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News: Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM–SHRI)

- The Kerala Government has sought financial assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM–SHRI) Scheme to support the State’s cash–strapped education sector.

PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme

- PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme is a **Centrally sponsored scheme to be implemented by Ministry of Education** with a total project cost of ₹27,360 crore, with the Centre’s share being ₹18,128 crore for the period of five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27 for transforming nearly 14,500 schools across the country under National Education Policy 2022.
- The **scheme runs from 2022–23 to 2026–27, after which the responsibility for maintenance lies with the respective states and UTs.**
- **Schools will be selected only if the State government agrees to implement the NEP.**

Funding Pattern

- General States/UTs with legislature: 60:40 (Centre: State/UT).
- Northeastern and Himalayan States, J&K: 90:10.

- UTs without legislature: 100% central funding.
- A school will receive nearly ₹2 crore, and the money will be transferred directly to the school's account through Direct Benefit Transfer.
- The principal or the local committee will be given the flexibility to determine the use of 40% of the fund.
- The PM SHRI scheme also provides a “School Quality Assessment Framework” which will be developed for measuring key performance indicators for carrying out quality evaluation of schools selected from the current academic year.
- The quality parameters that will be evaluated once a school is selected for the scheme will include implementation of NEP 2020, student registry for tracking enrolment and learning progress, improvement in learning outcomes of each child to achieve levels above State and national average, linkage of school with higher education institutions and local entrepreneurial ecosystem for mentoring as well as creating “students rooted in the heritage of India, proud of values of Bharat, conscious of duties towards society and responsibilities towards nation building”.