

Jadui Pitara

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In news– As envisaged under National Education Policy 2020, the Union Education Minister has recently launched Jadui Pitara- a play-based learning-teaching material for Foundational Stage.

What is Jadui Pitara?

- It is a play-based learning-teaching material tailored for children between the age group of 3-8 years.
- It comprises playbooks, toys, puzzles, posters, flash cards, story books, worksheets as well as reflecting the local culture, social context and languages is designed to pique curiosity and accommodate the diverse needs of learners in the foundational stage.
- It was developed under the National Curriculum Framework(NCF) and is available in 13 Indian languages.
- The National Education Policy 2020 envisages 5+3+3+4 curriculum pedagogical structure.
- The Department of School Education & Literacy under Ministry of Education has constituted a National Steering Committee headed by Prof. K. Kasturirangan to develop the National Curriculum Framework for each of the stages.
- The NCF for foundational stage (FS) was launched by Ministry of Education on 20th October, 2022 and as per the curriculum framework, NCERT has developed and collected Learning Teaching Material (LTM). Accordingly, “Learning Teaching Material” for foundational stage was launched today using the concept of “Jaadui Pitara”.
- It is expected to bring NEP and NCF-FS to practice, in the hands of teachers and students.

The salient points of “Jaadui Pitara” are as follows:-

- **CORE transformative aspect of NCF-FS – ‘learn through Play’:**
- Foundational Stage – ages 3-8- learn best and effectively through Play
- Research from fields as diverse as Neurosciences to Education
- Applies to Class 1 & 2 also (age 6-8) – huge shift – children will learn through play, have fun, and FLN will be addressed.
- **Learning and Development in 5 domains:** Physical Development, Socio-emotional and Ethical Development, Cognitive Development, Language and Literacy Development, Aesthetic and Cultural Development, Positive Learning Habits has been included as another domain of development at this stage.
- Jaadui Pitara brings all this to life:
- Range of resources.
- Flexibility to accommodate variety and local resources.
- Fun.