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**Around 7.64 crore learners successfully passed the biannual Basic Assessment Test  
under Saakshar Bharat Mission-HRD Minister**

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Saakshar Bharat Programme, the latest version of National Literacy Mission, was implemented in the rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT of the country. Under the programme, against the overall target of making 7 crore adult non-literates to be made literates, around 7.64 crore learners successfully passed the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) between August, 2010 to March, 2018 and were certified as literates. A statement indicating State/UT-wise target of enrolment of learners, learners appeared and declared successful in the biannual Basic Literacy Assessment Tests under programme, including Maharashtra.

In order to improve the female literacy rate in the country, the scheme of Saakshar Bharat was implemented in the rural areas of 410 districts in 26 States and one UT, that had adult female literacy rate of 50 per cent and below as per Census 2001, with special focus on women and other disadvantaged groups.

The information was given by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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