

## INDIA RURAL

ANALYSIS BASED ON DATA FROM GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS. 596 OUT OF 619 DISTRICTS

### School observations (Physical education)

In each sampled village, the largest government school with primary sections is visited on the day of the survey. Information about schools in this report is based on these visits.

**Table 1: Number of schools visited 2018**

	2018
Primary schools (Std I-IV/V)	9177
Upper primary schools (Std I-VII/VIII)	6821
Total schools visited	15998

#### About ASER

The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) is a household survey of children's schooling status and their ability to do basic reading and arithmetic tasks. It has been facilitated by Pratham every year since 2005. ASER is carried out by volunteers from a local organisation in each district.

ASER 2018 reached 596 districts, 17,730 villages, 354,944 households and 546,527 children. 573 partners and approximately 30,000 volunteers participated in this effort.

This is the 13th ASER report.

Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, an overarching programme for the school education sector from pre-school to class 12, was announced in the last union budget. It articulates four important ways in which the new scheme will support and promote school sports:<sup>1</sup>

- Sports equipment will be provided to all schools
- Sports education to be an integral part of the curriculum
- Every school will receive sports equipment under the scheme to inculcate and emphasize relevance of sports in the school curriculum
- Support to 'Khelo India', an annual pan-India sports event

<sup>1</sup><http://samagra.mhrd.gov.in/features.html>



**Table 2: Physical education facilities in primary schools (I-IV/V) 2018**

% Schools with	
Physical education period in the timetable	58.4
Separate physical education teacher	5.8
Playground inside the school premises	65.0
Availability of any sports equipment	55.8

**Table 3: Physical education facilities in upper primary schools (I-VII/VIII) 2018**

% Schools with	
Physical education period in the timetable	69.1
Separate physical education teacher	30.8
Playground inside the school premises	70.3
Availability of any sports equipment	71.5

