

# Carpe Diem

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## PROGRESS REPORT

### Class V students who can read Class II-level textbooks

(In %)

#### Top 3 states

Manipur	70.7
Himachal Pradesh	70.5
Punjab/Kerala	69.2

#### Bottom 3 states

Arunachal Pradesh	25.5
Jharkhand	36.4
Assam	38

India  
**47.8**

### Standard 8 students who can do simple division in 2016

(In %)

#### Top 5 states

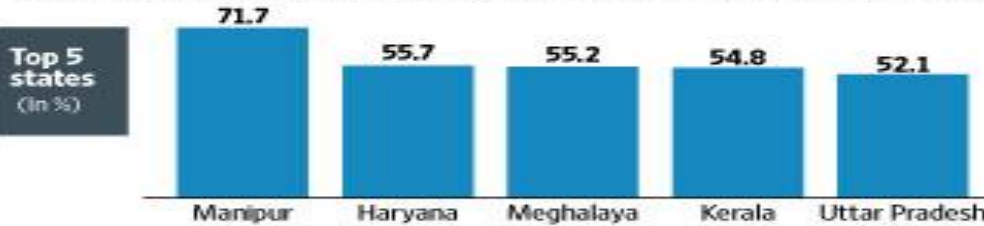
Manipur	78.6
Mizoram	76.5
Nagaland	65.7
Haryana	65.4
Himachal Pradesh	59.2

#### Bottom 5 states

Chhattisgarh	28.1
Assam	28.6
Meghalaya	31.4
Maharashtra	31.5
West Bengal	31.7

India  
**43.2**

### Students (6-14 years age group) enrolled in private schools



### % of Girls aged 11-14 not enrolled in Schools

(In %)

#### Top 5 states

Kerala	0.1
Himachal	0.4
Tamil Nadu	0.6
Punjab	1.2
Tripura	1.4

#### Bottom 5 states

Chhattisgarh	9.9
Assam	9.7
Meghalaya	8.5
Maharashtra	5.7
West Bengal	4.9

India  
**5.2**

Source: ASER 2016

## Editorials from- The Hindu, The Indian Express, Live Mint

The Hindu-

### ➤ Following the grain trail

Many States have initiated 'reforms' of the public distribution system that are hurting millions of people

The Hindu-

### ➤ Tax-fruits of demonetisation

A direct outcome of demonetisation is a sharp increase in 2017-18 in tax buoyancy (revenues per unit of growth). Given this 'unexpected' result, will the knee-jerk critics of demonetisation please stand down?



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Indian Express-

➤ **Matters of trust**

Judges must recuse themselves from hearing cases where there is potential conflict of interest

Live mint-

➤ **The great Indian fiscal dilemma**

The government will want economic growth to pick up before the state and general elections—but a higher fiscal deficit is not the solution

## National

The Hindu-

➤ **Govt. to revisit Malimath report**

Panel proposed reforms in criminal justice system

The Hindu-

➤ **Megalithic era sarcophagus unearthed in Kerala**

Discovery of pre-Iron age artefacts proves a rich culture existed in the region in Kozhikode district

Indian Express-

➤ **Adults have right to marry anyone, khaps can't question them: Supreme Court**

The Bench was hearing a petition filed by NGO Shakthi Vahini, which asked the court to direct the central and state governments to take action to prevent honour crimes.

Live mint-

➤ **India looks for more private capital in farms to boost incomes**

India is considering simpler regulations to attract more corporate investment in agriculture as PM Modi seeks to keep his promise to double farmers' income by 2022, an adviser to the govt said

Live mint-

➤ **India's learning deficit is worsening: ASER study**

In 14-18 years age group, only 43% able to do a simple division correctly, while 47% of 14-year-olds could not read a simple sentence in English, says the ASER study

## ECONOMY

The Hindu-

➤ **'Water scarcity may hit thermal power'**

Between 2013-16, 14 of India's 20 largest thermal utilities had shutdowns due to water shortages: WRI

Indian Express-

➤ **Mining-affected areas of 12 top mineral-rich states: Of total welfare funds collected, only 17 per cent spent till 2017-end**

According to data provided by the 12 state governments to the Centre, only Rs 2,260 crore of the DMF amount was spent till the end of 2017.

The Hindu-

➤ **Centre to seek comments on farm export policy draft**

'Policy aims to boost produce shipments, value addition'

## Science and Tech.; Environment

The Hindu-

➤ **1.2 lakh fewer deaths in under-5 category in 2016**

India registers best under-5 infant mortality rate since 2010

Indian Express-

➤ **How government plans to protect Majuli island**

Majuli, said to be the largest inhabited river island in the world, has been shrinking for decades.

The Hindu-

➤ **Missing the grass for the trees in Western Ghat**

Drastic decline in shola grasslands in Palani Hill range

## Multimedia-Videos

Rajya Sabha TV-

➤ **The Big Picture - Bureaucracy Affecting Investments?**



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