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History and Culture of Northeast States into NCERT books

3540 **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to include history and culture of Northeastern States into the NCERT curriculum;
- (b) the steps taken to educate the entire nation about rich history of Northeast; and
- (c) whether Government is already discussing this matter with scholars from Northeastern region, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage and National Curriculum Framework for School Education have been developed and released as a follow-up of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. As a follow-up of these frameworks, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has come out with new textbooks for Grade 1, 2, 3 and 6 under the guidance of National Syllabus and Teacher - Learning Material Committee (NSTC). These textbooks provide space to North Eastern (N-E) culture and history in age-appropriate manner. Besides, supplementary reading material, namely, “Women of North-East India: Making a Difference” and “North East India: People, History and Culture” have also been developed by NCERT. Further, NCERT also organises the National Yoga Olympiad and the National Role Play & Folk Dance Competition that covers all the North Eastern States of India.

Government has initiated a nationwide programme **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat: Bhasha Sangam**, to promote all Indian language. Children in school learn 100 sentences in the 22 scheduled languages (including languages spoken in N-E States) of the VIII Schedule of the Indian Constitution with audio and video support. The programme has been in implementation last seven years and schools across the country are participating and learning the Indian languages. The programmes (both print, and audio-video materials) are available on DIKSHA portal. NCERT has also developed primers for smooth transition of children from their mother tongue to language spoken in the region. These primers include – Anal Primer (Manipur), Angami Primer (Nagaland), Deori Primer (Assam), etc.
