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## About 9% Students Demonstrate High Readiness In Critical Skills: Report



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#### ***Primus Report reveals private schools excel in practical learning and public schools in observation skills***

To assess the preparedness of Indian students to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving landscape and to identify the changes needed in education and skill-building frameworks, Primus Partners has recently released a report titled '*Shaping Education to Nurture the 80 Billion US Dollar Creative Economy*'. Surveying over 1,500 students from 22 states and union territories across India.

The target population included students from years six–eight, nine–ten, and eleven–twelve studying in both government and private schools across all regions of India. A structured questionnaire, featuring multiple-choice questions (MCQs), was designed to assess eight key skills vital for success in the creative economy: problem-solving, critical thinking and creative solutions, brainstorming, teamwork, real-life application of learnings, design thinking, observation skills, and research skills.

The report reveals that only 9 per cent of students demonstrate high readiness in critical skills. Additionally, 30 per cent of government school students and 13 per cent of private school students show low readiness for real-life application of learning, highlighting a gap in bridging theoretical knowledge with practical use. One in five students exhibit low readiness in key areas like problem-solving, critical thinking, and research. While private schools excel in practical learning, public schools show strengths in observation skills and responsiveness to environmental stimuli. A small but notable group of students, particularly from IB boards, demonstrate high readiness in design thinking and real-world problem-solving, though their numbers remain limited.

Charu Malhotra, Co-founder and Managing Director, Primus Partners, stated, "To fuel India's 80 billion US dollars creative economy, the education system must evolve from traditional rote learning to a competency-based curriculum that fosters innovation and creative problem-solving. It is crucial that we empower the next generation with the right skills to navigate and contribute to the creative economy."