

**INITIATIVE NAME: EVENING LEARNING CENTER FOR THE OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN**

1. Name of the Initiative:
Evening Learning Centre for school dropouts and Out-of-School Children (from age 14 to 18 Years)
2. Objective (Need of the initiative or challenges faced before the implementation of the initiative)
To provide a Learning platform for school dropouts and out-of-school children (from age 14 to 18 Years) in Gujarat to appear for the 10 <sup>th</sup> Standard exam by setting up Evening Learning Centres (ELC) and enabling them to join the mainstream, under the framework of “Samagra Shiksha”.
3. Coverage of the initiatives (Details of coverage of the targeted population eg. State, District, block, cluster, school, student, teacher, parents etc.)
<b>05 (five) Evening Learning Centres (ELC)</b> , in Ahmedabad will be started as a pilot project under Samagra Shiksha – GCSE, Gujarat. These will give benefit to <b>450+ identified Students</b> . These centres will provide opportunities to school dropouts as well as failed students to mainstream in regular School & appear for the exams and further up-skill by undertaking vocational skill training.
4. Description of the Initiative including innovative aspects of the solution
<p>According to the draft National Education Policy 2019, estimated 6.2 Cr. children of school age (between 6 and 18 years) were out of school in 2015. Also, around 3.26 Cr. youth between the age of (15-24 years) are non-literate (Last census). The state is trying to address the problem of huge number of adolescents between the ages of 14 to 18 years not being in the formal system of secondary education. Different programs have been initiated by government across the country to address this issue and help the school dropouts and failed students to appear for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade exam.</p> <p>Under this program, Foundational Bridge Courses &amp; Preparatory Training will be provided to the identified students to mainstream in regular schools &amp; help them appear for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Exam.</p>
5. Date of Launch of the initiatives/ Start date of the initiative
<b>10/12/2019</b>
6. Implementation details (Process followed for deployment/implementation)
A Non-Monitory MoU with an NGO working in the field of Education is done by Samagra Shiksha, Gujarat for implementation of this initiative. The NGO needs to identify Drop-out Students / OoSC from 14 to 18 age group & establish Evening Learning Centre in nearby Government Schools, where they provide Bridge Course to Identified students in evening time with help of experienced teachers.

Following are the benefits for the Students under ELC Program:

- Notebook and Textbooks
- Education material for SSC students
- Foundation course for 10th grade SSC students
- Spoken English
- Digital literacy
- Financial Literacy
- Environment Awareness
- Safety awareness
- Career Counselling

7. Challenges faced during the deployment/implementation

Parental support and School support

8. Outcomes/Impact of the initiative

- Increase in outreach of the students to more than 2500 students up to 2022-2023.
- Enrolment in the schools is expected to increase by 10% as compared to the baseline which will be conducted at the start of the academic year.
- Attendance and retention of students – target 60%.
- Target of SSC pass percentage in the ELC of 60%
- Ownership of community through SMDC where all SMDC's will be set as per Government Regulations and will be functional.

9. Documents/media related to initiatives (Submit any of the below as a documentary proof with short description on the same)

- a. Testimonials
- b. Quotes from stakeholders
- c. Press release
- d. Video/Audio
- e. Photos
- f. Others