

Over 80% schools in state now 'Saksham'

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Chandigarh: More than 80% of Haryana is now 'Saksham' or grade-level competent. After seven rounds of 'Saksham Ghoshna' assessment, 68 more blocks have been announced 'Saksham' in Hindi and mathematics, raising the total such blocks to 94. All 'Saksham' blocks will be honoured at district and strict level next week. After this round, nine districts have become fully Saksham in the state.

Saksham Haryana is a state-wide education transformation programme going on for the last five years. It is being run from Saksham Haryana Cell set up in the CM office and the school education department to improve quality of education in schools.

State project director of Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad Rakesh Gupta said results of the mega round of 'Saksham Ghoshna' conducted on February 12, were announced on Wednesday. He added that the state now aimed to make the remaining 25 non-Saksham blocks Saksham, besi-

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des sustaining the status of all 94 blocks and improving quality of education in secondary classes. The NITI Aayog is also recognising learnings from Haryana so that other states can also improve their learning levels.

Gupta added that students of classes III, V and VII are assessed in Hindi and mathematics on sample basis. A scientific sampling method is used to choose schools that are best representation of rural, urban, boys, girls, primary and secondary.

It is in these schools that the third party assessment is conducted. Based on the results of the assessment, it is decided whether the block has actually become 'Saksham' or not.