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# National Conference on School Libraries

Empowering school libraries for holistic, inclusive,  
and equitable learning in the light of NEP 2020

**Library and Documentation Division**

National Council of Educational Research and Training  
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016

**NCSL-2025**

## About NCERT and its Libraries

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), established in 1961, is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It plays a pivotal role in shaping the country's educational landscape, especially in school education. NCERT is responsible for advising the Central and State Governments on academic matters related to school education and developing curriculum, textbooks, teaching-learning resources, teacher training, and education research.

NCERT has a well-established central library, known as the Library and Documentation Division, situated in New Delhi. It also has libraries in Regional Institutes of Education (RIEs) at Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Mysuru, Nellore, and Shillong, as well as libraries at CIET and PSSCIVE.

## Vision and Rationale

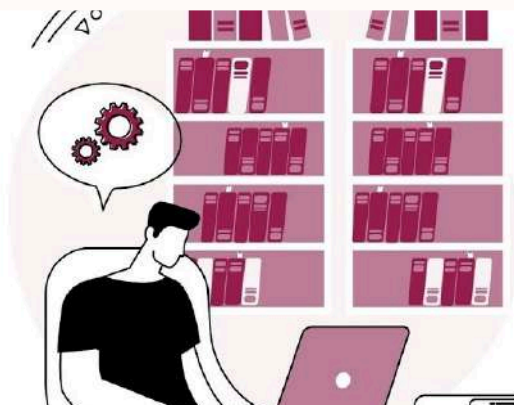
National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions school libraries not as peripheral storage spaces for books, but as vibrant learning laboratories that contribute directly to the development of foundational literacy and numeracy, multilingualism, critical thinking, and creativity among learners. School libraries are seen as inclusive, accessible, and student-centered spaces that support joyful learning, resource-based pedagogy, and holistic development. Recognizing this, the National Conference will explore how school libraries can be transformed into active pedagogical hubs that support curriculum delivery, promote a culture of reading, and bridge the digital and informational divide—especially in rural and underserved regions.



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## About National Conference on School Libraries (NCSL)

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is organizing a Two-Day National Conference on School Libraries on 11-12 November 2025 at its headquarter in New Delhi. This national-level academic event will bring together educators, librarians, researchers, policymakers, and education technology experts from across India to deliberate on the critical role of school libraries in actualizing the transformative vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

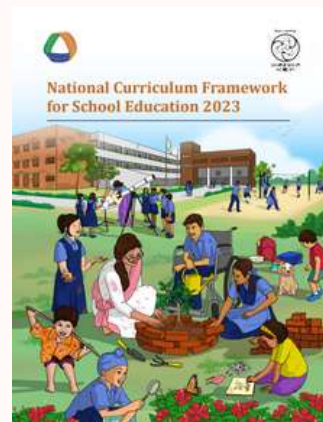
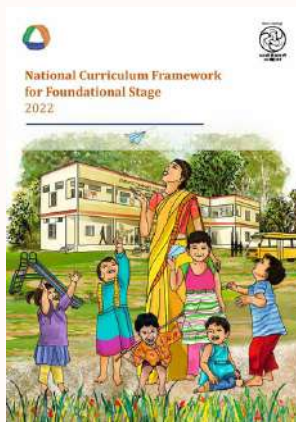
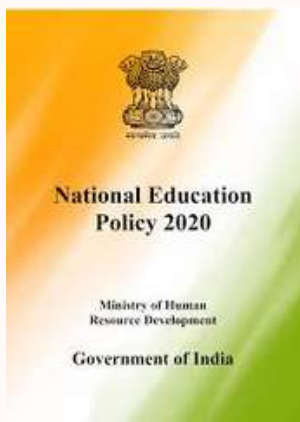
### Objectives of the Conference

- To provide a platform to share the best practices of school librarianship
- To exchange concerns and challenges in housekeeping operations of school libraries
- To present and discuss the importance of ICT implementation and modernisation of infrastructure in school libraries
- To present adoption of innovative activities in school libraries to enhance reading habit among school children
- To encourage school librarians to share their experiences in using ICT tools
- To map school libraries with NEP-2020 and NCFSE 2023



## Outcome of the Conference

School librarians and other Library professionals will be enlightened with the learning experience of the conference in their routine library management along with enhancement in quality library services for increase user satisfaction. The outcomes of the conference will provide insights into NEP 2020 and NCFSE 2023 being aligned in the field of school libraries. The product in the form of a book of papers will serve as a guideline for library professionals and stakeholders of education.



## Participants

School Librarians/ Library In-charges from all over India who have contributed papers are welcome to attend the conference. NCERT will pay TA/DA (Subject to deputation of the schools of the concerned participants) as per NCERT norms to the selected participants based on acceptance of paper for presentation and publication.

# Themes and Subthemes of the Conference

## **Role of School Libraries in Implementing NEP 2020**

- Present scenario of libraries and library professionals in India
- Libraries as Learning Laboratories
- Promoting Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN)
- Libraries in Multilingual and Multidisciplinary Education
- Role of School Libraries in Implementing NCFSE 2023

## **School Library Policy, Design, and Services**

- Designing Child-Friendly and Sustainable Library Spaces
- Collection Development in the Era of Hybrid Resources/Libraries
- Policy Frameworks and Accreditation of School Libraries
- Smart Library Services

## **Digital Transformation and ICT Integration in School Libraries**

- Automation and digital integration in Libraries
- Leveraging ICT for Virtual Libraries and Resource Sharing
- National Digital Library and Open Educational Resources (OERs)
- Training School Librarians in Emerging Technologies

## **Inclusive and Equitable Access to Learning Resources**

- Bridging the Digital Divide in School Libraries
- Serving Special Needs, Marginalized, and Diverse Learners
- Gender, Disability, and Regional Inclusion through Library Services

## **Promoting Reading Culture and Lifelong Learning**

- Reading Programs, Book Clubs, and Literary Events
- Children's Literature, Storytelling, and Library Pedagogy
- Libraries as Agents of Socio-Emotional Learning
- Role of Book Promotion Policy in Promoting Reading.

## **School Librarianship & Best Practices**

- Classroom Libraries
- School Library beyond School Hours
- Collaborative Learning in School Libraries
- Role of School Libraries in the School Education System
- Outreach Activities



## Guidelines for Submission of Paper

Interested school librarians, library professionals, research scholars, library administrators, policymakers, and other academics are invited to submit full-text research papers along with a plagiarism report. Submissions should be sent via email to **ncsl.ncert@gmail.com** in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **Language:** Papers need to be submitted in English or Hindi.
- **Length:** The manuscript should be between 2,500 to 4,000 words (maximum).
- **Abstract:** A concise abstract of 250 (maximum) words must be included in the paper along with 3 to 5 keywords.
- **Formatting:** Font: Times New Roman; Font Size: 12 pts (standard text); Headings: 14 pts (bold); Title of the Paper: 16 pts (bold) and Line Spacing: Single
- **Citation Style:** References must conform to the APA Style Manual (7th Edition).
- **Author Details:** Each submission must clearly state the title (e.g., Dr., Mr., Ms.), full name, institutional affiliation, and email address of all contributing authors.
- **Plagiarism Policy:** All papers must be plagiarism-free and in compliance with the UGC Guidelines (2018).

Note: All submitted papers will undergo a review by a panel of subject experts. Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings with an ISBN.

For more details, please visit <https://ncert.nic.in/idd/ncsl/>



## Travel, Registration and Accommodation Guidelines

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) will extend travel allowance (TA) support to approximately 100 paper presenters/participants in accordance with NCERT norms.

- **Eligibility for Travel Allowance:** TA will be provided only to the first author whose papers are accepted for presentation at the conference.
- **Decision-Making Authority:** The provision of financial assistance shall be at the discretion of the Committee constituted, as per the rules framed for this purpose.
- **Priority Criteria:** Preference will be given to library professionals affiliated with school libraries from outside Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) for the travel grant.
- **Author Limit:** Travel allowance will be provided to only the first author per accepted paper.

### Registration and Participation Details

All participants, including co-authors and general attendees, are required to pay the registration fee of INR.1000.00 which includes the conference kit, meals, and a certificate. Details of the registration fee may be referred on the website of the conference at <https://ncert.nic.in/ladd/ncsl/>

### Reimbursement Conditions

- Travel allowance is limited to Third AC train fare or bus fare, upon production of valid travel tickets.
- Tickets must be booked through authorized sources (IRCTC, M/s Balmer Lawrie and Company, M/s Ashok Travels and Tours) to be eligible for reimbursement under NCERT norms.
- TA reimbursement will be made via online bank transfer. Participants are required to provide their bank name, account number, and IFSC code for the same.

### Accommodation for Non-Local Participants:

- Accommodation for one author per accepted paper may be arranged in NIE Guest Houses/Hostels, subject to prior request and availability, on a payment basis as per NCERT Norms.
- For non-local participants, accommodation arrangements will be facilitated on a self-financed basis, and prior request is required.
- NCERT has a limited accommodation for the participants on dual sharing basis per room. Allotment of the accommodation is purely on first come first serve basis only after confirmation from the conference secretariat.
- Few alternative accommodations available in nearby hotels shall be provided through the conference website.
- Due to limited accommodation at NIE, NCERT Campus, participants accompanying with family must arrange stay at their own convenience.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Paper Acceptance Notification: 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2025



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