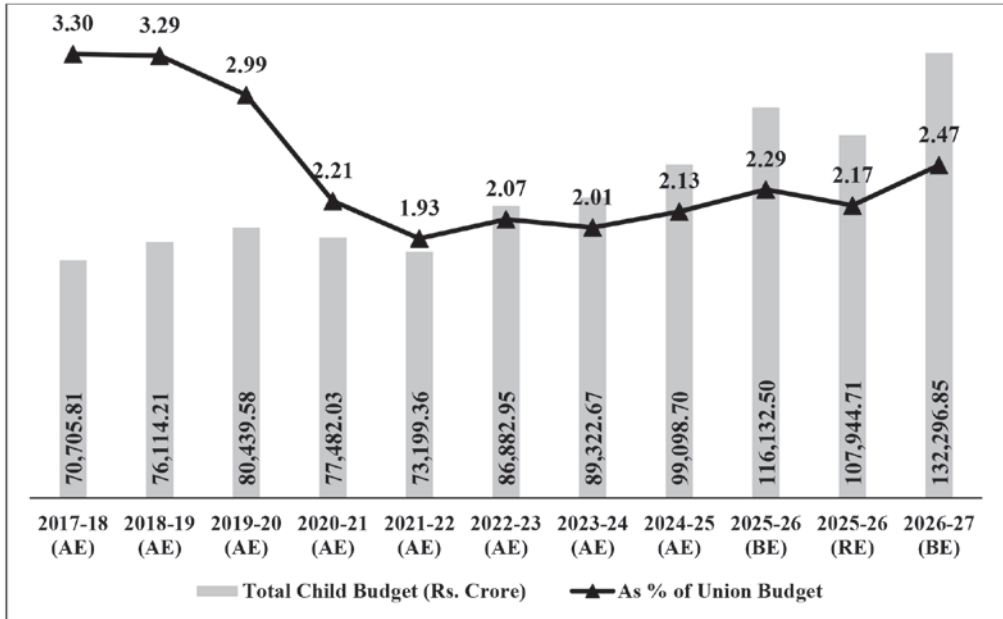


INFOGRAPHICS ON CHILD BUDGET IN UNION BUDGET

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Figure 1: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on Child-focused Interventions (2017-18 to 2026-27)



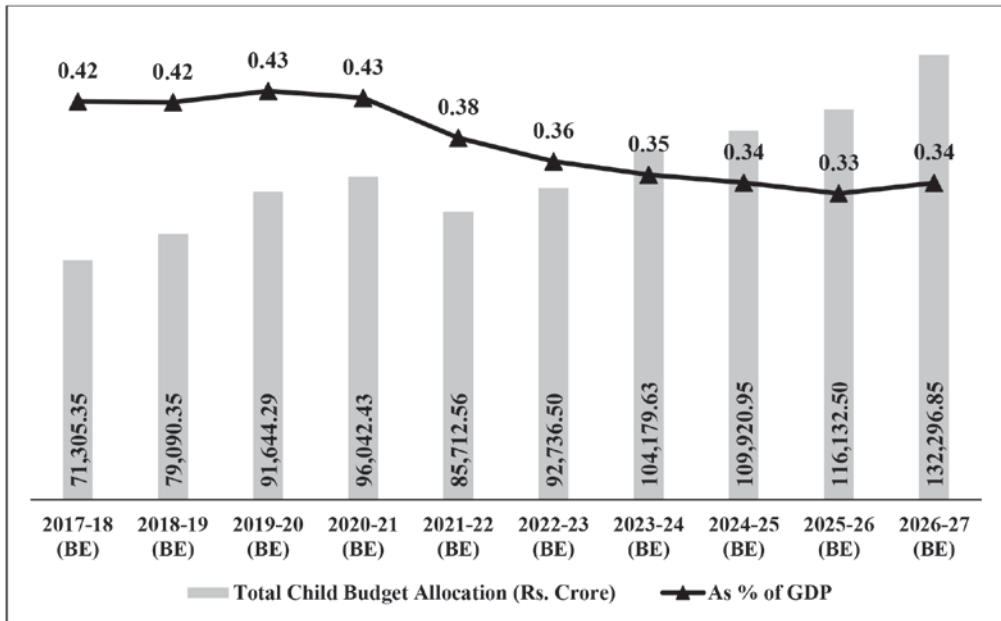
Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 1:

- The total child budget in the Union Budget stands at Rs. 132,296.85 crore for 2026-27 (BE), which reflects an increase of 13.9% over the allocation of Rs. 116,132.50 crore for 2025-26 (BE) and an increase of 22.6% over the RE of Rs. 107,944.71 crore for 2025-26.
- As a percentage of the total Union Budget, the allocation for child budget has increased from 2.29% in 2024-25 (BE) to 2.47% in 2025-26 (BE).
- Total AE on child-focused interventions as a proportion of the total Union Budget decreased from 3.30% in 2017-18 to 1.93% in 2021-22, followed by an increase to 2.07% in 2022-23, a decline to 2.01% in 2023-24, and an increase to 2.13% in 2024-25.

Figure 2: Union Budgetary Allocations for Child-focused Interventions as a percentage of GDP (2017-18 to 2026-27)



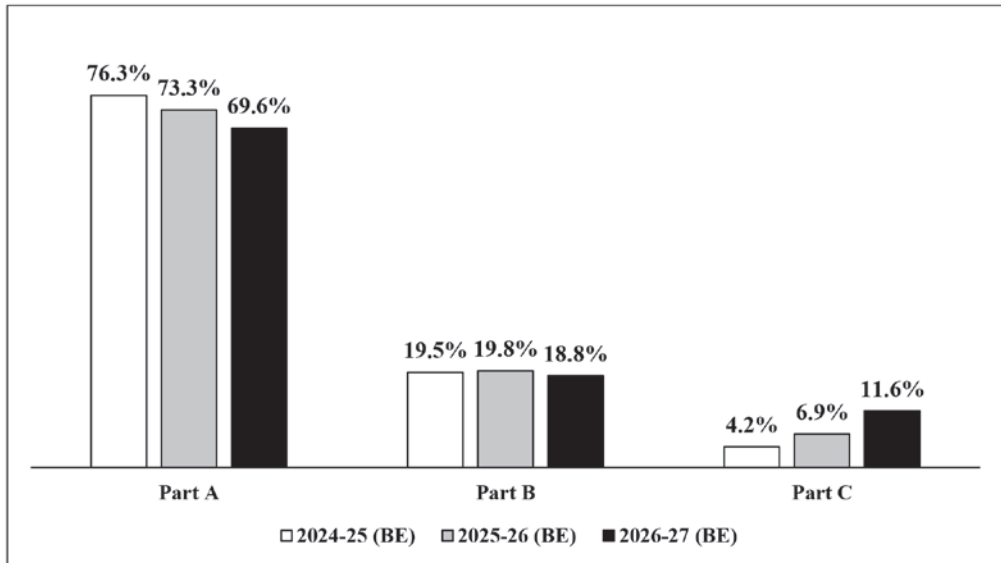
Notes: BE: Budget Estimates; GDP: Gross Domestic Product.

Source: Budget at a Glance, Union Budget of India (various years); Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 2:

- As a share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the allocation for child-focused interventions exceeded 0.40% between 2017-18 and 2020-21.
- Since 2021-22, this has started to dip, reaching 0.33% of GDP in 2025-26, followed by a marginal increase to 0.34% in 2026-27.

Figure 3: Shares of Parts A, B and C in Union Budgetary Allocations for Child-focussed Interventions (2024-25 to 2026-27)



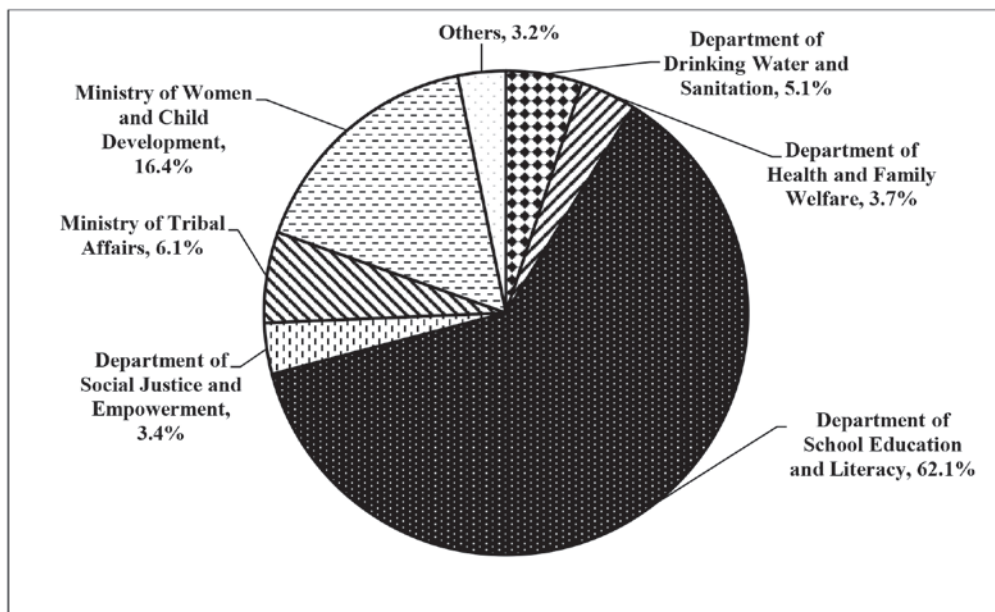
Notes: BE: Budget Estimates.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India 2025-2026 and 2026-2027..

Highlights from Figure 3:

- Statement 12 of the Union Budget 2026-27 categories allocations/expenditure on child-related schemes into three parts (introduced for the first time in Union Budget 2024-2025) as follows:
 - (1) Part A: Schemes with 100% provision for children
 - (2) Part B: Schemes with 30-99% allocations for children
 - (3) Part C: Schemes with allocations for children up to 30% of the provision
- The total child budget in the Union Budget 2026-27 reveals that Part A has received the maximum share (69.6%), followed by Part B (18.8%) and Part C (11.6%).
- A similar pattern can be seen in the allocations across the three parts for 2024-25 (Part A: 76.3%, Part B: 19.5%, Part C: 4.2%) and 2025-26 (Part A: 73.3%, Part B: 19.8%, Part C: 6.9%).
- There has been an increase in allocations under all three parts in 2026-27 compared to 2025-26. On the one hand, while the increase in allocations under Parts A and B is about 8%, the increase in Part C allocations is to the tune of 92.1%, primarily driven by the inclusion of JalJeevan Mission under the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Figure 4: Shares of Ministry/Department-wise Budgetary Allocations for Child-focussed Interventions (2026-27)

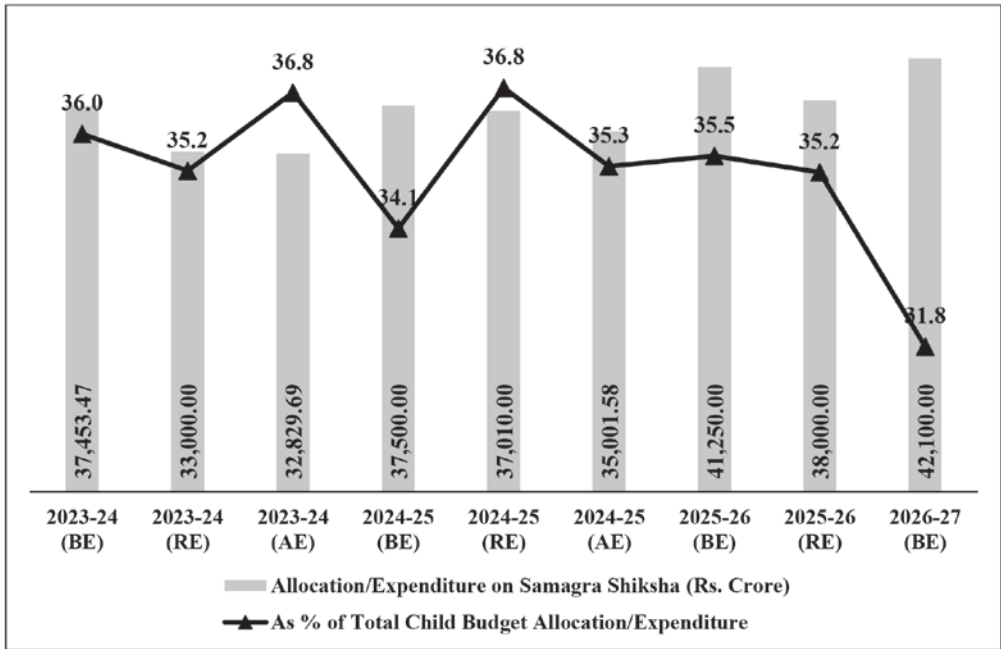


Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India 2026-2027.

Highlights from Figure 4:

- As far as child budget allocations under various Ministries/Departments are concerned, the share of Department of School Education and Literacy stands at 62.1% of BE (2026-27) followed by Ministry of Women and Child Development (16.4%), Ministry of Tribal Affairs (6.1%), Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (5.1%), Department of Health and Family Welfare (3.7%), and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (3.4%).

Figure 5: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on SamagraShiksha (2023-24 to 2026-27)



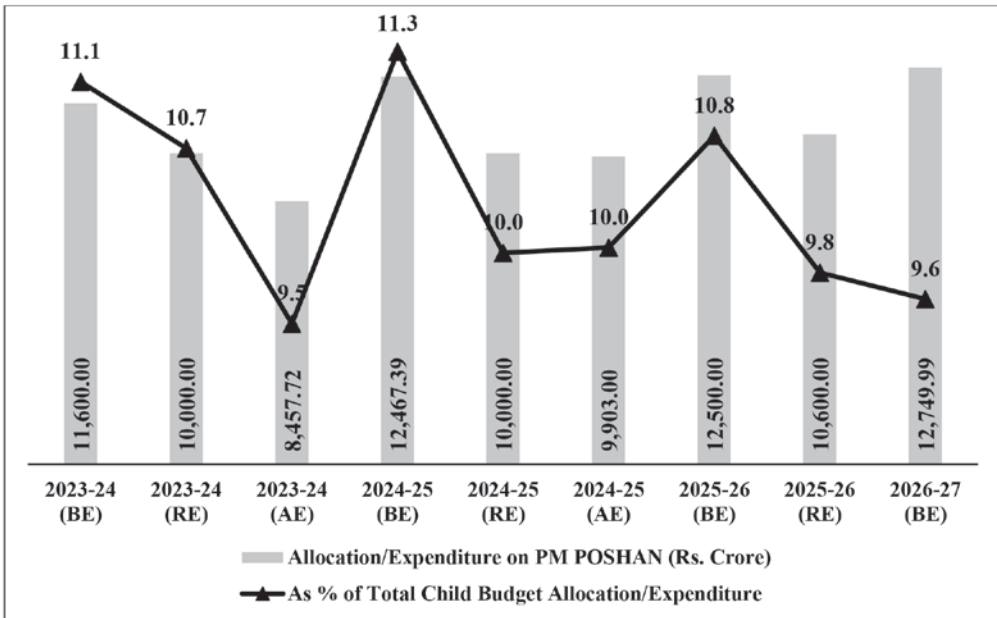
Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 5:

- SamagraShiksha has been allocated Rs. 42,100 crore in 2026-27 (BE), up from Rs. 41,250 crore in 2025-26 (BE), an increase of Rs. 850 crore, i.e., 2.06%. However, the 2025-26 (RE) stood at Rs. 38,000 crore, reflecting a downward revision of approximately 8% from the original BE.
- In 2023-24, the scheme recorded an allocation of Rs. 37,453.47 crore (BE) which was revised down to Rs.33,000 crore (RE) and further to Rs.32,829.69 crore in the AE.
- In 2024-25, while the BE remained also similar at Rs.37,500 crore, AE improved to Rs. 35,001.58 crore, with relatively better absorption.
- SamagraShiksha accounted for 36.0% (BE), 35.2% (RE), and 36.8% (AE) of the total child budget in 2023-24, and 34.1% (BE), 36.8% (RE), and 35.3% (AE) in 2024-25. Its share stood at 35.5% (BE) and 35.2% (RE) in 2025-26, declining to 31.8% (BE) in 2026-27.

Figure 6: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on PM POSHAN (2023-24 to 2026-27)



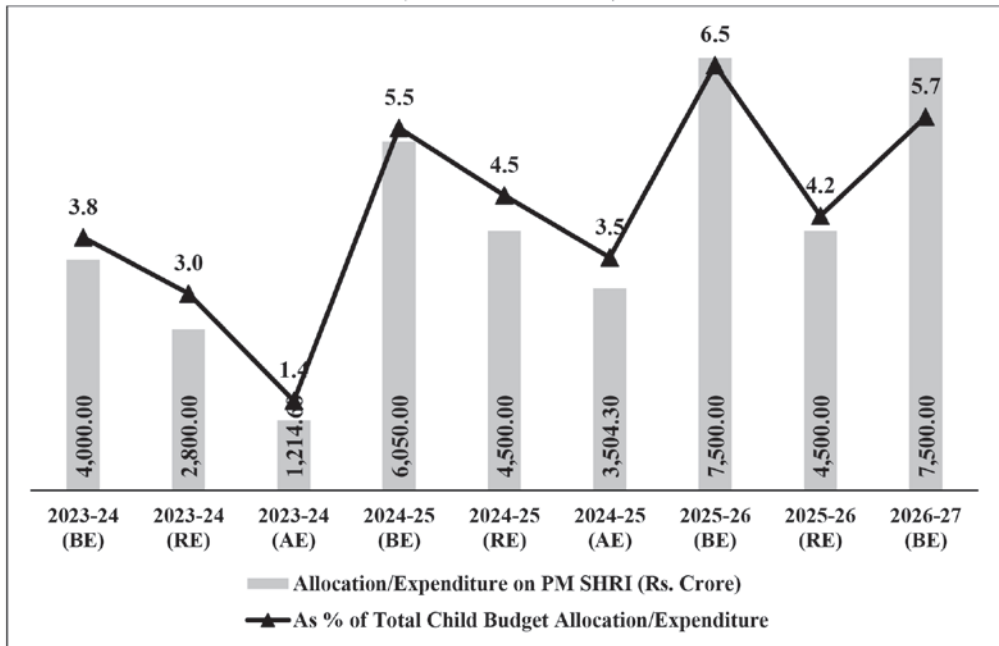
Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates; PM POSHAN: Pradhan MantriPoshan Shakti Nirman

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 6:

- The allocation for PM POSHAN (Pradhan MantriPoshan Shakti Nirman) has increased from Rs. 12,500 crore in 2025-26 (BE) to Rs. 12,749.99 crore in 2026-27 (BE), a 2% increase of Rs. 249.99 crore. The RE for 2025-26 moderated to Rs. 10,600 crore.
- In 2023-24, PM POSHAN recorded a BE of Rs. 11,600 crore, which was revised downward to Rs. 10,000 crore (RE), with AE at Rs. 8,457.72 crore.
- In 2024-25, despite an increased BE of Rs. 12,467.39 crore, both RE and AE converged around Rs. 10,000 crore and Rs. 9,903 crore respectively.
- PM POSHAN constituted 11.1% (BE), 10.7% (RE), and 9.5% (AE) of the total child budget in 2023-24, followed by 11.3% (BE), and about 10.0% (RE and AE) in 2024-25. The scheme’s share was 10.8% (BE) and 9.8% (RE) in 2025-26, declining to 9.6% (BE) in 2026-27.

Figure 7: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on PM SHRI (2023-24 to 2026-27)



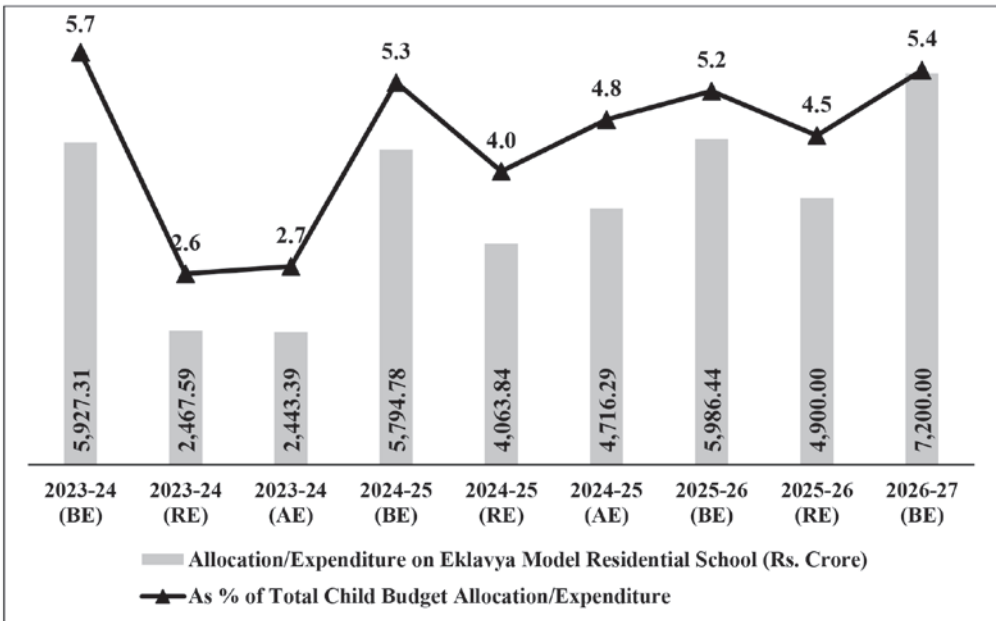
Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates; PM SHRI: Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 7:

- The PM SHRI (Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India) initiative has received an allocation of Rs. 7,500 crore in 2026-27 (BE), which remains unchanged from 2025-26 (BE). The RE for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 4,500 crore.
- In its initial year, 2023-24, PM SHRI recorded the allocation of Rs.4,000 crore (BE) which was revised in the mid-year to Rs.2,800 crore (RE) and further down to Rs.1,214.68 crore in the AE.
- In 2024-25, the allocation rose sharply to Rs. 6,050 crore (BE) yet RE and AE reached Rs. 4,500 crore and Rs. 3,504.30 crore, respectively.
- PM SHRI accounted for 3.8% (BE), 3.0% (RE), and 1.4% (AE) of the total child budget in 2023-24, followed by 5.5% (BE), 4.5% (RE), and 3.5% (AE) in 2024-25. Its share was 6.5% (BE) and 4.2% (RE) in 2025-26, increasing to 5.7% (BE) in 2026-27.

Figure 8: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on Eklavya Model Residential School (2023-24 to 2026-27)



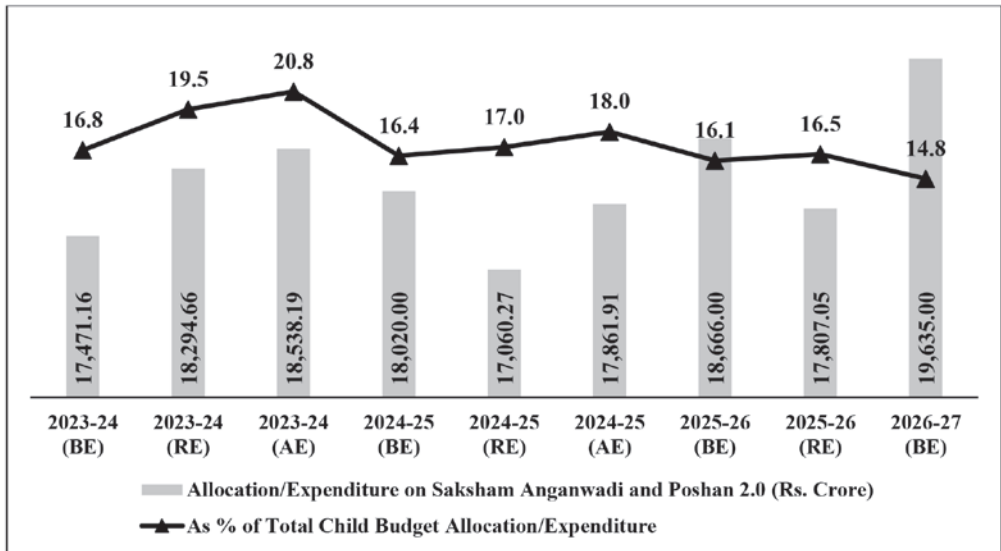
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Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 8:

- The Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) initiative records a substantial increase from Rs. 5,986.44 crore in 2025-26 (BE) to Rs. 7,200 crore in 2026-27 (BE), an applaudable rise of Rs. 1,213.56 crore, i.e., 20.3%. The RE for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 4,900 crore.
- In 2023-24, EMRS witnessed a steep downward revision from Rs. 5,927.31 crore (BE) to Rs. 2,467.59 crore (RE) and Rs. 2,443.39 crore (AE).
- However, 2024-25 showed marked improvement as the AE was Rs. 4,716.29 crore against the original allocation of Rs. 5,794.78 crore (BE) and RE of Rs.4,063.84 crore.
- EMRS constituted 5.7% (BE), 2.6% (RE), and 2.7% (AE) of the total child budget in 2023-24, and 5.3% (BE), 4.0% (RE), and 4.8% (AE) in 2024-25. The scheme’s share was 5.2% (BE) and 4.5% (RE) in 2025-26, rising to 5.4% (BE) in 2026-27.

Figure 9: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on SakshamAnganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (2023-24 to 2026-27)



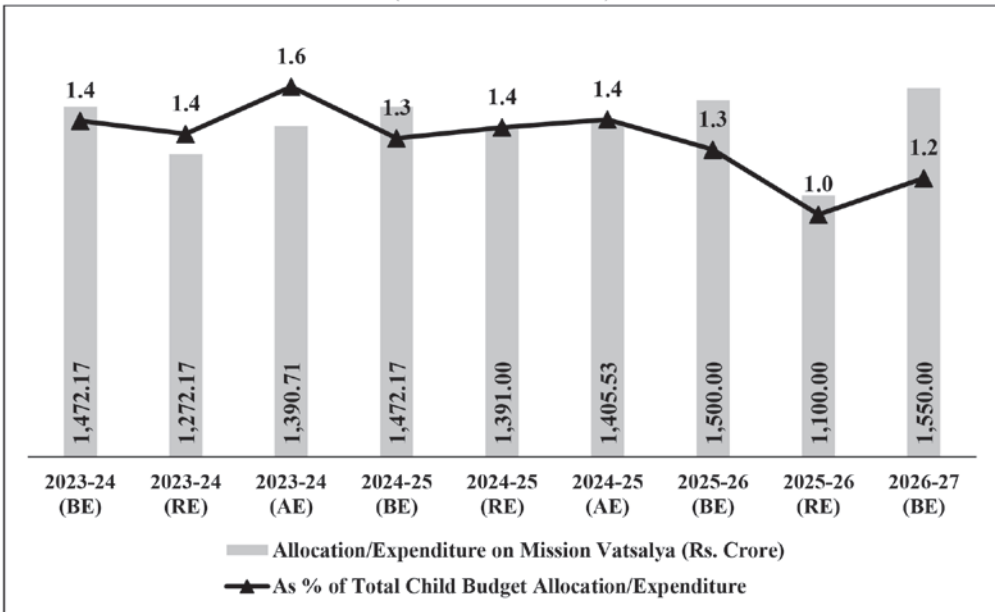
Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 9:

- SakshamAnganwadi and Poshan 2.0 has received an allocation of Rs. 19,635 crore in 2026-27 (BE). This is a rise of Rs. 969 crore from Rs. 18,666 crore in 2025-26 (BE). The RE for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 17,807.05 crore.
- In 2023-24, the AE of Rs. 18,538.19 crore exceeded the originally allocated amount of Rs. 17,471.16 crore (BE) and RE of Rs. 18,294.66 crore.
- In 2024-25, the AE at Rs. 17,861.91 crore was less than BE of Rs. 18,020 crore but more than RE of Rs. 17,060.27 crore.
- The scheme accounted for 16.8% (BE), 19.5% (RE), and 20.8% (AE) of the total child budget in 2023-24, followed by 16.4% (BE), 17.0% (RE), and 18.0% (AE) in 2024-25. Its share stood at 16.1% (BE) and 16.5% (RE) in 2025-26, declining to 14.8% (BE) in 2026-27.

Figure 10: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on Mission Vatsalya (2023-24 to 2026-27)



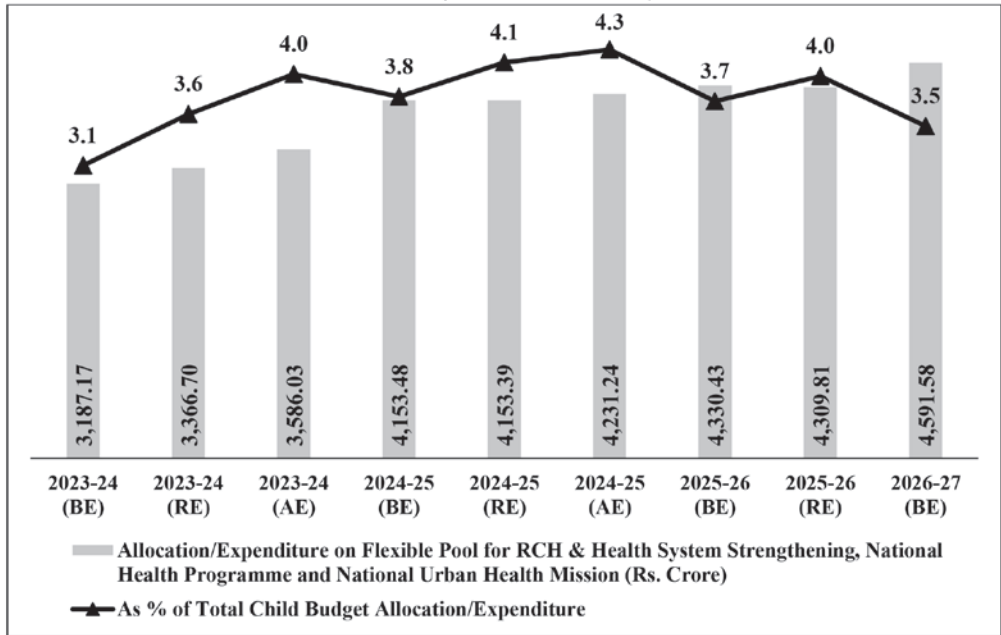
Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 10:

- Mission Vatsalya has received an allocation of Rs. 1,550 crore in 2026-27 (BE) compared to Rs. 1,500 crore in 2025-26 (BE). This is a marginal increase of Rs. 50 crore, i.e., 3.3%. The RE for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 1,100 crore.
- In 2023-24, the scheme had an allocation of Rs. 1,472.17 crore (BE), with RE at Rs. 1,272.17 crore but AE of Rs. 1,390.71 crore.
- In 2024-25, AE stood at Rs. 1,405.53 crore against BE of Rs. 1,472.17 crore and RE of 1,391 crore.
- Mission Vatsalya constituted 1.4% (BE), 1.4% (RE), and 1.6% (AE) of the total child budget in 2023-24, and 1.3% (BE), 1.4% (RE), and 1.4% (AE) in 2024-25. Its share was 1.3% (BE) and 1.0% (RE) in 2025-26, increasing to 1.2% (BE) in 2026-27.

Figure 11: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on Flexible Pool for RCH & Health System Strengthening, National Health Programme and National Urban Health Mission(2023-24 to 2026-27)



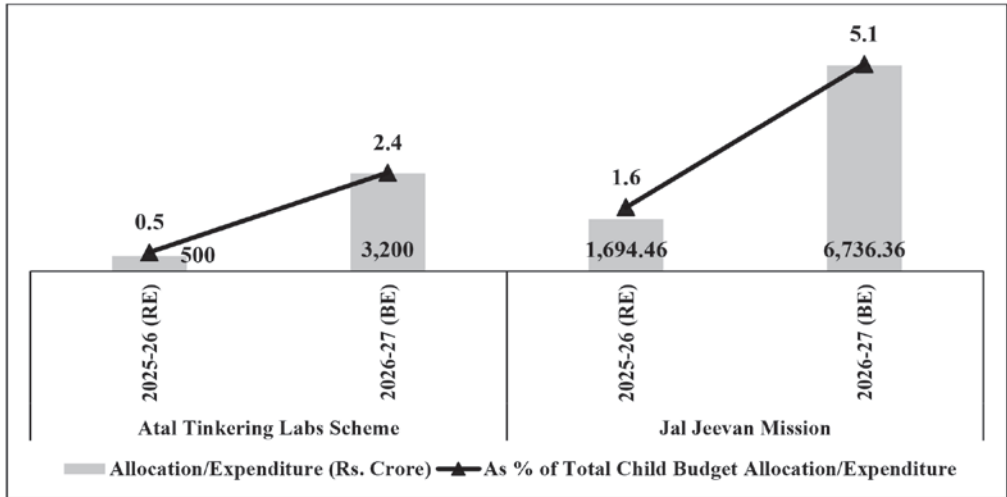
Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates; RCH: Reproductive and Child Health.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 11:

- The Flexible Pool for RCH & Health System Strengthening, National Health Programme and National Urban Health Mission has received an allocation of Rs. 4,591.58 crore in 2026-27 (BE) compared to Rs. 4,330.43 crore in 2025-26 (BE). This marks an increase of about Rs. 261.15 crore, i.e., 6.03%. The RE for 2025-26 stood at Rs. 4,309.81 crore.
- In 2023-24, the AE at Rs. 3,586.03 crore exceeded the BE of Rs. 3,187.17 crore and RE of Rs. 3,366.70 crore.
- This trajectory continued in 2024-25 with AE at Rs. 4,231.24 crore exceeding BE at Rs. 4,153.48 crore and RE at Rs. 4,153.39 crore.
- The scheme accounted for 3.1% (BE), 3.6% (RE), and 4.0% (AE) of the total child budget in 2023-24, and 3.8% (BE), 4.1% (RE), and 4.3% (AE) in 2024-25. Its share was 3.7% (BE) and 4.0% (RE) in 2025-26, declining to 3.5% (BE) in 2026-27.

Figure 12: Union Budgetary Allocations and Expenditure on Atal Tinkering Labs Scheme and JalJeevan Mission (2025-26 & 2026-27)



Notes: AE: Actual Expenditure; BE: Budget Estimates; RE: Revised Estimates; RCH: Reproductive and Child Health.

Source: Statement 12, Union Budget of India (various years).

Highlights from Figure 12:

- There was no original allocation (BE) under the child-linked heads for Atal Tinkering Labs Scheme and JalJeevan Mission in 2025-26.
- An allocation of Rs. 500 crore was made for Atal Tinkering Labs Scheme in 2025-26 as RE, accounting for 0.5% of the total child budget. The initiative has seen a significant allocation of Rs. 3,200 crore in 2026-27 (BE), accounting for 2.4% of the total child budget.
- An allocation of Rs. 1,694.46 crore was made for JalJeevan Mission in 2025-26 as RE, accounting for 1.6% of the total child budget. The allocation for the initiative has witnessed a sharp increase to Rs. 6,736.36 crore in 2026-27 (BE), accounting for 5.1% of the total child budget.

Glossary:

Budget Estimates (BE) : Amount of money allocated in the Budget to any Ministry/Department or scheme for the coming financial year.

Revised Estimates (RE) : Mid-year review of possible expenditure, taking into account the trend of expenditure, New Services and New Instrument of Services, etc.

Actual Expenditure (AE) : The amount actually spent by any Ministry/Department under mapped schemes.