



# Chhattisgarh to Promote Local Languages in Schools

## Why in News?

Recently, The Chhattisgarh government has decided to **include local language and dialects in the primary education curriculum** in order to ensure inclusive and quality education.

## Key Points

- It is a big decision towards implementing [National Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#) in tribal areas.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai had directed the education department to **develop and distribute bilingual books in 18 local languages and dialects**, with focus on providing high-quality educational resources.
  - A special emphasis has also been placed on **vocational education**, with plans to **enhance skill development programmes in these areas**.
  - **Local dialects include the Sadi language**, which could be introduced for **primary education in tribal-predominated Jashpur district**.
- The **three-language formula in NEP 2020** mandates that **every student in India should learn three languages** - two of which must be native Indian languages, including one regional language, and the third being English.
  - It **aims to strengthen national integration** by exposing students to different cultures and languages while fostering respect for linguistic diversity.
- **Shala Praveshotsav** is **celebrated in Raipur at the beginning of the new academic session** to encourage children to enroll in schools.
  - The state-level **Shala Praveshotsav 2024** was **inaugurated in Bagiya village of Jashpur**, a remote tribal district of Chhattisgarh.

## National Education Policy 2020

- The **National Education Policy 2020** seeks to tackle the evolving development needs of India.
- It calls for a **comprehensive overhaul of the education system**, including its **regulations and management**, to establish a modern system that aligns with 21st-century educational goals, including [Sustainable Development Goal 4 \(SDG4\)](#), while respecting **India's cultural heritage and values**.
- It replaces the thirty-four year old [National Policy on Education, 1986](#), modified in 1992 (NPE 1986/92).