

In India, more than 96% of children age 6-14 are enrolled in school. But are they learning?

Every year since 2005, ASER - the Annual Status of Education Report - has provided answers to this question.

2014 marks the tenth anniversary of the ASER survey.

ASER is a household-based survey of schooling and basic learning. It is the only annual source of data on children's learning available in India today. ASER is done in almost all rural districts in India each year.

ASER is facilitated by Pratham/ASER Centre and carried out by local organizations in each district.

Every year the survey reaches about 600,000 children. More than 25,000 volunteers participate in the survey. Close to 15,000 villages are visited.

Children in the age group 5-16 are assessed in reading and basic arithmetic. The results are released in January each year. ASER findings are quoted extensively in India and abroad.

A big tree stood in a garden. It was alone and lonely. One day a bird came and sat on it. The bird held a seed in its beak. It dropped the seed near the tree. A small plant grew there. Soon there were many more trees. The big tree was happy.

53% of children in Std 5 in India CANNOT read this story in their own language.

Std. 2 level text

Source: ASER 2013

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \overline{) 869} \\ \underline{7} \\ 16 \\ \underline{14} \\ 29 \\ \underline{28} \\ 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 76 \\ - 47 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

74.5% of children in Std 5 in India CANNOT solve this problem.

Std. 4/5 level division

47.8% of children in Std 5 in India CANNOT solve this problem.

Std. 2 level subtraction

Source: ASER 2013

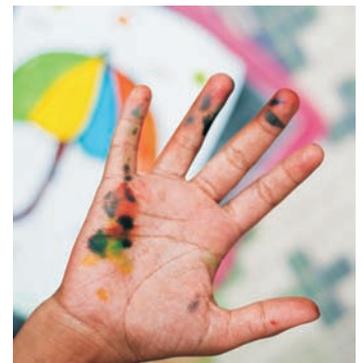
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