School Libraries in India: a Statistical Review, 2017

A compilation of available data and General Findings

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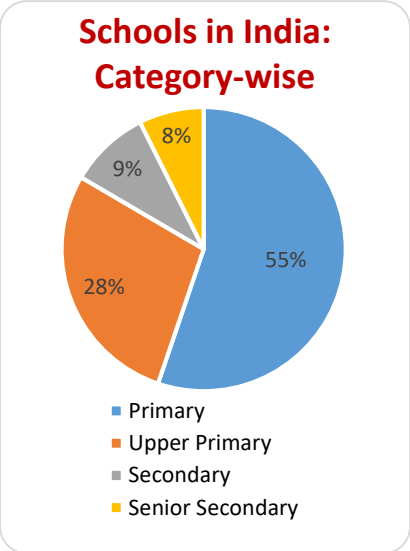
Total Number of Schools in India: 1522346 (2015-'16)



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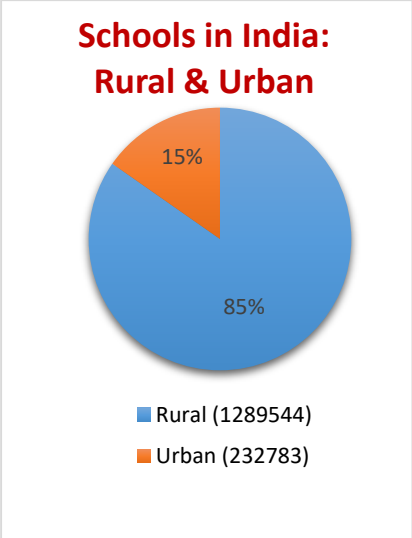

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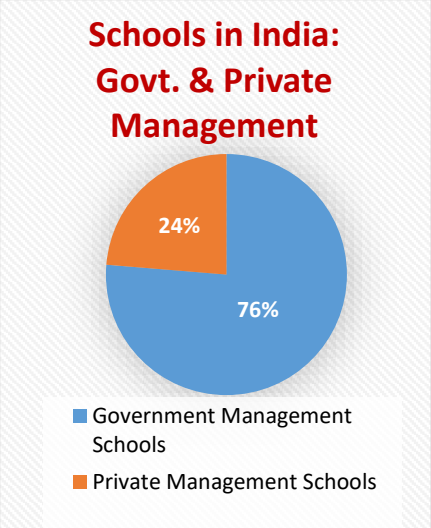

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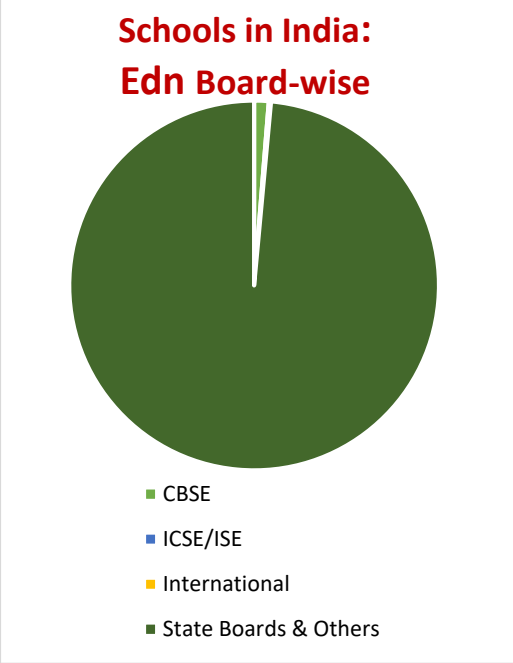

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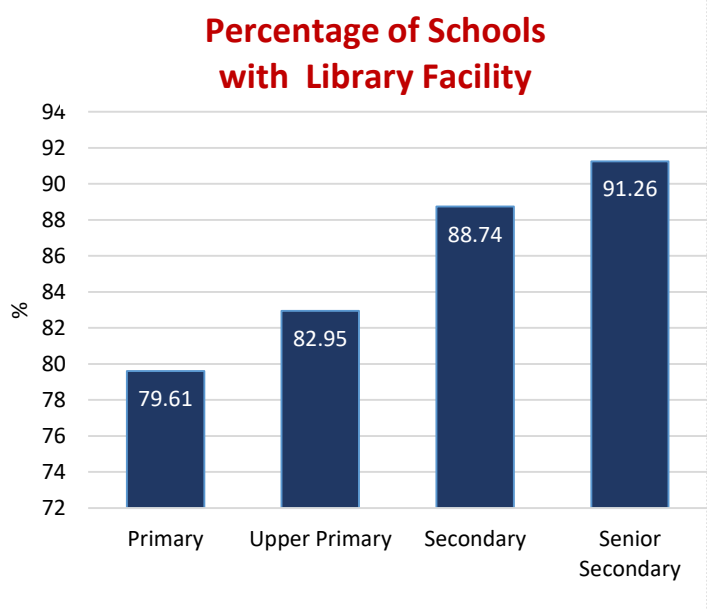
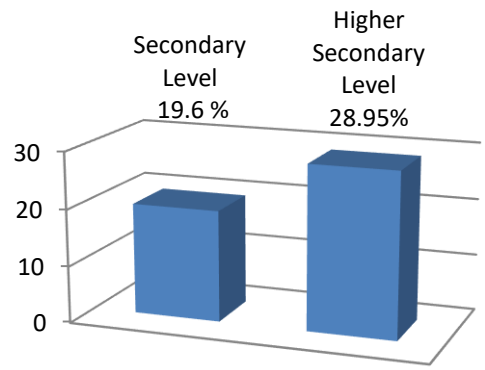


Figure 5

State-wise Percentage of Schools having Library: 2015-'16 (All Schools)	
State/UT	**%**
A & N Islands	96.34
Andhra Pradesh	96.26
Arunachal Pradesh	25.90
Assam	58.27
Bihar	68.84
Chandigarh	99.00
Chhattisgarh	92.63
D & N Haveli	97.83
Daman & Diu	95.00
Delhi	98.16
Goa	99.18
Gujarat	94.41
Haryana	96.96
Himachal Pradesh	95.69
Jammu & Kashmir	62.39
Jharkhand	91.83
Karnataka	97.89
Kerala	96.54
Lakshadweep	97.56
Madhya Pradesh	90.10
Maharashtra	96.03
Manipur	26.25
Meghalaya	10.14
Mizoram	84.64
Nagaland	40.34
Odisha	92.32
Puducherry	99.86
Punjab	96.24
Rajasthan	71.40
Sikkim	60.36
Tamil Nadu	99.21
Telangana	92.39
Tripura	43.23
Uttar Pradesh	74.24
Uttarakhand	89.84
West Bengal	75.59
All States	**82.69**

Table 1

Percentage Schools with Librarians



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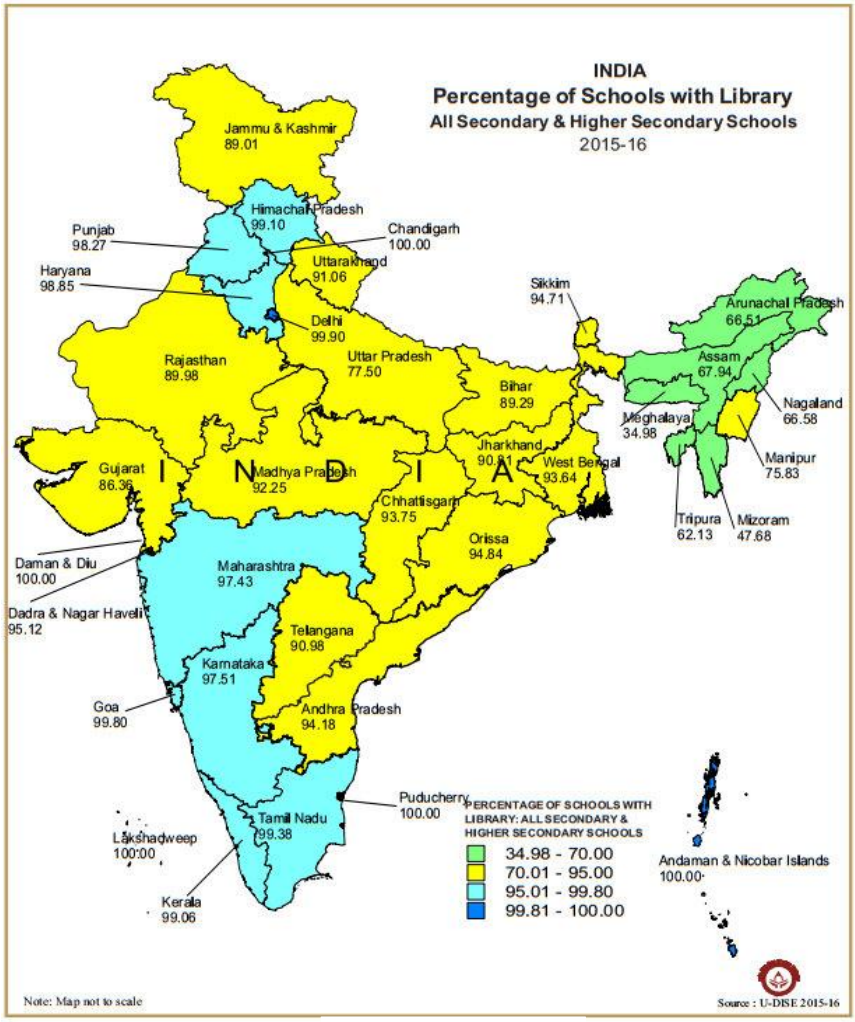

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GENERAL FINDINGS

- Majority of Schools in India have library facility (82.69%). This is a remarkable achievement, looking at the global scenario.
- 85% of Schools in India are in Rural Areas. All out efforts are needed to focus on Rural Schools and their Libraries. When we talk of School Libraries in India, we obviously are talking about Rural School Libraries.
- Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, Known Public Schools, International Schools and Schools under Defence sector are happen to be front runners as far as School Library Status in India is concerned. The other major chunk of school libraries including State Schools originating from Rural and Voluntary Sectors can take these as their benchmarks.
- Most of the State schools maintain their Libraries only as a facility with a set of books kept in shelves and looked after by a teacher as one of his/her additional responsibility. These libraries are managed without policies, standards and qualified library professionals.
- A general assumption is that majority of School Libraries in India (76% of all schools are managed by the Govt.) are not manned by qualified Librarians. The size, magnitude and status of Librarianship will undergo a sea change, when all these multitude of libraries get manned by qualified Librarians.
- What India requires at the moment with regard to its School Libraries is**: A.** Committed Central/State Government, **B**. A Strong School Library Association of India, **C**. A National Policy Document on School Libraries, **D**. Inclusion of School Librarianship as an integral part of LIS Curriculum and **E**. An initiative, the National Mission on School Libraries.

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