

Around 23 lakh students from 88 thousand schools in 782 districts to participate in the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024 tomorrow

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The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India has been implementing a rolling programme of sample based National Achievement Survey (NAS) aimed at classes III, V, VIII and X with a cycle period of three years. The last National Achievement Survey (NAS) was held on 12th November, 2021.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, National Assessment Centre, PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) has been setup by the Ministry of Education under the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and has been entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out the next round of NAS, hereafter referred to as PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024. The survey will be held on **4th December, 2024** across the country and will help to assess the competencies developed by students at the end of foundational, preparatory and middle stages (i.e., Students currently in 3rd, 6th and 9th Grades) and help to take remedial measures. The instrument development, testing, finalization of the test items and survey tools have been developed by PARAKH, NCERT. However, the administration of the test in the sampled schools will be done by CBSE in collaboration with the respective States/UTs.

The PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan is a baseline study to understand the achievement of the stage specific competencies at the end of foundation, preparatory and middle stages as per NEP 2020. It will cover the entire spectrum of schools i.e., Government Schools (Central Government and State Government), Government Aided Schools and Private schools across the country. It is expected that around 23 lakh students of approximately 88 thousand schools spread out in 782 districts across 36 States and UTs will be covered in the PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024. Students of Grades 3, 6, and 9 will be assessed in the subjects, Language, Mathematics, the World Around Us, Science and Social Science. The Test would be conducted in 23 mediums of instructions covering Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Bodo, English, Mizo, Garo & Khasi.

For smooth and fair conduct of the survey 94878 Field Investigators, 75,565 Observers, 3128 District Level Officers and 180 State Nodal Officers from 36 States and Union Territories have been appointed. Also, 782 Board Representatives along with 38 National Level Observers have been appointed in the districts for monitoring the overall functioning and ensuring fair conduct of the Survey. All the personnel have been provided extensive training regarding their roles and responsibilities.

A National Steering Committee has been constituted for conduct of PARAKH Rashtriya 2024 headed by Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education. A Portal <https://ncert.nic.in/parakh/rashtriyasarvekshan.php> has been launched to enable coordination with various key functionaries for smooth conduct of PARAKH Rashtriya 2024. National, State and District Report cards for all Stages covered under the survey will be released and placed in public domain.

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