
“Development of Test Papers for Evaluation of New India Literacy Program Learners”

Venue/ Mode- **NCERT; Blended mode**

Date- **7th – 9th December, 2022**

Introduction

Cell for National Centre for Literacy (CNCL) was constituted in NCERT in March 2021 as per the recommendations of National Education Policy 2020. It is dedicated to ‘Education for All’ (Adult Education), to develop resource material, both print and non-print, for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy along with Critical Life Skills. The cell has developed various resource materials such as Primer titled *UJAAS* in four volumes, *Margdarshika*, worksheets, assessment items, video programs based on primer, audio program on critical life skills, promotional material such as jingle, documentaries, flyers, monograms, informative booklet etc. Moreover, it also envisions developing synergy with and building upon the existing expertise in developing various resource materials, covering as well, the areas of Vocational Skills Development, Basic Education and Continuing Education, such as detailed guidelines, handbook, audio-video programs, story books, posters, pamphlets, monographs etc. while working towards achieving the goal of 100% literacy as recommended by NEP 2020.

The cell works in accordance with Ministry of Education’s program – **Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram** (New India Literacy Program) designed and developed for implementation during FYs 2022-27. *Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram* provides an opportunity to attain Foundational Literacy and Numeracy through Critical Life Skills and paves way for the learner to perform varied tasks in daily life, ranging from carrying out basic financial transactions, being aware of one’s own right to communicate and comprehend public information, etc. Apart from daily life tasks, another most important opportunity which the learner gets through Education for All is to pursue employment in medium or high productivity sectors that require literacy. In addition, the cell also engages in the capacity building of various stakeholders such as students, teachers and teacher educators to enable the smooth implementation of the scheme.

With the same goals in mind, Cell for National Centre for Literacy (CNCL), NCERT organized a three-day workshop on “**Development of Test Papers for Evaluation of New India Literacy Program Learners**” from 7th to 9th December 2022 in blended mode (online as well as offline). Personnel from the Ministry, NIOS, nodal officers

from State Cell for Literacy, Directors SCERT and Educational Institutions and Organizations' representatives were invited to contribute towards developing test papers pertaining to *Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram*.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the workshop were:

1. To set guidelines for developing test papers pertaining to Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram.
2. To develop an evaluation methodology for literacy skills.
3. To develop criteria for evaluation of other components of *Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram* – critical life skills, vocational skills, and continuing education.

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Through the three days of the workshop, discussions were done on several aspects of the development of test papers. It was decided that guidelines need to be prepared first. This would then be followed by the development of objectives and a pattern for the test papers. Suggestions were given as to what needs to be kept in mind to evaluate the learners, such as questions based on critical life skills to be included, the language of the test papers should be easy-to-understand, no criteria for pass or fail, etc. Additionally, it was discussed that the test papers should be based on the primers. Finally, emphasis was also laid on the weightage of marks in the paper along with the fact that learning outcomes need to be incorporated as well.

Outcome

By the end of the workshop, guidelines for the development of test papers and a sample test paper were developed.

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