and transparency. Concluding his address, Shri Sood expressed confidence that the SMC Guidelines 2026 will strengthen community participation, transparency, and quality education, and play a vital role in building a developed India.

Shri Gajendra Yadav, in his address, said that an active society's involvement is essential for improving children's learning outcomes. He said that the School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines introduced under the leadership of Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan would help bridge the gap between parents and schools by ensuring greater participation of local guardians in school management and functioning.



The meeting was virtually attended by several State Education Ministers, including Shri Mahipal Dhanda, School, Higher and Technical Education Minister, Haryana; Shri Dadaji Bhuse, School Education and Marathi Language Minister, Maharashtra; Dr. Vanlalhlana, Minister for School Education, Higher and Technical Education, Mizoram; Shri Kishor Barman, Higher Education Minister, Government of Tripura; Shri Dhan Singh Rawat, Education Minister, Uttarakhand; and Shri Temjen Imna Along, Higher Education Minister, Nagaland.





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Community-led Schools for Strengthening Local
Governance for Quality Education

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Our objective must be to
provide quality education
with better governance

— **Shri Narendra Modi**
Hon'ble Prime Minister

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Why New Guidelines?

- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (2011) describes SMCs as the decentralised structure for school governance, based on RTE Act 2009
- “**Guidelines for Community Mobilization & SMDCS**” issued in 2014 under **Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)** defines role and functioning of SMDC for Secondary and Senior Secondary schools
- **NEP 2020** emphasizes the active involvement of local communities, alumni, and senior citizens for enhancing learning in schools
- **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (2018 & 2022)** details the composition, functioning etc. of the SMC

Now the focus includes Foundational Learning, inclusive and equitable education, enhanced community participation in school education, and outcome-based local governance.

Guidelines for School Management Committees 2026

- **In Supersession of all the earlier guidelines on SMC/SMDC**
- Align SMC structure with NEP 2020
- Strengthen community ownership in learning outcomes of Balvatika to Grade-12

What's New?

- Single **SMC** for all Grades for Balvatika to Grade-12
- Clear roles and responsibilities of SMC and Member Secretary
- Enhanced transparency and financial oversight
- Proactive involvement in monitoring student attendance and teacher engagement to enhance learning outcomes.
- Support in inclusive education
- School development planning & Social Audit
- Comprehensive Convergence in Whole-of-Government approach
- Inclusion of new initiatives like Vidyanjali, Eco-clubs, ULLAS, PRASHAST App, School Infrastructure Safety and Disaster Preparedness etc.

SMC Size:

Number of members of the committee may be decided based on the enrolment of the children:

Enrolment Range	Approx. No. of Members
Up to 100 students	12-15 members
100-500 students	15-20 members
Above 500 students	20-25 members

Composition of SMC:

Each SMC shall consist of the following members:

1	Elected Member from Parents/Guardian	Chairperson
2	Elected Member from Parents/Guardian	Vice Chairperson
3	Parents/Guardian from all grades of children studying in school	Member
4	Elected members of the local authority	Member
5	Teachers from the school	Member
6	Local educationists / Subject Experts / academicians / senior students / alumni of the school / AWW / ASHA / ANM	Member
7	Principal / Head Master / School In-charge	Member-Secretary

Other Provisions:

- Constitution of SMC within **one month of starting of the academic year**. First meeting of SMC within one week of constitution.
- Election of SMC in a democratic, transparent, and inclusive manner.
- Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected in the first meeting.
- SMC meetings conducted at-least **once in a month**.
- Quorum of the SMC (minimum 50%) meetings to be ensured.
- Two recommended sub committees of SMC recommended
 - Academic committee
 - School Building Committee
- School Development Plan (SDP) to be prepared for 3 years with 3 annual sub plans.
- Resource mobilization by engaging parents, alumni, volunteers, corporate entities (CSR), local organisation, etc.
- SMC to monitor the condition and activities of hostels in school premises like KGBV(s)/NSCBs/ PM JANMAN/DAJGUA, etc.
- To oversee all schemes in school like Samagra Shiksha, PM POSHAN, ULLAS, PM SHRI, etc.
- All civil work costing up to 30 lakhs may be executed by SMC.
- Capacity building training of SMC members.



Please click the link below to access the School Management Committee (SMC) Guidelines https://dsel.education.gov.in/sites/default/files/guidelines/School_Management_Committee_Guidelines.pdf

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— Dharmendra Pradhan (@dpradhanbjp) May 6, 2026

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