

# West Bengal COOCH BEHAR (RURAL)

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Background information	State	District
Total population	9,81,25,000	3.1% of state population
Schools with Std VIII per 100000 population	20	25
Schools with Std IX-X per 100000 population	11	10
Schools with Std XI-XII per 100000 population	8	7
% Senior secondary schools (with Std XI-XII) that offer science stream	47.9	20.3

2021 population projections from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS); School data from DISE 2021-22

## Enrollment

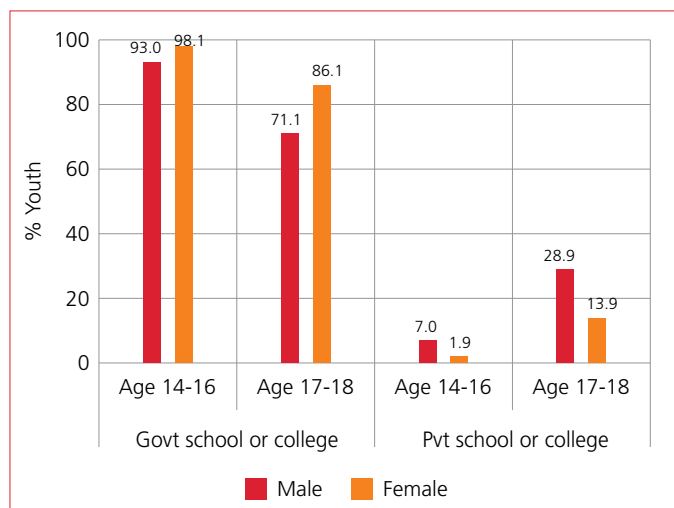
**Table 1: Distribution of youth by age group and enrollment status (%)**

Age group and sex	Enrolled in:			Not enrolled	Total
	School (Std X or below)	School (Std XI and XII)	Undergraduate or other		
14-16	Male	83.8	9.3	0.0	100
	Female	88.4	9.7	0.0	100
	All	86.4	9.5	0.0	100
17-18	Male	11.5	40.1	19.5	100
	Female	13.9	51.3	20.9	100
	All	12.7	45.9	20.2	100
14-18	Male	59.1	19.8	6.6	100
	Female	65.4	22.6	5.6	100
	All	62.5	21.3	6.5	100

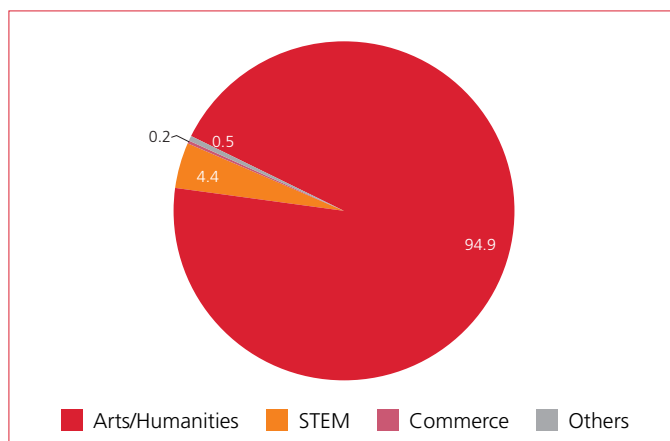
'Not enrolled' includes youth who never enrolled or have dropped out.  
 'Undergraduate or other' includes youth who are enrolled in college to pursue an undergraduate degree or a certificate or diploma course.



**Chart 1: % Youth currently enrolled in school or college, by age group, type of institution and sex**



**Chart 2: % Youth enrolled in Std XI or higher, by choice of stream**



STEM includes science, engineering and information technology (IT).  
 Others includes medicine, agriculture, vocational, professional courses (law, CA, etc.) and other streams.

## Vocational training or other courses

**Table 2: % Youth enrolled in vocational training or other courses, by age group and sex**

Age group	Male	Female	All
14-16	4.6	1.9	3.1
17-18	11.8	6.2	8.9
All youth	7.1	3.3	5.0

Youth were asked whether they are currently taking vocational training at an ITI, polytechnic, etc. or any other classes like computer, sewing, etc.

## Work information

**Table 3: % Youth who worked for 15 or more days in the last month (excluding household work), by age group and sex**

Age group	Male	Female	All
14-16	29.7	14.9	21.5
17-18	47.6	17.0	31.7
All youth	35.8	15.6	24.8

Youth were asked whether they did any work other than housework (part-time or full-time) like helping in a family enterprise, working on a farm, etc.

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## Basic reading

**Table 4: % Youth who can read at least a Std II level text (ASER reading test), by age group and sex**

Age group	Male	Female	All
14-16	57.4	68.0	63.3
17-18	61.3	73.9	67.9

## Basic arithmetic

**Table 5: % Youth who can do at least division (ASER arithmetic test), by age group and sex**

Age group	Male	Female	All
14-16	24.8	21.9	23.1
17-18	16.6	20.3	18.5

## Basic English

**Table 6: % Youth who can read at least sentences in English (ASER English test), by age group and sex**

Age group	Male	Female	All
14-16	32.2	37.2	35.0
17-18	41.8	42.7	42.3

### ASER READING TOOL

Std II level text

নূরদের গ্রামের কাছে একটা সুন্দর নদী বয়ে গেছে। গ্রামের লোকেরা নদীর পাড়ে গোরু-ছাগল চরায়। একদিন শহরের কিছু লোক নদীর ধারে বেড়াতে এল। তারা সেখানে অনেক ময়লা আবর্জনা ফেলে চলে গেল। নূরের এসব দেখে খুব খারাপ লেগেছিল। সে একটা উপায় ভাবল। সে নদীর ধারে কয়েক জায়গায় ময়লা ফেলার পাত্র রেখে দিল। লোকে এখন বেড়াতে এলেও আর আবর্জনা ছড়িয়ে ফেলে না।

Std I level text

রিমাদের বাড়িতে আজ বিয়ে। বিয়েতে অনেক অতিথি আসবে। সকলে নতুন পোশাক পরবে। বিয়েতে সবাই মিলে নাচবে।

Letters

ত এ র  
খ ফ  
ন য ঠ  
জ ড

Words

মেঘ ফুল পূজা  
বাথ নদী বড়ি  
ঘোড়া  
বেলা জোর

### ASER ARITHMETIC TOOL

সংখ্যা পরিচয় ১-৯	সংখ্যা পরিচয় ১১-৯৯	বিয়োগ	জাগ
3 6	32 84	92 35 - 68 - 17	7)883
9 2	65 43	73 41 - 55 - 24	4)537
4 7	55 18	53 96 - 38 - 77	6)778
8 5	72 37	81 64 - 56 - 35	8)925

### ASER ENGLISH TOOL

শব্দ

R F J  
T B  
M K H

শব্দ

q z o  
w a  
d s c

শব্দ

fun jug  
hot  
bat sun  
dog

বাক্য

Where is your cow?  
This is a big shop.  
I like to read.  
She has a red kite.



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## Everyday calculations

**Table 7: % Youth who can do everyday calculations, by age group and sex**

Task	Age 14-16			Age 17-18		
	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
Calculating time	41.8	33.8	37.4	50.4	43.2	46.7
Adding weights	55.2	32.6	42.6	59.7	41.7	50.4
Measuring length (easy)	82.4	79.2	80.6	84.6	80.2	82.3
Measuring length (hard)	40.9	30.4	35.0	39.2	36.0	37.6
Applying unitary method	58.2	39.3	47.7	57.3	43.5	50.2

### Calculating Time

### Measuring Length (Easy)

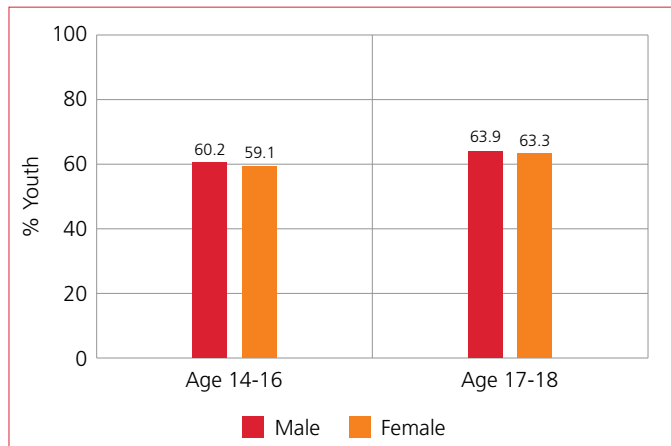
### Measuring Length (Hard)

### Adding Weights

### Applying Unitary Method

## Reading and understanding written instructions

**Chart 3: Of those who can read at least a Std I level text (ASER reading test), % youth who can read instructions and answer at least 3 out of 4 questions, by age group and sex**



### READING AND UNDERSTANDING WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

**ও.আর.এস. (জীবন রক্ষক যোগ)**

ও.আর.এস. এর যোগ তৈরির পদ্ধতি

পরিষ্কার পাতে, ১ লিটার জল ফুটিয়ে ঠাণ্ডা করতে হবে।

ঠাণ্ডা জলে পুরো ১প্যাকেট ও.আর.এস. মিশে নিতে হবে।

এটাকে ভালো করে মিশিয়ে নিতে হবে।

এই যোগ বাতাসকে শাওরতে হবে।

ও.আর.এস. এর শোনের মাত্রা বৃদ্ধি এবং জটিলতার উপর নির্ভর করে ঠিক করতে হবে।  
 বাচ্চা : 1-2 লিটার যোগ 24 ঘণ্টার মধ্যে খাওয়াতে হবে।  
 প্রাপ্ত বয়স্ক : 2-4 লিটার যোগ 24 ঘণ্টার মধ্যে খাওয়াতে হবে।  
 এইভাবে সুস্থ হওয়া পর্যন্ত খাওয়াতে থাকতে হবে।

**সতর্কতা :**

- বানানো যোগ অস্পষ্ট থেকে রাখুন এবং 24 ঘণ্টা পর্যন্তই ব্যবহার করুন।
- বেঁচে যাওয়া যোগ ফেলে দিন।

এই প্যাকেটটি শূন্যে এবং ঠাণ্ডা জায়গায় রাখুন।  
 মূল্য : 22 টাকা  
 তৈরির তারিখ : মার্চ 2022  
 মেসার্স শেখের তারিখ : সেপ্টেম্বর 2025

## Financial calculations

**Table 8: Of those who can do at least subtraction (ASER arithmetic test), % youth who can do financial calculations, by age group and sex**

Task	Age 14-16			Age 17-18		
	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
Managing a budget	65.7	57.8	61.3	<b>DATA INSUFFICIENT</b>		70.0
Applying a discount	47.2	24.4	34.4			37.8
Calculating repayment	14.4	8.4	11.1			7.5

### MANAGING A BUDGET

### APPLYING A DISCOUNT

### CALCULATING REPAYMENT

ব্যাক্কের নাম	সুদের হার
হুমায়ান ব্যাঙ্ক	14% প্রতি বছর
পদ্মস ব্যাঙ্ক	12% প্রতি বছর
নয়া ব্যাঙ্ক	13% প্রতি বছর

সোণার পরিমাণ = Rs. 20,000

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## Access and ownership of digital devices

**Table 9: Smartphone availability and use, by age group and sex**

Age group and sex	% Youth who:			Of those who can use a smartphone, % who have their own smartphone	
	Have a smartphone at home	Could bring a smartphone to do digital tasks*	Can use a smartphone		
14-16	Male	83.7	68.3	93.3	29.4
	Female	75.6	53.2	87.5	7.6
	All	79.2	59.9	90.1	17.6
17-18	Male	96.8	92.0	98.4	90.0
	Female	89.4	71.3	94.5	49.2
	All	92.9	81.3	96.4	69.2
14-18	Male	88.2	76.4	95.1	50.8
	Female	79.8	58.8	89.7	21.2
	All	83.6	66.8	92.1	35.1



## Use of smartphone (Self-reported)

**Table 10: Of those who can use a smartphone, % youth who used social media in the reference week and know how to use safety features, by age group and sex**

Age group and sex	% Youth who used any social media in the reference week	Of these, % youth who can:			
		Block/report a profile	Make profile private	Change password	
14-16	Male	84.1	38.3	34.7	53.4
	Female	79.1	29.7	17.8	25.2
	All	81.4	33.8	25.8	38.7
17-18	Male	97.6	54.7	57.2	74.6
	Female	79.8	47.1	31.8	38.5
	All	88.5	51.2	45.5	58.1

**Table 11: Of those who can use a smartphone, % youth who were engaged in the following activities, by age group and sex**

Age group and sex	% Youth who did the following activities online:			
	At least 1 education related activity in the reference week	Ever accessed any online services	At least 1 entertainment related activity in the reference week	
14-16	Male	52.5	22.2	82.4
	Female	50.9	7.0	72.8
	All	51.7	13.7	77.2
17-18	Male	64.4	46.3	92.3
	Female	58.9	16.8	76.9
	All	61.6	31.0	84.5

Online services includes making payments, filling a form, paying a bill and booking a ticket.

## Digital tasks (Administered one-on-one to surveyed youth)

SETTING AN ALARM	BROWSING FOR INFORMATION	USING GOOGLE MAPS	FINDING AND SHARING A YOUTUBE VIDEO
আগামীকাল সকাল 8:30 মিনিট	ভারতবর্ষের প্রথম মহিলা রাষ্ট্রপতি	Maps	PMGDISHA Module 1

**Table 12: Of those who could bring a smartphone, % youth who could do digital tasks on it, by age group and sex**

Age group and sex	% Youth who could bring a smartphone to do digital tasks*	Of these, % youth who could do the following tasks:				Of those who found video, % able to share it	
		Setting an alarm	Browsing for information	Using Google Maps	Finding YouTube video		
14-16	Male	68.3	52.5	45.8	27.3	83.0	85.6
	Female	53.2	27.3	38.1	6.5	71.5	72.7
	All	59.9	40.0	41.9	16.7	77.1	79.5
17-18	Male	92.0	63.4	52.3	43.9	86.1	93.7
	Female	71.3	49.3	48.2	14.2	84.0	84.9
	All	81.3	57.0	50.4	30.1	85.1	89.7

\*Youth were asked to bring a smartphone with good connectivity during the survey to do the digital tasks on the assessment.