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NEP, 2020 in Karnataka

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 across various States, particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) the key measures taken to address challenges in rural education and progress made to promote mother tongue and native language in these States under the NEP framework;
- (c) the details of Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) and any specific provisions or funding allocated for quality education in Karnataka; and
- (d) the timeline for the full-scale implementation of the policy and its expected outcomes?

ANSWER

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

(a): A number of transformative changes have taken place in school education after announcement of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The details are as follows:

- NIPUN Bharat (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) launched on 5th July 2021 to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy for all children by Grade 3.
- VIDYA PRAVESH, a three months' play-based school preparation module developed and launched on 29th July, 2021. Vidya Pravesh is now an annual calendar and over 1 crore students from 8.94 lakh schools participated in Vidya Pravesh programme across States/UTs in 2024-25.
- National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS) launched on 20th October 2022; Jadui Pitara and textbooks for Classes I–II launched in 2023; digital version of Jadui Pitara (e- Jadui Pitara) launched on 10th February 2024.
- National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) launched on 23rd August 2023. Textbooks for Classes 3–8 released as per NCF-SE.

- Norms and standards for 4-year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) have been notified on 22.10.2021 by National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). From 2023-24 to 2024-25, 64 institutions have been granted recognition for 4-year ITEP with an intake of 6,100.
- National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) guiding document released on 9th March 2024 in 22 scheduled languages, Braille, and audio formats.
- National Mission for Mentoring (NMM) Bluebook released on 9th March 2024 in 22 scheduled languages, Braille, and audio formats.
- PM e-VIDYA initiative was launched on 17th May, 2020 to bridge the digital divide and provide access to digital education to students across the country. It unifies all the efforts related to digital/online/on-air education and provides a resilient, coherent and multi-mode access to education. Under PM e-VIDYA, there are 3,75,767 e-contents available on DIKSHA and eContent available in 133 languages (126 Indian + 7 Foreign Languages).

In addition, as per information received from the State Government of Karnataka, the state, in alignment with NEP 2020, has established 3,012 pre-primary sections in Government schools to ensure universal access to quality early childhood care and education. The State has implemented the "Vidya Pravesh" programme across all Government schools, revised the curriculum for Classes 1 to 3 in line with the NIPUN Bharat Mission, and launched foundational learning programmes such as *Kalika Chetarike* and *Kalika Balavardane* to achieve universal literacy and numeracy. To support students in upper grades, initiatives like *Kalika Balavardane* and *Marusinchana* are being implemented to help students from Classes 6 to 10 attain grade-appropriate learning outcomes. The State has also focused on capacity building of teachers for joyful, play-based learning, introduced vocational exposure from Class 6 onwards, and promoted digital learning through teacher-developed e-content and training in the use of technology in classrooms.

(b): Under the Samagra Shiksha scheme, which is aligned with the NEP 2020, the Ministry of Education has implemented several initiatives to strengthen education in the country including rural areas like improving school infrastructure, expanding access to early childhood care and education, and deploying mobile libraries and transport facilities in remote areas. The NIPUN Bharat Mission focuses on foundational learning, while digital tools like DIKSHA and radio/TV-based education bridge connectivity gaps. Teachers in rural schools receive continuous training to adopt joyful, play-based, and multilingual pedagogy. To reduce dropouts and improve retention, the Ministry supports residential schools, gender-sensitive interventions, and special provisions for children from disadvantaged communities.

NEP 2020 emphasizes that wherever possible, the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond, is to be the home language/mother tongue/local language/regional language. In keeping with this recommendation of the NEP 2020, 117 Indian Language Primers have been released with a focus on enabling young learners and adults to access education in their mother tongue, including in Kodava and Tulu language of Karnataka.

Primer in Kannada has also been prepared. Further, good quality language textbooks have been introduced along with the medium of instruction. The Karnataka State Textbook Society provides textbooks in seven mediums: Kannada, English, Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, and Marathi. In addition, Tulu and Konkani language textbooks have also been introduced.

(c): As per the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2023–24, the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in Karnataka is as follows:

- Elementary (Class I–VIII): 106.1%
- Secondary (Classes IX–X): 100.9%
- Higher Secondary (Class XI– XII): 58.5%

To enhance the quality of education, the Department provides financial assistance to States/UTs including Karnataka under the **Samagra Shiksha** scheme, for activities such as – Learning Enhancement Programs, Teacher Education initiatives, Supplementary Teaching Learning Material, Library Grants, ICT and Digital Initiatives etc. In Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) for 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 198306.43 Lakhs has been approved for various interventions under Samagra Shiksha including quality education.

(d): NEP 2020 envisions operationalization of the entire policy in the decade of 2030- 40. The policy further provides different timelines as well as principles and methodology for implementation of various provisions. Education being in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, the Centre and States/UTs are equally responsible for providing quality education to all. Accordingly, Ministry of Education as well as State Governments have taken several initiatives for implementation of NEP 2020.
