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An Overview of Guidelines for the National Curriculum Framework (NCF)

NEP 2020 recommends development of National Curriculum Frameworks (NCF) in four areas - School Education, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Teacher Education and Adult Education. In this regard, Hon'ble Union Education Minister released the 'Mandate Document - Guidelines for the development of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF)' on April 29, 2022 at IISC, Bengaluru.

An overview of the Mandate Document –

Key characteristics of the NCF as Envisioned by the NEP 2020



Integrative and Holistic – Coherence within NCF & between NCF, and other Aspects of Education

Empowering and Enabling and Not Overly Prescriptive or Deterministic



Enables the Federal Structure of School Education

Incorporates and Enables the Paradigm Shift Envisaged in NEP 2020



Key Deliverables of the New Curriculum



Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN)



Constitutional and other Human Values, including Gender Equality



Rootedness and Pride in India



Sense of Service (Seva)



21st century Capacities, including Speaking, Writing, Multilingualism etc.



Preparedness for Higher Education and Gainful Employment

Approach to Developing the National Curriculum Framework for the 4-stage School System (5+3+3+4)

Phase 1: Mandate Development Phase

-  Development of Document
-  Collection of Inputs from State and National Focus Groups and other Expert Consultations

Phase 2: Stage-wise Consolidation of Inputs for Curriculum Framework

-  Consolidation and Development of Inputs by the Stage-wise Groups
-  Stage-wise Groups will consist of 10-15 experts each
-  Consecutive Stage-wise Groups would have Common Members to help Ensure Coherence across Groups

Phase 3: Integrative Phase

-  Integration of the Consolidated Stage-wise Inputs into NCF as Curriculum Framework Input
-  Ensure Coherence and Integration of the Curricular Framework across Subjects and Stages
-  Ensure the Integrity and Rigor of each Individual Subject

Phase 4: Final Phase

-  Matching of Integrated Input to the Objectives and Principles in the Mandate Document
-  Developing a Fine High-Quality NCF by the Steering Committee in Consultation with the School Education and Subject Experts
-  A Drafting Committee and Technical Secretariat will be Constituted

Source:<https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/Mandate-NCF.pdf>, Retrieved on May 5, 2022.