

Heavy Cost Of Policies That Neglects Educators

- According to the HRD ministry, there is a shortage of 8.5 lakhs trained teachers in primary and upper primary across the country
- Uttar Pradesh has the largest deficit of 2.14 lakh teachers
- The state (U.P) has focussed since 1980 and 1990's on the employment of contractual teachers who are paid less, trained poorly
- The Samajwadi party in 2014 amended a law to regularise '*shiksha mitras*' or contractual teachers which have faced huge criticism from the teaching groups with Allahabad court nullifying their appointment
- However, relief was brought by the Supreme court for upholding their status with a catch that they should have passed TET
- District Institute of Education and Training (DIETS) are non-functional
DIET is the most significant educational intervention in the country, while the NCERT came up in the 1960's and the State Councils of Education Research and Training came up in 1970's, the need for a third tier of training and resource support structure, right at the district level was genuinely felt in order to improve the quality of basic education. As a result DIET was set up in almost all the districts of all the states in the country.

Objectives

To provide academic and resource support at the grass-roots level for the success of various strategies and programs being undertaken in the areas of elementary and adult education, with special reference to the following objectives: -

- Elementary Education
- Globalization of Primary/Elementary Education
- Adult Education