

# **NCF: How is it Going to Enhance the Learning System**

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India was a very famous country all over the world for Education in Ancient Era, as we heard about Nalanda University, Takshashila University, etc. according to the Indian Epic Takshashila University, which was founded by Bharat (brother of Lord Rama), for Incarnation of Hindu GOD Vishnu.

Nalanda University was known as the world's first Residential University where scholars came from all over the world for education like, Japan, China, Sri Lanka, etc. But after British rule in India all were destroyed because they wanted only educated labour who just followed them instead of free thinkers. And our Education system totally changed.

But after Independence we got the first National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in 1975 then it changed timely nearly 4 times: that was in 1988, 2000, 2005 and latest 2020. After post 2020 the Education Department asked for suggestions and proposes and thus we got NCF 2023.

While the NCF brings many good points to the current education system as a teacher I also feel that not all these changes are actually needed, as certain processes to procedure in the current education system are already good with few points for the overall learning development of the child. Still we accepted New NCF with all points. Though as a teacher I express my view points:

1. **First point is Long Distance Education:** Long distance Education is a good decision taken by our government. It is very helpful for rural students. Because some students couldn't do courses which are available in the city due to economic issues or gender issues. In our country still many parents are not allowing their daughter to go to another city and stay alone even if a few parents are not allowed due to less money so in this both the situation it is very helpful for students. It will help for every upcoming generation so we should be very thankful to Prof. Ram Reddy who is called Father of Long Distance education in India.

2. **Second point is Integrated Learning:** One of the good decisions taken by our education department. In previous days a child has to select any one stream for higher study like Arts, Commerce, Science after 10th standard.

Many times parents only force children to take that particular stream for higher study, like son will take Science to become a Doctor or an Engineer and daughter will take Arts to become a Teacher because it's a very conventional job to take care of Home also with Duty.

But this platform of learning helps students to take many subjects at a time and timely they will understand their potential in the subjects. Integrated learning has many multiple subjects, it also helps and falls of interest in another field too.

3. **Third point is Experiential Learning:** Here we got many good changes in the education system like Experiential Learning. Experiential learning means learning through actions, experiments, exploration and discovery. In this method a child is totally engaged in the learning process. Children get a huge platform to explore new inventions and creation.

But as a teaching faculty, I feel here we have limitations due to population, as our country is populated or crowded. In the class we don't get enough time to pay more attention towards each child.

**Solution:** Either reduce the class strength or increase the school time. With these changes the teacher will get enough time to mingle up with each student, it will be helpful for good results.

4. **Fourth point is the zero homework policy:** It's good thinking toward children for 'No Burden'. But as a teacher I feel if a child will revise the thing which has been learned in the class at home on the same day then it will memorise for a long time. Brush Up or Recalling is important for memorisation because all children are not quick learners. Some of them want revision and it's better to revise the things on the same day.

This will aid in parent involvement which is essential as part of the learning process of the child because teachers are teaching in school but parents also need to take the right initiative to help them with the learning process once the child goes home. Also if a parent is involved in this learning process of a child, it will help to increase the child's confidence level. It helps the parents to understand what their child is doing in the school and when parents involve themselves in the learning thing for the value of study. So as a teacher I feel we should give homework to children.

**Solution:** To reduce the burden of homework on children, we will send very less quantity homework, just for the brushing of specific letter or number. Rather than a zero homework policy we should have an Essential Homework policy. Only the basic concepts and fundamentals of what a child is learnt that day are covered.

5. **Fifth point is Integrated books:** Integrated Book means in one book all subjects have been covered like English, Math, EVS, etc.

From one side it seems like a good decision to reduce the weight of a student's school bag but another side is also important, that is if a child will forget his book at home then on that same day the child will miss the classwork of more than one subject.

6. **Sixth point is Inclusive Education for all:** This policy is a well appreciated policy because then only all students will come under one umbrella. Still as a teacher I have another side of this coin. Education system has suggested shadow teachers for these kinds of kids but is it hundred percent fruitful? I handle such gifted students but sometimes they go out of control like throwing edu-need toys or crayons, screaming, wired movements, etc. and the full class gets affected, like a distraction in the teaching-learning process.

Also these students want special attention so other students are not getting sufficient time from the teacher due to scheduled timing. I really wish to get a hundred percent success for this policy. But sometimes these poor children don't cope up with the syllabus or activity and get more restless.

**Solution:** As a teacher I really wish these kinds of kids should be included in main-stream but I am not getting a proper solution yet, which will help students and teachers too.

**Conclusion:** New NCF 23 has mix changes. But most of the very beneficial changes are more than disadvantages. As a teacher I feel it will bring very positive energy in everyone's Educational Life.

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