



LITERACY DEFINITION : NATIONAL ISSUE

NEWS : Education Ministry defines 'literacy,' 'full literacy'

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS ?

In a letter addressed to States, School Education Secretary calls for striving to reach full literacy by year 2030; adult literacy programme gets renewed push

New India Literacy Programme (NILP)

Redefinition of Literacy:

- Literacy now includes the ability to read, write, and compute with comprehension.
- Critical life skills, such as digital and financial literacy, are now part of the literacy definition.
- Full literacy is recognized when a State or Union Territory achieves a 95% literacy rate.

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New India Literacy Program

A new scheme on 'Education for All' -
erstwhile termed as 'Adult Education'

Objectives:

- Reaching to 5 Cr. learners for the Foundational Literacy & Numeracy
- Covering non-literates of the age of 15 years and above
- Using Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment System (OTLAS) to cover learners
- Collaboration with NIC, NCERT and NIOS for wider reach of scheme

New India Literacy Programme (NILP):

- Aims to onboard 1 crore (10 million) learners annually.
- The programme targets non-literate individuals aged 15 years and above.
- Focuses on foundational literacy and numeracy skills in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.



Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT):

- A nationwide assessment to evaluate literacy and numeracy skills in regional languages.
- Conducted for non-literate learners registered under NILP.
- Successful learners receive a certification from the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

Statistical Overview of Literacy in India:

- **2011 Census:** Identified 25.76 crore non-literate individuals aged 15 and above (9.08 crore males and 16.68 crore females).
- **Saakshar Bharat Programme (2009-2018):** Certified 7.64 crore individuals as literate.
- **2023 FLNAT:** Out of 39,94,563 adult learners, 36,17,303 were certified as literate.
- **2024 FLNAT:** 34,62,289 learners appeared, with 29,52,385 (85.27%) certified as literate, indicating a slight decline in the certification rate compared to previous years.

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