

Centre To Prepare Textbooks In Regional Languages

Why In News

- In the next three years, all major higher educational institutes and schools will have to make available learning material in Indian languages, the Centre announced.



All You Need To Know

- Union Education Ministry has directed all school and higher education regulators such as the University Grants Commission, the NCERT, and the Indira Gandhi National Open University and the heads of IITs, Central Universities, and the National Institutes of Technologies to make study material in regional languages available for all courses in the next three years.



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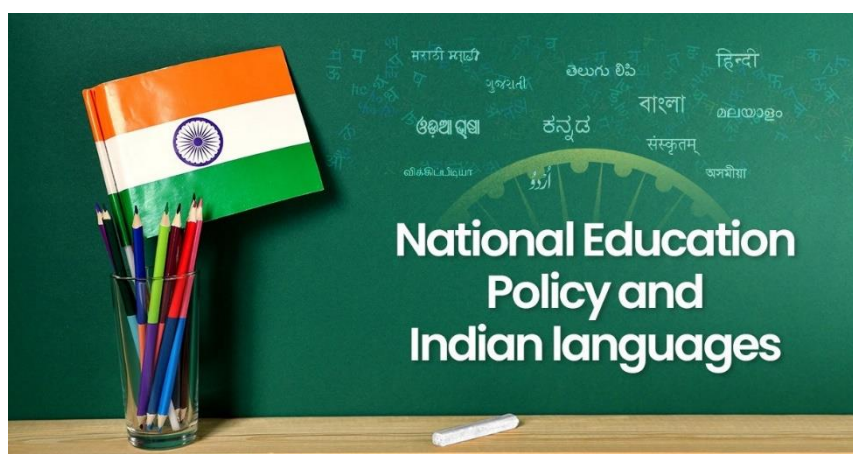
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- The Centre has asked the UGC, the All India Council for Technical Education, and the Department of School Education to take up the issue expeditiously.
- As per the Centre’s direction, school and higher education textbooks will be printed in all regional languages listed in the **Eighth Schedule of the Constitution**.

Languages in Eighth Schedule

1-অসমীয়া (Assamese)	2-বেঙ্গলি (Bengali)	3-ગુજરાતી (Gujarathi)	12-ଓଡ଼ିଆ (Oriya)	13-ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi)	14-संस्कृतम् (Sanskrit)
4-हिंदी (Hindi)	5-ಕನ್ನಡ (Kannada)	6-کشمیر، کٔشُر (Kashmiri)	15-سنڌي (Sindhi)	16-தமிழ் (Tamil)	17-తెలుగు (Telugu)
7-कोंकणी (Konkani)	8-മലയാളം (Malayalam)		18-اردو (Urdu)	19-बड़ो (Bodo)	20-সাঁওতালি (Santali)
9-মৈতৈলম (Manipuri)	10-मराठी (Marathi)	11-नेपाली (Nepali)	21-मैथिली, मधेयी (Maithili)	22-डोगरी (Dogri)	

- The decision is in line with **National Education Policy 2020’s** major recommendation that envisions all educational institutions to provide learning opportunities in vernacular languages.
- The NEP 2020 states that studying in **mother tongue** can provide students “natural space to think innovatively without any language barrier”.
- “The NEP-2020 strongly conveys the idea that **multilingual nature of Bharat is its huge asset** and strength which needs to be utilized efficiently for the socio-cultural, economic and educational development of the nation.



- Content creation in local languages will boost this multilingual asset and pave way for its better contribution to **'Viksit Bharat'** to make our country as developed nation by 2047," a statement from the education ministry said.
- The Ministry said in a release that the decision is aimed at **providing students with the opportunity to study in their own language.**



- Study material for all courses under school and higher education will be made available digitally in Indian languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution, it said.
- The UGC had recently invited expressions of interest from academics and writers to write textbooks in regional languages.



- “The Government has already been working in this direction during the **past two years**, with translation of Engineering, Medical, Law, UG, PG and Skill books being done through the **Anuvadini AI based App**. These books are available on the **e-Kumbh portal**,” the Ministry said. Competitive exams like JEE, NEET, CUET are being held in 13 Indian languages.