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Implementation of NIPUN Bharat Scheme

209 Smt. Sangeeta Yadav:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of implementation of NIPUN Bharat Scheme across States/UTs in the country;
- (b) the details of the changes that have been brought in schools to implement the NIPUN Bharat format of teaching;
- (c) the details of progress made for implementation of NIPUN Bharat initiative in terms of achieving the initiative's goals and objectives, so far;
- (d) the manner in which monitoring is being done at various levels to ensure effective implementation of NIPUN Bharat format in schools; and
- (e) the outcome measures to assess the impact of NIPUN Bharat on student's literacy and numeracy skills?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e) : As per the recommendation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, under Samagra Shiksha, a dedicated mission 'National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy' (NIPUN Bharat) was launched by the Government on 5th July 2021, for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by Grade 2. Under Samagra Shiksha, all 36 States/Union Territories are implementing NIPUN-Bharat Mission.

Under NIPUN, a 3 Months Play Based 'School Preparation Module and Guidelines' for Grade I named 'Vidya Pravesh' was launched on 29th July, 2021 which aims to promote school preparedness in all children coming to Grade- I from diverse backgrounds, to ensure a smooth transition of children to Grade-I, to provide play based, age and developmentally appropriate learning experiences in a joyful and stimulating environment leading to holistic development. This module contains developmentally appropriate instructions for the children entering Grade 1 to bolster a child's pre-literacy, pre-numeracy, cognitive and social skills.

National Curricular Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) was launched on 20th October, 2022 and it is the first ever integrated Curriculum Framework for children between ages 3-8 in India. It is a direct outcome of the 5+3+3+4 'curricular and pedagogical' structure that NEP 2020 has come out with for School Education. This Foundational Stage framework will also guide the preparation of the Teachers for this Stage of education.

Play and activity based textbooks for classes 1 and 2 have also been prepared and shared with States/UTs (Hindi-“Sarangi”, English-“Mridang”, “Mathematics- Joyful-Mathematics and Anandmay-Ganit” and Urdu- “Shahnai”) fulfilling NEP 2020 and NCF-FS (National Curricular Framework for Foundational Stage) recommendations.

JaaduiPitara -a Collection of learning- teaching material for 3 to 6 years age group has been developed and launched on 20th February, 2023. The JaaduiPitara is a box having 53 Learning Teaching Materials (LTM) for the foundational stage. It has toys, games, puzzles, puppets, posters, flashcards, story cards, play book set for students, and handbooks for teachers.

The e-JaaduiPitara (e-JP) was launched on 10th February 2024. The e-JP is an integration of the latest technology with play-based pedagogy and a way to disseminate the learning of JaaduiPitara and transcend it beyond the four walls of the classroom. The stakeholders involved are teachers/educators, parents, etc. e-JP, in alignment with the NEP 2020, is an app initially developed for Android users along with browser access at <https://ejaaduipitara.ncert.gov.in/>. This website and mobile app are packed with fun and engaging content in multiple languages, including activities, songs, riddles, stories and lullabies.

Lakshya or Targets for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy starting from the Balvatika upto Grade 2 based on the learning outcomes have been developed on the basis of national and international research. In addition, other learning outcomes on developmental goals has been developed and codified covering various aspects, concepts and skills.

A new concise format for monitoring of NIPUN, NIPUN Bharat Mission Planning and Implementation Template (NBMPIT), was developed and shared with all States/UTs to understand the progress at a glance and for better monitoring.

An assessment & benchmarking study for foundational learning namely Foundational Learning Study (FLS) was administered in March, 2022 at the national level. FLS was conducted in 20 different languages. Approximately 86,000 grade 3 students from 10,000 schools were covered. As an important literacy skill, FLS 2022 assessed 'Reading with understanding and numeracy' skill of students in class 3. The survey results reflected that there is a requirement to improve the levels. These can be accessed at https://dsel.education.gov.in/fls_2022.
