

Participation of Muslim Minority Children in Elementary Education: A Preliminary Analysis of DISE¹ 2008-09 Data

NUEPA is likely to release detailed state-specific indicators and **Educational Development Index (EDI)** through one of its publications, namely **DISE Flash Statistics: Elementary Education in India: Progress towards UEE** which is based on the data collected during the year 2008-09 with **30th September 2008** as its date of reference.

The preliminary analysis of data suggests improvement in participation of Muslim Minority children in elementary education programmes. The data which has been received from **1.29 million** recognised schools imparting elementary education from across **633 districts** spread over **35 States and Union Territories** of the country reveals a total enrolment of **14.83 million** Muslim children in Primary classes in 2008-09 which is **11.03 percent** of total **134.38 million** enrolment (Total) in Primary (I to V) classes. During the previous year, the same was 10.49 percent and in 2006-07, it was 9.39 percent. Of the total Muslim enrolment in Primary classes, the percentage of Muslim girls is **48.93** which is quite similar to the share of girls in overall Primary enrolment (48.38 percent). The highest percentage of Muslim enrolment is observed in Lakshadweep UT (99.73 percent) which is because of the fact that the percentage of Muslim population to total population in the UT in 2001 was as high as 95.47 percent.

Like enrolment in Primary classes, percentage of Muslim enrolment in **Upper Primary classes** has also improved to **9.13 percent** in 2008-09 from 8.54 percent in 2007-08 and 7.52 percent in 2006-07. Of the total **53.35 million enrolment in Upper Primary classes** in the country in 2008-09, **Muslim enrolment is 4.87 million** and the percentage of Muslim girls to total Muslim enrolment in Upper Primary classes is **50.03 percent** which is above the national average of 47.58 percent girls enrolment in Upper Primary classes.

¹ DISE stands for District Information System for Education which is a joint initiative of the National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of HRD and UNICEF. For more details, please visit <http://dise.in> and <http://schoolreportcards.in>

The preliminary data also reveals a share of 10.49 percent (Muslim enrolment) in Elementary classes (I to VIII) of which 49.20 percent are the Muslim girls (to total Muslim enrolment). The absolute Muslim enrolment, if used in computing enrolment ratio gives a gross enrolment of 95, 50 and 78 percent respectively at Primary, Upper Primary and Elementary level of education.

The preliminary enrolment data for the year 2008-09 also reveals that there are certain pockets in the country which has got high percentage of Muslim enrolment. There are about **87,690 schools** which has got more than **25 percent Muslim enrolment** (to total enrolment in elementary classes) which is 6.84 percent of the total schools that impart elementary education in the country. Similarly, **62,534 (4.88 percent) schools** have above 50 percent Muslim enrolment as compared to 48,946 schools (3.82 percent) having 75 percent and above and 41,300 schools (3.22 percent) even having a share of 90 and above Muslim enrolment to total enrolment.

Because of the high percent share of Muslim population to total population in the state, **12 districts of Jammu and Kashmir** have got **above 90 percent Muslim enrolment** in 2008-09 in Primary classes which is also true for enrolment in Upper Primary classes. On the other hand, 25 districts in the country have more than 50 percent Muslim enrolment in Primary classes in 2008-09 compared to 20 such districts in case of Upper Primary enrolment. 15 districts of Jammu and Kashmir, 1 each from Bihar, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshadweep and Kerala and 5 districts of Assam have more than 50 percent Muslim enrolment in Primary classes.

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Table 1: Percentage of Muslim Enrolment in Primary: 2008-09

State/UT	% Muslim Enrolment: 2008-09*				
	% Muslim Population Census 2001	Primary Level			
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	% Girls Enrolment
A & N Islands	8.22	4.29	1.49	3.08	49.71
Andhra Pradesh	9.17	10.00	10.51	10.79	50.92
Arunachal Pradesh	1.88	0.04	0.04	0.10	45.42
Assam	30.92	30.42	31.94	35.08	49.90
Bihar	16.53	8.95	11.27	12.96	48.05
Chandigarh	3.95	2.87	3.81	4.73	48.10
Chhattisgarh	1.97	0.56	0.68	0.21	48.72
D & N Haveli	2.96	NR	NR	NR	-
Daman & Diu	7.76	0.12	3.87	8.33	46.62
Delhi	11.72	5.40	5.33	12.33	49.66
Goa	6.84	4.59	2.49	0.21	40.61
Gujarat	9.06	4.11	4.57	4.73	48.71
Haryana	5.78	0.55	5.34	3.61	41.52
Himachal Pradesh	1.97	1.17	1.08	1.18	45.01
Jammu & Kashmir	66.97	62.52	59.29	66.42	48.05
Jharkhand	13.85	7.29	10.30	10.74	49.34
Karnataka	12.23	13.54	15.06	14.67	49.49
Kerala	24.70	10.13	21.49	26.22	49.42
Lakshadweep	95.47	NR	99.92	99.73	50.53
Madhya Pradesh	6.37	2.30	3.27	3.22	50.48
Maharashtra	10.60	7.94	8.61	9.31	48.01
Manipur	8.81	NR	NR	NR	-
Meghalaya	4.28	0.04	0.15	0.42	46.58
Mizoram	1.14	NR	NR	0.18	46.56
Nagaland	1.76	0.03	0.03	0.01	50.00
Orissa	2.07	7.26	1.67	1.69	49.80
Puducherry	6.09	5.10	6.77	6.38	47.70
Punjab	1.57	0.22	0.51	0.95	46.55
Rajasthan	8.47	2.30	5.40	5.05	46.16
Sikkim	1.42	0.33	NR	0.50	56.59
Tamil Nadu	5.56	3.82	4.74	4.47	49.29
Tripura	7.95	NR	7.51	7.83	49.48
Uttar Pradesh	18.50	9.24	9.34	9.59	48.14
Uttarakhand	11.92	0.31	14.80	13.78	47.61
West Bengal	25.25	27.92	28.13	28.28	49.95
All States	13.43	9.39	10.49	11.03	48.93

Table 2: Percentage of Muslim Enrolment in Upper Primary and Elementary Classes: 2008-09

State/UT	% Muslim Enrolment: 2008-09*						
	Upper Primary Level				Elementary Level		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	% Girls Enrolment	2007-08	2008-09	% Girls Enrolment
A & N Islands	3.01	1.25	3.04	50.22	1.40	3.06	49.91
Andhra Pradesh	9.11	9.45	10.07	52.12	10.15	10.55	51.34
Arunachal Pradesh	0.02	0.03	0.08	44.78	0.04	0.09	45.28
Assam	17.39	20.26	25.57	53.63	28.85	32.31	50.75
Bihar	6.60	8.22	10.35	47.92	10.74	12.47	48.03
Chandigarh	2.39	2.78	3.67	48.15	3.44	4.34	48.12
Chhattisgarh	0.84	0.90	0.30	49.11	0.74	0.24	48.86
D & N Haveli	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Daman & Diu	0.55	2.25	6.48	47.03	3.37	7.68	46.74
Delhi	7.36	8.39	10.66	49.35	6.44	11.72	49.56
Goa	3.67	1.99	0.17	42.34	2.30	0.20	41.18
Gujarat	4.25	4.52	4.75	47.97	4.56	4.74	48.53
Haryana	0.41	2.31	2.03	39.64	4.34	3.09	41.12
Himachal Pradesh	1.09	1.05	0.90	44.75	1.07	1.07	44.92
Jammu & Kashmir	60.55	58.22	63.96	45.89	58.92	65.62	47.36
Jharkhand	6.30	9.04	9.91	48.92	10.06	10.56	49.26
Karnataka	12.39	16.73	13.81	50.41	15.55	14.42	49.75
Kerala	9.59	19.09	21.98	48.74	20.54	24.51	49.17
Lakshadweep	NR	99.95	99.73	48.74	99.93	99.73	49.91
Madhya Pradesh	2.30	3.13	3.06	51.45	3.23	3.18	50.74
Maharashtra	5.83	7.24	8.02	48.49	8.14	8.87	48.16
Manipur	NR	NR	-	-	NR	NR	-
Meghalaya	0.02	0.21	0.71	52.61	0.16	0.49	48.49
Mizoram	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Nagaland	0.02	0.05	0.02	47.83	0.04	0.02	49.21
Orissa	6.48	1.60	1.62	52.42	1.65	1.66	50.61
Puducherry	5.13	5.86	6.20	46.66	6.42	6.31	47.31
Punjab	0.11	0.24	0.85	46.04	0.41	0.91	46.37
Rajasthan	1.38	3.61	3.46	39.77	4.90	4.59	44.76
Sikkim	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Tamil Nadu	3.95	4.74	4.47	48.73	4.74	4.47	49.08
Tripura	NR	6.68	7.58	53.36	7.25	7.75	50.70
Uttar Pradesh	7.18	7.34	7.55	48.46	8.91	9.12	48.20
Uttarakhand	0.20	8.06	7.35	48.03	12.71	11.68	47.70
West Bengal	19.63	18.91	20.08	54.80	25.48	25.79	51.10
All States	7.52	8.54	9.13	50.03	9.95	10.49	49.20

Table 3: Number and Percentage of Districts having Muslim Enrolment in Different Percentage Slabs: 2008-09

State/UTs	Schools with Muslim Enrolment 25 & Above Percentage		Schools with Muslim Enrolment 50 & Above Percentage		Schools with Muslim Enrolment 75 & Above Percentage		Schools with Muslim Enrolment 90 & Above Percentage	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Andaman& Nicobar Islands	3	0.83	2	0.56	1	0.28	0	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	5289	5.22	3488	3.44	2907	2.87	2661	2.63
Arunachal Pradesh	1	0.02	1	0.02	1	0.02	1	0.02
Assam	14738	21.50	13411	19.57	12209	17.81	11334	16.54
Bihar	7655	11.30	4776	7.05	3320	4.90	2406	3.55
Chandigarh	2	1.13	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Chhattisgarh	17	0.03	4	0.01	1	0.00	0	0.00
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Daman & Diu	4	4.04	1	1.01	1	1.01	1	1.01
Delhi	390	7.91	183	3.71	93	1.89	64	1.30
Goa	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Gujarat	355	0.91	224	0.57	166	0.42	135	0.35
Haryana	407	2.15	280	1.48	197	1.04	120	0.63
Himachal Pradesh	129	0.74	58	0.33	19	0.11	15	0.09
Jammu & Kashmir	10477	41.22	9886	38.90	9367	36.86	8983	35.35
Jharkhand	2242	5.36	1525	3.64	1044	2.49	790	1.89
Karnataka	3410	5.93	2638	4.59	2356	4.10	2232	3.88
Kerala	2308	18.69	1386	11.22	655	5.30	248	2.01
Lakshadweep	16	41.03	16	41.03	16	41.03	16	41.03
Madhya Pradesh	2596	1.96	1378	1.04	859	0.65	655	0.49
Maharashtra	2085	2.26	1302	1.41	1060	1.15	965	1.05
Meghalaya	20	0.17	19	0.17	16	0.14	16	0.14
Mizoram	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Nagaland	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Orissa	597	0.96	424	0.68	317	0.51	269	0.43
Puducherry	17	2.46	3	0.43	3	0.43	3	0.43
Punjab	128	0.59	42	0.19	21	0.10	13	0.06
Rajasthan	3032	2.89	2238	2.13	1792	1.71	1497	1.42
Sikkim	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Tamil Nadu	1065	1.98	546	1.01	364	0.68	267	0.50
Tripura	118	3.02	76	1.95	52	1.33	34	0.87
Uttar Pradesh	14027	7.51	6551	3.51	3585	1.92	2388	1.28
Uttarakhand	918	4.25	591	2.74	368	1.71	228	1.06
West Bengal	15640	22.10	11481	16.22	8152	11.52	5955	8.41
Total	87690	6.84	62534	4.88	48946	3.82	41300	3.22

NR: Data not fully reported. In a few states, coverage may not be complete.