

Gender parity index in rural secondary schools of Andhra Pradesh

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■ **ABSTRACT** : The present study was under taken to know the Gender Parity Index (GPI) in selected urban and rural secondary schools in Andhra Pradesh. The sample comprised of 60 schools and 60 head masters. Data about enrolment of boys and girls in selected schools were collected by referring the registers maintained and interviewing the head masters of the selected schools. From the results, it was found that the overall GPI of three regions was 0.8, in rural schools, it was 0.9 and in urban schools it was 0.7. It was interesting to note that the GPI was more in rural secondary schools compared to urban schools of three regions. Regional differences were observed in GPI of secondary schools where Telangana recorded less GPI compared to Andhra and Rayalaseema regions.

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