

§ → Having proper infrastructure ensures better impact on the learning outcomes for children in the country.
Discuss.

A → The ongoing pandemic has exposed the poor state of health & education infrastructure in schools as well as homes which has an adverse impact of learning outcomes.

Challenges at home

- ↳ Access of clean drinking water (only 38.6% of rural households have access)
- ↳ Lack of clean fuel.
- ↳ despite the success of UJJWALA scheme, it has not been able to produce sustained use of LPG as revealed by NSSO data.
The deterring factor was economic cost of refills as per CAG report
- ↳ Digital divide - as only 42% of urban households & 23% of rural households have internet connection.
- ↳ Food security.
Due to closure of primary schools,

Mid-day-meal program has been halted or disjointed thus affecting health of a child.

↳ ASER report indicated that only 30% of rural children received learning materials

Govt. efforts

- 'Har Ghar Jal' yojana under Jal Jeevan Mission → Provide piped water to all households by 2024.
- PDS & PMGKAY to distribute food grains to over 80 Cr people
- PM-SAUBHAGYA scheme to ^{ensure} ~~provide~~ 100% electrification in all villages
- Ayushman Bharat to provide health insurance cover of ₹5 lac to 50 Cr individuals.
- PM-WANI, ~~to~~ Bharatnet to improve digital connectivity.
- SDG-6 Good education for all by 2030

It is in our common interest to ensure healthy learning outcomes to provide a productive citizen as former USA President Lincoln said that "The philosophy of education taught to children in this generation will be the philosophy of government in future generation".