

Seasonal Centers in Jammu & Kashmir

SSA, an initiative for achieving universalization of elementary Education was launched in J&K State in the year 2002-03. The state of J&K has been following a policy of providing primary school within a radius of one km. However the distance norm has been relaxed by the State from 1 km to 0.5 km in the following habitations:

- Habitations located on hill slopes. Small habitation cut off by Nallah / Streams from the habitation having schooling facility
- Habitations separated by National Highway / Busy Road
- Habitations located in forest area.
- Upgrading primary schools to the level of upper primary schools within a radius of 3 km having two feeding primary school.

Strategy for Nomadic population:

Access to school facilities for the nomadic population has always remained priority of the state. The children of nomadic migratory population who migrate during summer from within the division or from one division to another needs schooling facility. Seasonal Centers have been provided for the population during its migration from one place to another in search of green pastures. In order to provide schooling facilities to these children within the age group of 6-14 years during migratory period (of at least six months) SSA started these centers in pastures where these communities live for 6 months along with their families and cattle head.



Seasonal Center of District Samba

During the year 2015-16, a total no. of 28518 children belonging to Nomadic population of Gujjar & Bakerwals were covered. In the year 2016-17 a total of 22946 children have been covered.



Seasonal Center of District Pulwama

Opening of Seasonal Centres :-

1. A seasonal center is opened for 6 months in the highest mountain pastures.
2. Under SSA Educational Volunteers (EV's) are engaged @Rs.4000/- per month for 6 months.
3. The engagement is purely temporary.
4. Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE) and contingency grant etc. is provided