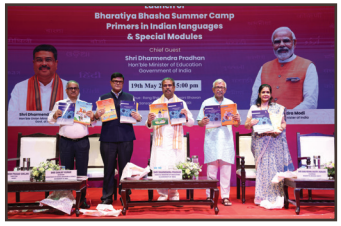
Primers

- Bilingual
  - Key to pronounce and recognize letters of alphabets
- Foster creativity
  - Adorned with local illustrations and engaging rhymes
- Foster cultural knowledge
  - Provides examples that facilitate writing practice





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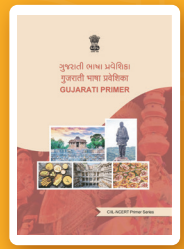
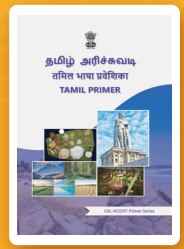
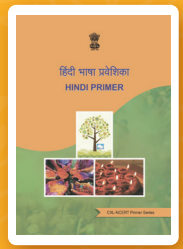
...an initiation to promote Indian Languages

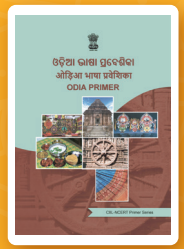
Celebrate the Joy of Learning in Your Own Language

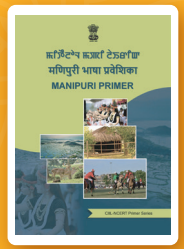












Primers are:

Simplified
Written in an easy to read language, meant for students, or young readers.

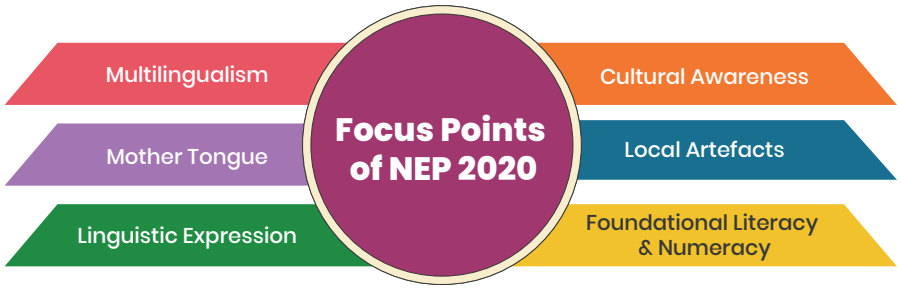
Foundational
Concentrating on basic ideas to establish a solid foundation for further studies.

Educational
Designed to aid specific learning areas, aligned with vision of NEP 2020 and NCF – FS 2022.

Language is one of the socio-cultural identity markers of a community. It plays a significant role in a Linguistically and culturally diverse country like India.

The Census of India is the richest source of language data. As per the Census 2011, there are **121 Languages** including 22 Scheduled and 99 Non-Scheduled languages in India.

To fulfill the goal of NEP 2020,
Ministry of Education, Government of India has taken up an initiative to build Primers in Indian Languages



The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (NCF-FS)-2022 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE)-2023 prioritize using the child's mother tongue or regional language for teaching and learning at all stages of school education. One of the ways to achieve foundational literacy and numeracy at scale is to ensure the availability of language learning resources in all languages of the country. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, and Central University of Odisha (CUO) have collaborated together to break the barriers of access and equity through these language Primers.

Primers Emphasise on Introduction of:


Sounds


Alphabets


Reading


Writing

Bharat is a richly multilingual nation, with a diverse range of languages spoken across its regions. NEP 2020 strongly advocates for multilingualism and emphasizes the transformative role of language in teaching and learning. Promoting multilingualism in education ensures that learners have the opportunity to study in their mother tongue or regional language, fostering deeper understanding and connection. Developing educational resources in all Bhartiya languages will further strengthen multilingualism and contribute significantly to the vision of 'Viksit Bharat @2047'. Primers play a vital role in this vision by providing children with access to knowledge in their own languages and ensuring the availability of learning materials in all mother tongues. These instructional resources, presented as Primers, support foundational literacy and numeracy by facilitating reading and writing.

Phases of Primers

The Government of India has launched initiatives such as Bal Vatika and ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) to advance Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN). Recognizing that, many children face challenges in understanding the language of instruction used in educational institutions, the Hon'ble Union Education Minister, Government of India, has provided inspiration and guidance for the development of Indian Language Primers. Under the visionary guidance of Government of India, NCERT, CIIL, and CUO have collaborated to create these Primers, ensuring that language does not remain a barrier to effective learning.

Phase 1:
2 Primers, Desia and Kuwi, were launched by the Hon'ble Minister of Finance and the Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India on 17 August 2023

Phase 2:
52 Primers were released by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India on 9 March 2024

Phase 3:
25 Primers were released on the occasion of 4th Anniversary of 'National Education Policy—2020' by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India on 29 July 2024

Phase 4:
25 Primers were released on the occasion of Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India on 11 December 2024

Phase 5:
13 Primers were released by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India on 19 May 2025

Phase 6:
4 Primers were released by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India, on the occasion of the 65th Foundation Day of NCERT on 1 September 2025