The dropout rate in Gujarat is constantly rising. This is demonstrated by data provided by various government departments, as stated in a report by The New Indian Express.

On February 13, 2023, the Department of Education stated that the dropout rate in Gujarat at the primary level was:

2017-18: 1.7%

2018-19: 2.3%

2019-20: 1.0%

2021-22: 0.0%

While the dropout rate at the secondary level was:

2017-18: 20.6%

2018-19: 23.8%

2019-20: 23.7%

2020-21: 23.3%

2021-23: 17.9%

The National Family Health survey revealed that 57% boys and 44% girls attending higher secondary school in 2019-21. Nearly 15 years ago only 36% boys and 28% girls were able to reach the landmark.

Reasons:

The National Family Health and Rajesh Bhat stated that water availability and sanitation are the major factors for dropping out.

Bharat Gajipara, the self-finance school association of Gujarat stated that the distance between school and home is a major factor.

As students move from primary to secondary school, the chance of dropping out of students increases 2.7 times. The total number of siblings has been found to be a highly significant predictor of school drop-out. An increase in family size by one increases the chance of dropping out 1.7 times.

Objectives:

**.** To understand the differentials in school dropouts at state levels.

• To understand the main reasons for school dropout reported by household members.

• To examine the household and parental situations influencing the school dropouts in India.

Solutions:

1. We will be approaching Rotaract’s and NGOs to provide scholarships programs.

2. Launch awareness campaigns to educate parents about the importance of education.

3. Advocate for policy changes that address structural inequalities and improve the overall quality of education in India.