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# **Current Issues and Challenges in Madhya Pradesh Education System**

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## **Introduction**

Modern education began in India under British rule. Before the British, India had its own educational systems like the Gurukulas and the Madrassas. The East India Company, during their first 60 years of rule didn't care much for the education of those they ruled in India. (Even in England, universal education came about at a much later stage.) Elementary education system in India has experienced considerable expansion with rapid increase in number of schools, teachers and students. Special efforts are being made to universalize elementary education mainly after introduction of the National Policy of Education, 1986. Madhya Pradesh follows the 10+2+3 tier of education. There is government as well as private education institutes across this Central Indian state. Hindi is the preferred medium of instruction in the government monitored schools and colleges of Madhya Pradesh. English is used as the language of communication between students and teachers in private institutes. The state of Madhya Pradesh in India is one of the oldest centers of learning in the country. It is for this reason that education in Madhya Pradesh is very well organized and is systematically divided into distinct levels for different age groups. According to the census reports released in the year 2010, Madhya Pradesh has achieved a literacy rate of 64.11%. Therefore, Madhya Pradesh stands very close to the country's literacy rate which is 64.8% as per the census reports of 2010. The Madhya Pradesh society has been a male dominated society since time immemorial and hence the number of literate women in the state had always been low. Over the last couple of year though, there has been great improvement with rates going over 35% in several cities across the state. The districts of Khargaon, Badwani, Ratlam and Jhabua have made the most improvements in the education sector in Madhya Pradesh.

Mahatma Gandhi stood for the educational system, which is literary and