



# New India Literacy Programme

## Why in News?

Recently, the Minister of State for Education provided information about the [New India Literacy Programme \(NILP\)](#) in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

## What is New India Literacy Programme?

- **About:**
  - The Government has launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme [“New India Literacy Programme” \(NILP\)](#) for implementation during five years from the FYs 2022-23 to 2026-27 with financial outlay of Rs.1037.90 crore.
- **Aim:**
  - The scheme aims to cover a target of 5.00 crore non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above.
- **The scheme has five components:**
  - [Foundational Literacy and Numeracy](#)
  - Critical Life Skills
  - Vocational Skills Development
  - Basic Education
  - Continuing Education
- **Identification of Beneficiaries:**
  - Door-to-door surveys on a mobile app are conducted by surveyors in the States/UTs to identify beneficiaries.
  - Non-literates can also register directly through a mobile app.
- **Volunteerism for Teaching and Learning:**
  - The scheme is mainly based on volunteerism for teaching and learning, and volunteers can register through the mobile app.
- **Implementation through Technology:**
  - The scheme is implemented predominantly through the online mode and is based on technology.
  - The teaching and learning material and resources are available on the [DIKSHA platform](#) of NCERT and can be accessed through mobile apps.
- **Dissemination of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy:**
  - Modes like TV, Radio, Samajik Chetna Kendra, etc. are also used for dissemination of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy.
- **Eligibility:**
  - All non-literates above 15 years of age are eligible to avail of the benefits of the scheme.
- **Need of NILP:**
  - As per Census 2011, the absolute number of non-literates of the country in 15 years and above age group is 25.76 crore (Male 9.08 crore, Female 16.68 crore).
  - In consideration of the progress of persons certified as literates being to the tune of 7.64 crore under the [Saakshar Bharat programme](#) implemented during 2009-10 to 2017-18, it is estimated that currently around 18.12 crore adults are still non-literate in India.

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