



## Status of Secondary School Education in Patna Municipal Corporation Area

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**Abstract :** Education plays an important role in the progress of an individual's mind and country. Secondary education is defined as education beyond the elementary grades, provided by a high school and is a crucial stage in the education hierarchy. Bihar has the lowest literacy rate in India, i.e., 63.82% and it is a big challenge before Bihar to spread education among masses. Amid this scenario, the present study aims towards making an in-depth assessment to find out the current status of secondary school education in Patna in general and that of the selected wards of PMC Area in particular on the basis of the parameters like teaching-learning

pattern, infrastructural facilities, learning resources and students' progression. The study has been carried out specifically in 20 schools situated in six municipal wards located in the two circles of PMC Area: New Capital and Bankipur respectively.

**Key words:** Secondary education, Teaching-learning process, Infrastructure, Learning resources, Students' progression.

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### Context and Background :

The term 'Education' literally refers to the mental and moral training process which enhances the intellectual health of an individual. It is the most important indicator of the human resource development (Goel & Goel, 2010). Education in its general sense is a form of learning in which the knowledge, skill, habits of a group of people are transferred from one generation to the next through teaching, training or research. In other words it refers to the knowledge required for rational thinking and the ability to differentiate between right and wrong. It is a ladder to climb out of poverty, exclusion, ignorance and oppression.