



# National Steering Committee: NIPUN Bharat Mission

## Why in News

Recently, a **National Steering Committee (NSC)** has been formed for the implementation of [NIPUN Bharat Mission](#).

- **NIPUN** (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy) Bharat Scheme was launched earlier this year as part of the [National Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#).

## Key Points

### ▪ Roles and Responsibilities of NSC:

- To oversee the progress of the **National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy** and provide guidance on policy issues.
- To arrive at the target to be **achieved nationally in 2026-27**.
- To disseminate tools for measurement of yearly progress in the form of guidelines.
- To prepare and approve a **National Action Plan** (based on the State's Action Plans).
- To **review programmatic and financial norms** periodically to ensure they are synchronised with targets to be achieved.

### ▪ NIPUN Bharat Mission:

#### ◦ Objective:

- To create an **enabling environment** to ensure universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy, so that **every child achieves the desired learning competencies** in reading, writing and numeracy by the **end of Grade 3, by 2026-27**.

#### ◦ Focus Areas:

- It will **focus on** providing access and retaining children in foundational years of schooling; teacher capacity building; development of high quality and diversified Student and Teacher Resources/Learning Materials; and tracking the progress of each child in achieving learning outcomes.

#### ◦ Implementation:

- NIPUN Bharat will be **implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education**.
- A **five-tier implementation mechanism** will be set up at the National- State- District- Block- School level in all States and UTs, under the aegis of the centrally sponsored scheme of [Samagra Shiksha](#).

- **'Samagra Shiksha' programme** was launched subsuming three existing schemes: Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE).
- The aim of the scheme is to treat school education holistically, from pre-school to Class XII.

- A special package for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) under **NISHTHA** (National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement) is being developed by NCERT.
  - **NISHTHA is a capacity building programme** for "Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training".
- Stage-wise targets are being set in a continuum from the pre-primary or balvatika classes.

▪ **Other Recent Initiatives:**

- **Samagra Shiksha Scheme 2.0**, Vidyanjali portal, Indian Sign Language Dictionary, etc.

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