PROMOTION OF INDIAN LANGUAGES
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The linguistic diversity of India necessitates linguistic diversity in schools too.

Schools can play an important role in sustaining multilingualism in India.

Therefore, the relatively high thrust that New Education Policy (NEP) gives on languages in schools does not require any justification.

In doing so, the NEP 2020 has also amply focused the promotion of all Indian languages and mother tongues irrespective of their status.

For the same, NEP recommends development of skilled teachers through four-year integrated B.Ed. Programmes.
NEP 2020 emphasizes

• The continuation of the three-language formula in schools and teaching-learning in bilingual and trilingual format.

• Skill development of teachers and teacher educators and involvement of modern technology for enhancing learning outcomes and making learning enjoyable.

• Teaching-learning of classical languages like Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia.

• Efforts in preparing high-quality bilingual textbooks in Indian languages and offering of courses in foreign languages.

• Preparation of innovative pedagogical materials and launch of online language course for various levels.

• The involvement of translation and the use of modern technology for making language learning easy and interesting.
The efforts of CIIL

- Offering language diploma courses for in-service/prospective school teachers and promoting implementation of three-language formula.
- Preparation of basic grammar, primers and phonetic readers for various mother tongues including lesser-known and tribal languages.
- Developing children’s materials bank and coordinating the establishment of language centres.
- Coordinating with state governments and publishers the procurement of children’s literature.
The LDC-IL housed in CIIL has developed corpora of language data that can help the development of language textbooks, tools for analysis and applications for teaching-learning.

CIIL through its Bharatavani Project offers digitization and web-hosting of pedagogical resources including books and dictionaries for numerous languages.

CIIL through its SPPEL project is documenting and developing digital archives of lesser-known and endangered languages with an aim to revitalize these languages.

The National Translation Mission housed in CIIL provides training to translators and works for translation of textbooks.

The National Testing Service – India housed in CIIL has developed testing & evaluation facility for various Indian languages and provided training to school teachers.
NEP recommends the teaching of Indian languages with English and Foreign Languages.

NEP envisages the promotion of Indian languages through regular use, preparation of pedagogical materials, training of teachers, adoption of mother tongues as medium of instruction, innovative methods, judicious use of technology and development of positive attitude towards all languages and their remarkable unity.

NEP also recommends of linguistic empowerment of hearing-impaired population through teaching of Indian Sign Language with its local varieties.

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