Name of the Organization:

Adult Education Department is one of the Departments in Andhra Pradesh under the Administrative control of School Education Department of A.P Secretariat. The Department deals with the implementation of literacy programmes for Non-literates in the age group of 15 and above.

Objectives of Saakshar Bharath Programme:

- Basic Literacy.
- Basic Education.
- Vocational skills.
- Continuing Education

Functions:

- To impart functional literacy to illiterate adults in the age group of 15 and above.
- Enable the Neo-literates to continue their learning beyond basic literacy and acquire equivalency to formal educational system.
- Equip the Neo-literates with skills to improve their living and earning conditions.
- Establish a learning society by providing opportunities to Neo-literates for lifelong learning.

Programmes & Schemes:

Government of India have launched Saakshar Bharat Programme, a centrally sponsored scheme, in Andhra Pradesh on 8th September 2010 in 10 low literacy districts (except East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna Districts) of Andhra Pradesh to improve Adult literacy and provide opportunities for Continuing Education. The funding pattern of scheme is 60:40 by Government of India and State Government.

Basic Literacy Programme:

The 5th Basic literacy programme for Non-literates in the age group of 15+ was implemented through Village Coordinators @1:30 with enrollment of 567891 and achieved 482413 learners made literate with percentage 76.06. The district wise enrollment and achievement is shown below.
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**Continuing Education Programme**

A total of 9,979 Adult Education Centers under Saakshar Bharath programme were established in the State to run literacy programme and to provide opportunities to neo-literates and School Dropouts to continue their learning beyond literacy and equip them with life and livelihood skills. 58 Adult Education Centers have been updated as Model Education Centers.

AECs are conducting various activities such as running library, reading room, other developmental department’s activities for neo-literates and school dropouts, awareness programmes on development programmes.

**Activities of Adult Education Centers:**

- AECs are located in public buildings like Panchayat Office, Community Halls and School Buildings.
- AECs runs 3 hours in morning and 3 hours in evening as convenient by Village People.
- Conducted Sports and Cultural Activities using material provided in the Center.

**Learners Assessment Test (2015-16):**

The NLMA, New Delhi conducted Learners Assessment Test for Basic Literacy Learners with the Coordination of NIOS twice in a year i.e March and August. The LAT was conducted for learners of Basic literacy programme and others in the month of August-2015 (23.8.2015) and March-2016 (20.3.2016).
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**Budget and Expenditure:**

a) **Saakshar Bharath Programme:**

The accounts of Saakshar Bharath Programme have been got audited by CA for the year 2015-16 and submitted the Utilization Certificate to Government of India for further releases. The releases and expenditure particulars of Saakshar Bharath Programme for 2015-16.

**Releases:**

- Opening Balance as on 1.4.2015: Rs.70,54,50,884/-
- Central Share released during 2015-16: Rs.19,50,00,000/-
- State Share released during 2015-16: Rs.13,00,00,000/-

**Expenses:**

- Total: Rs.1,03,04,50,884/-