

**GS-II Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.**

**1. Involving local communities in Rural Schools will Ensure Access and Equity in Education Entitlement of the Rural Masses and improve the Quality of Education in Rural Areas.**

**Comment.**

**Why this Question?**

- Educating and imparting quality education to the Rural Masses to Empower and make them equal partner in the development process is one the challenges India is still grappling with even after 72 years of Independence.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- Mention in brief about various ills plaguing the Education Sector in Rural Areas.
- Discuss the need for the involvement of the local communities in rural educational set-up.
- Explain how it will help to improve the access and the quality of education to the rural masses.
- Discuss the way forward measures to holistically address the rural education sector.

**Directive word:**

**Comment:**

- When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- Give brief introduction about the education sector in India.

**Body:**

- Mention in brief about various ills plaguing the education sector in rural areas. Give ASER report to validate your points.
- Discuss in detail about the impacts of the involving of the local communities in rural areas. I.e. decentralization of school management.
- Explain the involvement of SHGs in rural schools will ensure monitoring of teachers absenteeism, reduce the corruption in mid-day meal scheme, reduce the workload of the teachers in other monitoring activities, etc.

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- Highlight the Government Measures and Schemes to promote the Rural Education.

**Conclusion:**

- Conclude with the Way Forward measures to holistically address the Rural Education.

