

Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the General Council
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING

The 58th meeting of the General Council (GC) of NCERT was held in blended mode in Conference Hall No. 1 of Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) at 15 Janpath, New Delhi, at 11 a.m. on 4th July, 2023.

The Hon'ble Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India (GoI) and the President of the Council, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan chaired the meeting.

The list of hon'ble members of the GC, who attended the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-I.

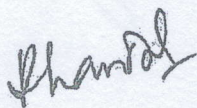
Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT, seeking permission from the Chair, extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Minister of Education and President of the Council, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, GoI, Smt. Annapurna Devi, Hon'ble Ministers of Education and Members of the GC from States and Union Territories (UTs), Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), MoE, GoI, Shri Sanjay Kumar and all other esteemed Members of the General Council.

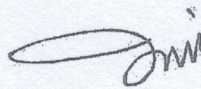
Prof. Saklani, thereafter, briefed the Members about major initiatives such as NISHTHA, PARAKH and Adult Literacy taken by the NCERT in recent years. He also apprised the Members about the constructive role played by the NCERT in developing Alternative Academic Calendar (AAC) for schools, conducting the NISHTHA online programs for teachers' capacity building, creating a variety of learner-centric e-Content and organizing regular televised and on-line lessons covering courses of all classes across subjects to bridge the learning gaps of students during the pandemic period.

Furthermore, Prof. Saklani informed the Members about the recently released National Curriculum Framework for the Foundational Stage (NCF-FS), which focuses on children's experiences, linguistic abilities and contexts, and empowers teachers to practice play-based pedagogy in *Bal Vatikas* while expressing his gratitude to the States and UTs for providing valuable inputs for the development of the four National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs). He especially highlighted the release of the *Jadui Pitara* by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, which includes a collection of Learning-Teaching Materials (LTMs) to facilitate play-based learning at the Foundational Stage using toy-based pedagogy.

Prof. Saklani also informed the Members about the soon-to-be-released NCF for School Education (NCF-SE), which will be instrumental in the development of new generation textbooks with a firm focus on *Bharat-kendrit* (India centric) education, cultural rootedness, multilingualism, experiential learning and competency-based education.

Prof. Saklani concluded his briefing by requesting the Hon'ble Minister of Education to kindly release the NCERT textbooks based on NCF-FS for Classes 1 and 2.





The books were released by the Hon'ble Minister of Education along with the Minister of State for Education, GoI, the Ministers of Education of States present in the meeting and other esteemed Members of the GC.

Following the release of the books, the Hon'ble Minister of Education welcomed the Education Ministers of States and UTs and all other Members of the GC. While referring to the last Meeting of the GC held in 2020, he called for its meetings to be held annually with a focus not only on administrative issues but also on academic matters. He appreciated the works of the NCERT in the area of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) highlighting specially the *Jadui Pitara*. He said, although India has rich traditions of story-telling and practices of toy-based learning and teaching, the States and UTs need to institutionalize these practices integrating modern perspectives with local/regional flavor.

The Hon'ble Minister of Education also said that the textbooks released for Classes 1 and 2 will be made available in all the Scheduled 22 languages of India. These books will have QR codes to include different kinds of LTMs from States and UTs citing the efforts of Andhra Pradesh in this regard.

The Hon'ble Minister of Education appreciated the challenges in developing new textbooks for all classes, from Classes 3 to 12, in all subjects simultaneously but also emphasized that, while the country is passing through the *Anrit Kal* of its Independence, these books will lay the foundations for future leaders of the country in diverse fields by not only equipping them with the latest but also futuristic scientific/technological knowledge and keep them rooted to the country's glorious ethos and heritage.

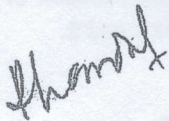
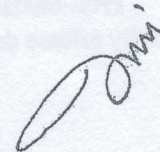
Reflecting upon the G 20 exhibition in Pune, he lauded the efforts of Lakshadweep and Nagaland for contextualizing the *Jadui Pitara* and requested other States/UTs to follow their examples. The Hon'ble Minister of Education also asked the CBSE and the KVS to ensure the availability of the *Jadui Pitara* in their respective schools.

For proper implementation of the NEP-2020, the Hon'ble Minister of Education also stressed on continuous engagement between the NCERT and the SCERTs. In the context of the development of new textbooks for Classes 3 to 12, he asked the NCERT to constitute Textbook Development Teams comprising expert representatives from various States and UTs to ensure their pan-India character.

Following the address of the Hon'ble Minister of Education, with the permission of the Chair, the Item-wise Agenda of the Meeting was presented by Prof. Pratyusa Kumar Mandal, Secretary, NCERT in the following order.

Item No. 1(For Ratification): Annual Reports and Audited Annual Accounts of NCERT for the Years 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22.

The item was ratified.

Item No. 1 (For Reporting and Confirmation): Actions Taken on the Minutes of the 57th General Council (GC) Meeting (held on 22.10.2020) & Confirmation of its Minutes.

- Items 1(a) and 1(b) were confirmed.
- With reference to 1(c), regarding 'establishment of the sixth RIE at Nellore', the Hon'ble Minister of Education directed the NCERT and the DoSE&L, MoE to expedite the process so that the proposed RIE begins functioning soon.
- With reference to 1(d)-[1(ii)], regarding MoUs signed by the NCERT with institutions abroad, the Hon'ble Minister of Education directed the Secretary, DoSE&L, MoE to review these and take measures to ensure their expected outcomes.
- With regard to 1(d)-[1(v)], regarding the request of Minister of Education, Punjab 'to waive off the royalty on NCERT textbooks charged from the States', Hon'ble Minister of State, MoE, GoI, now chairing the session, concurred with the NCERT's submission that (a) the royalty levied on copyright to States and UTs for NCERT textbooks is nominal and used for development, revision, editing and formatting of textbooks and that (b) the royalty to be levied on NCERT textbooks has been mandated by the Finance Committee of NCERT and hence has to be adhered to. The esteemed Members of the GC also agreed with this submission.
- Referring to Item 1(d)-[1(vi)] and 1(d)-[1(viii)], hon'ble member, Prof. J.S. Rajput inquired about NCERT's position regarding 'the merger of the D.Ed. and B.Ed. programmes' and 'filling up of vacant posts of State Institutes of Education (SIEs). Responding to the query, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, DoSEL, MoE, informed the Members that the 4-year Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP), adopted by the Universities in the country, takes care of the concern regarding the merger of the D.Ed. and B.Ed. programmes. He also added by saying that the curriculum of this course will be released by the end of July 2023. With regard to the second concern, he informed the Members that funds for strengthening the SCERTs/SIEs and DIETs in the States and UTs have already been earmarked in the Budget.
- Prof. Rajput also highlighted the continuous engagement between the NCERT and the States and UTs for capacity-building among teachers, which could help in constituting good teams for textbook development by the NCERT. Responding to this suggestion, Secretary, DoSEL, MoE, reiterated that qualified and well experienced teachers from the KVS, NVS and States/UTs have been identified for textbook writing. Director, NCERT also added that NCERT is in regular touch with the States and UTs in this regard.

After this discussion, Secretary, NCERT sought the GC's confirmation of the Agenda Item, which the GC agreed to. Accordingly, the Agenda Item was confirmed.

Item 2: Recent Initiatives Taken by NCERT.

Prof. Sridhar Srivastava, Joint Director, NCERT presented the recent initiatives undertaken by the NCERT with regard to educational research, development, training and extension after the adoption of the NEP-2020. He pointed out that the NCERT is presently engaged in the development of National Curriculum Frameworks under the guidance of the National Steering Committee (NSC) set up by the MoE. For this purpose, a Mandate Group was constituted by the NSC, which has further guided the development of the NCFs.

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Prof. Srivastava also highlighted other accomplished initiatives of the NCERT in this regard as follows:

- Development and release of textbooks for classes 1 and 2.
- Handbook on Toy-based Pedagogy for the Curriculum Developers.
- *Vidya Pravesh*- 3-month School Preparedness Guidelines.
- *Jadui Pitara* (Learning-Teaching Material for children of 3-8 years).
- *Anand*- An activity book developed for *Jadui Pitara*.
- *Unmukh* (Trainers' Handbook for *Bal Vatika*) for *Jadui Pitara*.
- Learning-outcomes based FLN resources under NIPUN Bharat Mission.
- FLN under NISHTHA- 12 Courses.
- NISHTHA: ECCE – 6 courses.
- Guidelines for integration of vocations into the curriculum of Classes 6-8.
- Guidelines for 10 bagless days in schools.
- Guidelines for 50 Hours of Continuous Professional Development (CPD).
- Orientation Programmes for SCERTs and DIETs on NCF-FS in which around 1800 faculty members from SCERTs and DIETs participated.
- Orientation Programmes on NCF-FS and *Jadui Pitara* for Teachers of KVS, CBSE, State-run Schools in which around 200,000 teachers and teacher-educators from all over the country participated.

Prof. Srivastava also highlighted the setting up of new Centers such as (i) a Cell for National Centre for Literacy for Adult Education, (ii) PARAKH to facilitate States to develop frameworks and guidelines for holding the assessments in grades 3, 5 and 8 and (iii) a National Resource Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems for School Education in NCERT. Besides, he also informed about the NCERT's activities with regard to (i) educational research and survey, (ii) digital education, (iii) *Kala Utsav*, (iv) Yoga Olympiad, and (iv) MoUs signed with various countries.

He informed the Hon'ble members about NCERT's participation in all the G-20 Education Working Group Meetings held at Chennai, Amritsar, Bhubaneswar and Pune and the Exhibitions organized as their side-events by showcasing reading materials and videos developed by it for students, holding webinars and *Janbhagidari* events at all Regional Institutes of Education, conducting G-20 related Quiz and slogan writing competitions on the MyGov Platform.

Following Prof. Srivastava's presentation, Secretary, NCERT requested the Hon'ble Education Ministers of States and other esteemed members for their observations.

- Minister of Education, Rajasthan, requested the NCERT to ensure reflection of the spirit of 'unity in diversity' of India in its curriculum.
- Minister of Education, Punjab, requested the history of the State, particularly with respect to the Sikh Gurus, to find place in the NCERT textbooks. He asked for consultation with Sikh scholars in this regard. Addressing the Chair, he also requested

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for setting up of a Regional Institute of Education in Punjab for which the State will offer land wherever the NCERT desires.

- Minister of Education, Uttarakhand, requested the NCERT to help in training the teachers of the State and also suggested that like '*Hamare Virasat*', a book, which the State has developed on important personalities and cultural practices of the State, NCERT should develop a book. He requested Director, NCERT to organize the next *Kala Utsav* in Uttarakhand. He also stressed the need for a DIET in the Champa region of the State.
- Minister of Education, Meghalaya, inquired if the QR code embedded in textbooks will only be in the Scheduled languages, and if regional languages like *Garo* and *Khasi* could also be included in it. He also asked if NCERT has an accreditation plan for DIETs.
- Minister of Education, Nagaland, while talking of multilingual education said that the state has 18 languages and called for flexibility in R1, R2, and R3 as mentioned in the NEP-2020.

The Minister of State for Education, who was chairing the session, requested all the Ministers of Education from States and UTs to send their observations and suggestions in writing so that these could be considered at appropriate levels. The Agenda Item was accordingly confirmed.

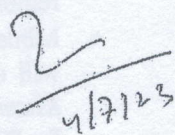
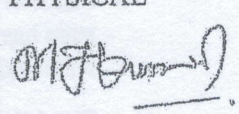
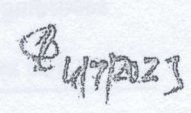
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by the Director, NCERT.

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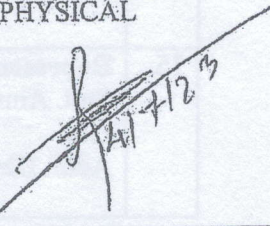
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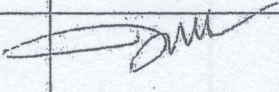
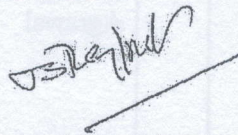
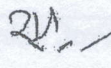
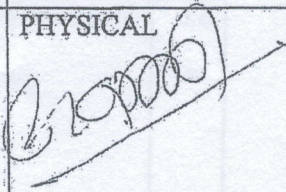

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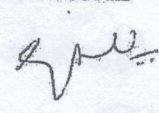
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