

target of 2030.

### ■ **PM SHRI Scheme: 14500 Schools to be Developed as 'Exemplar Schools'**

The Union Cabinet has approved - PM SHRI (PM Schools for Rising India) - a new scheme for development of more than 14500 schools across the country as 'Exemplar Schools' showcasing all the components of the National Education Policy 2020. The PM SHRI schools will deliver quality teaching for the cognitive development of students and will strive to create and nurture holistic and well-rounded individuals equipped with key 21st century skills. Focus will be on learning outcomes of every child in every grade. 100% of the PM SHRI Schools will be covered under ICT (Information and Communication Technology), smart classrooms and digital initiatives. The scheme is to be implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme with a total project cost of Rs 27360 crore which includes a central share of Rs 18128 crore for the period of five years from year 2022-23 to 2026-27. More than 18 lakh students are expected to be direct beneficiaries of the scheme. Further impact will be generated through the mentoring and handholding of the schools in vicinity of PM SHRI schools.