
“Field Testing of Primers in States”

Venue- Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh,
Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh

Date- 20th – 24th August, 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 five-day workshop for “**Field Testing of Primers in States**” from 20th to

24th August 2022. It was conducted simultaneously in **8 states with a total of 48 resource persons, 80 learners and 8 CNCL team members** being involved.

Objectives

The primary objectives of the five-day workshop were:

1. To understand the approach used by volunteer teachers and learners regarding the primer.
2. To assess the suitability of the content for volunteer teachers and learners.
3. To understand the level of acceptance of primers by different age groups.

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All the four volumes of the primer in Hindi language were taken to 8 states – Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Bihar – to understand and review the approach and the process of implementation by the volunteer teachers and the learners. The suitability of the content of the lessons on foundational literacy and numeracy was also assessed.

Simultaneously, the feedback of volunteer teachers, district coordinators and state coordinators was taken. Additionally, the responses by adult learners were also recorded in a booklet by the name – “साक्षरता की डगर पर साथ चलें मिलकर”, the link for which is given below-

[..\Motivational Booklet.pdf](#)