

Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF)

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About Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF)

- The fund will be utilised to ensure that **all kids receive a high-quality education**.
- It will also be **used to guarantee that amenities** such as secure and sanitary vending machines are included on GIF's infrastructure checklist.
- The NEP focuses on '**Equitable and Inclusive Education**' which reverberates the idea that no child should be left behind in terms of educational opportunity because of their background and socio-cultural identities.
- It has taken into account the concerns of the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) which **includes female and transgender individuals**.
- NEP prescribes to approach gender as a cross-cutting priority to achieve gender equality in education with the partnership of states and local community organizations.
- The objectives of NEP for equitable and quality education for girl children are being met through specific provisions under Samagra Shiksha 2.0 by allocating dedicated resources for **Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups** (SEDGs).
- Under **Samagra Shiksha**, various interventions have been targeted for providing quality education to girls, which include:
 - Opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls,
 - Free uniform and text-books to girls up to class VIII,
 - Additional teachers and residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas,

- Appointment of additional teachers including women teachers,
 - Stipend to CWSN girls from class I to class XII, separate toilets for girls,
 - Teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation,
 - Gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including text books etc.
 - To reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education, **Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs)**, which are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC, ST, OBC, Minority and Below Poverty Line (BPL), are sanctioned in Educationally Backward Blocks.
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Q1) What is the Right to Education?

The Right to Education is a fundamental human right recognized by the various countries around the world. It asserts that every individual, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, social status, or economic background, has the right to access and receive an education.

Source: [National Education Policy, 2020 provides for setting up a Gender Inclusion Fund \(GIF\) especially for girls and transgender students to provide them equitable quality education](#)

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