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**News:** ‘India’s learning poverty has shot up’

## **Learning Poverty**

- Learning Poverty is a **term recently introduced by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**, better known as World Bank.
- Learning Poverty is defined as the **percentage of 10-year-olds who cannot read and understand a simple story.**

### **Current situation**

- **More than half of all 10 year olds in low-income and middle-income countries cannot read** and understand a simple story.
- Learning Crisis - We are in the middle of a global learning crisis.
- This **stifles opportunities and aspirations of hundreds of millions of children which is unacceptable.**
- It **wastes the children’s potential** and also **hurts entire economies.**
- It will **impact the future workforces and economic competitiveness** negatively.

## Significance of elimination of Learning Poverty

- **Importance of Learning** - Learning to read is an especially critical skill which opens a world of possibilities.
- It is the **foundation on which other essential learning is built.**
- Wiping out learning poverty is an urgent matter.
- It is a **key for eliminating poverty and boosting shared prosperity.**
- Stagnation - But over the last several years, progress in reducing learning poverty has been stagnant.
- Between **2000 and 2017, there has only been a 10% improvement in learning outcomes for primary school-aged children globally.**
- If this pace continues, **43% of 10-year-olds will not be able to read in 2030.**