

# Accessible Digital Content

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# NEP-2020

Extensive use of technology in education

Removing language barriers

Increasing access for Divyang student (Introduction to NEP)

Accessible Software in all major Indian languages for students in remote areas and Divyang students.(23.6)

Teaching-learning e-content will continue to be developed in all regional languages by the NCERT, CIET, CBSE, NIOS, and other bodies/institutions, and will be uploaded onto the DIKSHA platform.  
(23.6)

# P-2020

DIKSHA/SWAYAM, will be better integrated across school and higher education, and will include ratings/reviews by users, so as to enable content developers create user friendly and qualitative content.(23.6)

Existing e-learning platforms such as DIKSHA, SWAYAM and SWAYAMPRAKASH will also be leveraged for creating virtual classrooms.(24.4 f)

# NEP 2020 & AT

## Section 23 Technology use and integration

- the relationship between technology and education at all levels is bidirectional
- artificial intelligence, machine learning, block chains, smart boards, handheld computing devices, adaptive computer testing for student development, require extensive research both on the technological as well as educational fronts
- Creation of National Educational Technology Forum (NETF)

# NEP 2020 & AT

## Section 23 Technology use and integration

- improving teaching-learning and evaluation processes, supporting teacher preparation and professional development, enhancing educational access and streamlining educational planning, management, and administration including processes related to admissions, attendance, assessments, etc.
- All tech solutions to be accessible for *Divyang* students and students living in remote areas

# NEP 2020 & AT

## Section 23 Technology use and integration

- Disruptive technologies, AI, AR, VR,
- Universities will aim to offer Ph.D. and Masters programs in core areas such as Machine Learning as well as multidisciplinary fields “AI + X”
- Future is blended learning

# NEP 2020 & AT

## Section 24 Ensuring Equitable use of Technology

- Bridge digital divide (Digital India)
- Upgrade teachers-- unless online education is blended with experiential and activity-based learning, it will tend to become a screen-based education with limited focus on the social, affective and psychomotor dimensions of learning

### Some tasks for HEI

- Pilot studies for online education; Digital infrastructure; Online teaching platform and tools (DIKSHA, SWAYAM); Content creation, digital repository, and dissemination; Virtual Labs; Training and incentives for teachers; Online assessment and examinations; and Laying down standards

# SEDG's recognized in NEP2020

## Gender Identities

- Female and transgender individuals

## Socio-cultural identities

- Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBC's and Minorities

## Geographic Identities

- Students from villages, small towns and aspirational districts

## Socio-Economic Conditions

- Migrant communities, low income house-holds, children in vulnerable situations, victims of or children of victims of trafficking, orphans including child beggars in urban areas, and the urban poor

## Disabilities

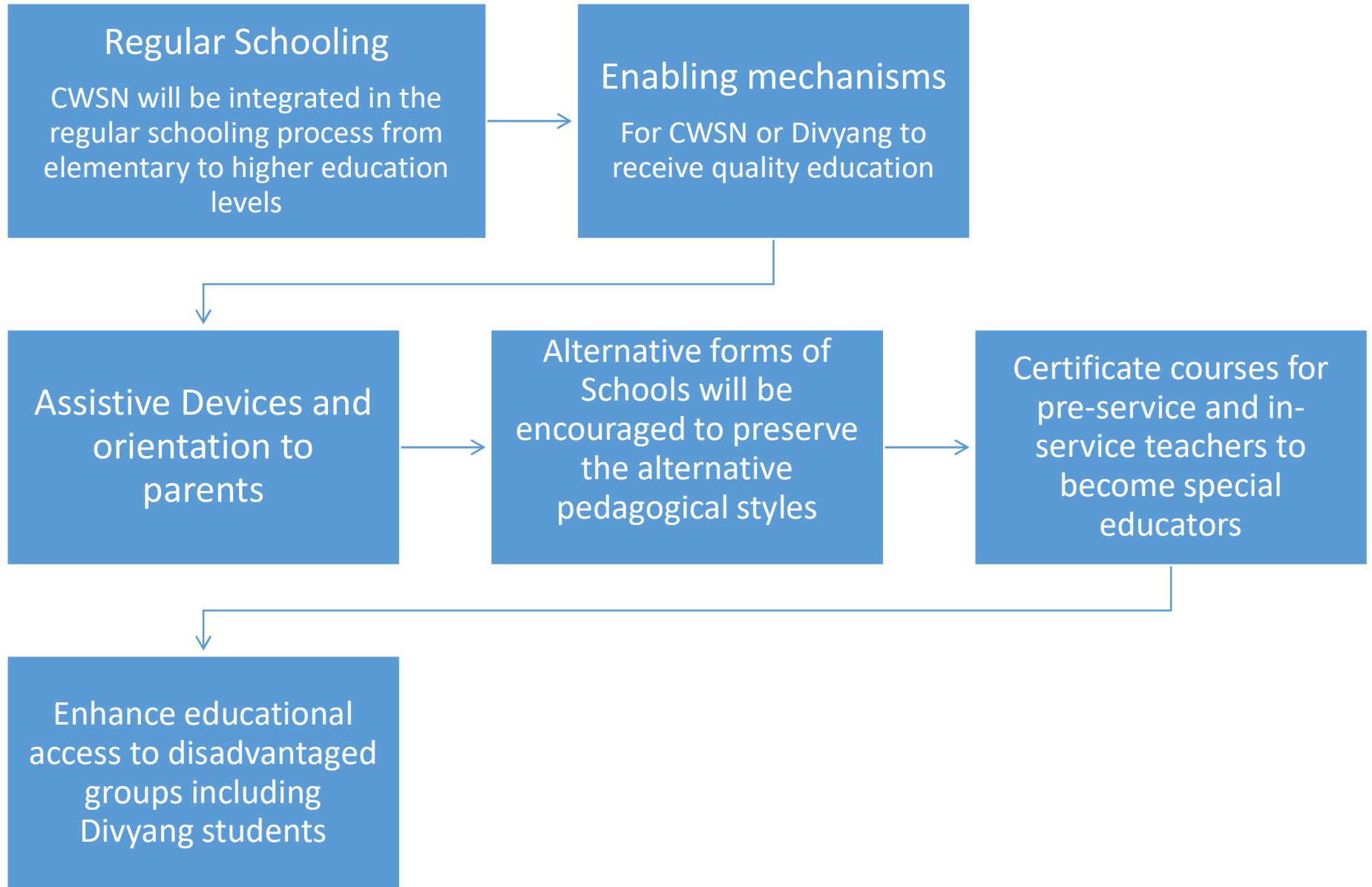
- 21 recognised in RPWD Act 2016



# **inclusive education**

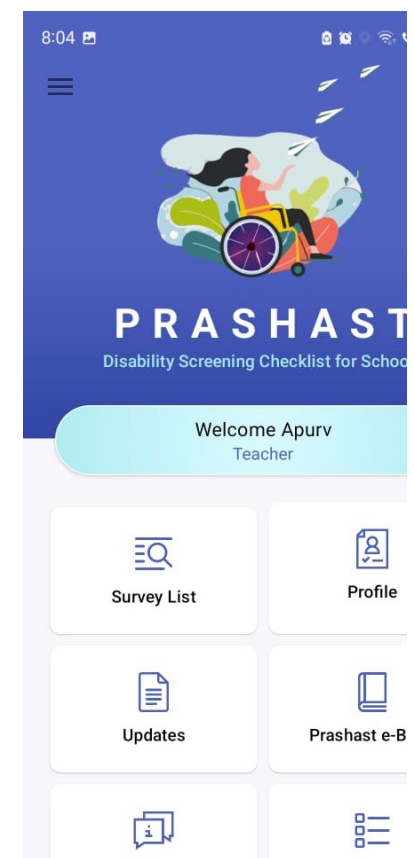
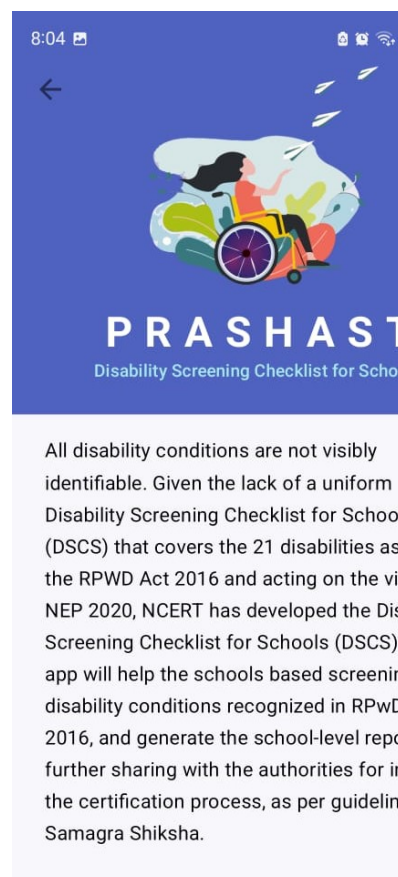
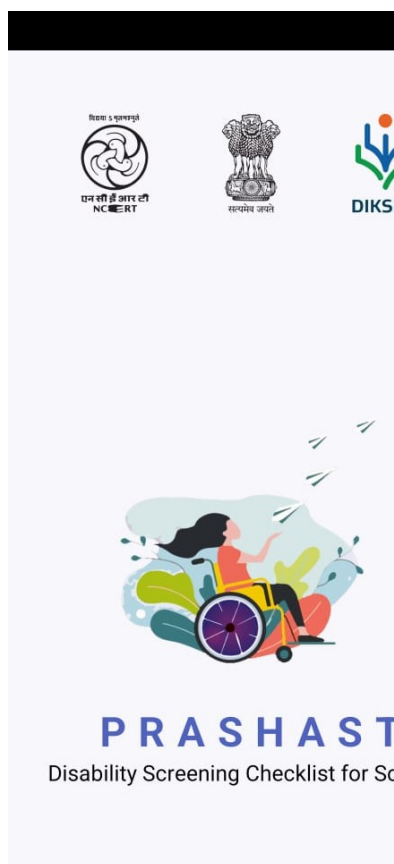
means a system of education wherein students with and without disability learn together and the system of teaching and learning is suitably adapted to meet the learning needs of different types of students with disabilities.

# Supporting CWSN



# PRASHAST: Disability Screening Checklist for Schools

[https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/DSCS\\_booklet.pdf](https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/DSCS_booklet.pdf)



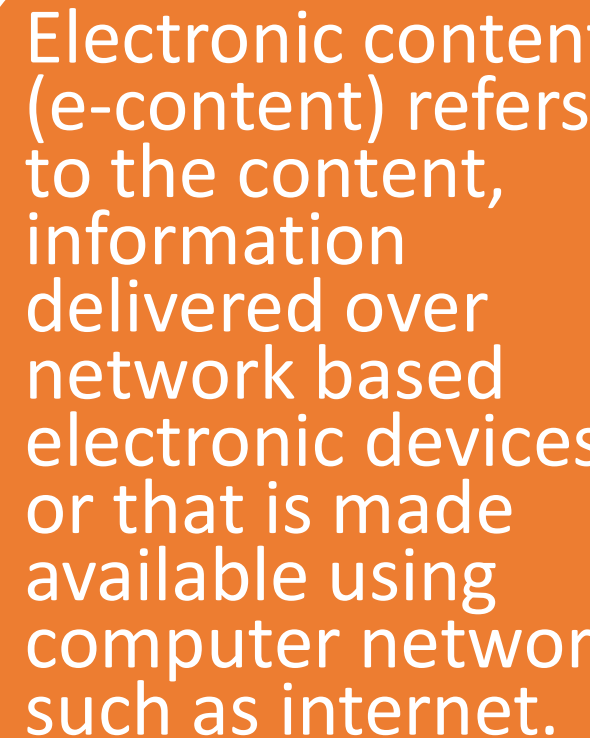
# Accessible e-content

Accessible means a person with a disability---

has the opportunity to acquire the **same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services** as a person without a disability in an equally effective and equally integrated manner, with substantially equivalent ease of use.

Must be able to obtain the information as **fully, equally, and independently** as a person without a disability.

Must be able to use technology with **comparable ease**



Electronic content (e-content) refers to the content, information delivered over network based electronic devices or that is made available using computer network such as internet.

# ACCESSIBLE

## Web

ns a PwD can perceive, understand, navigate, interact and contribute to web

## Digital World

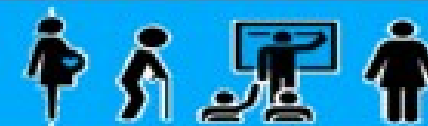
- Technology Products, Devices and services are usable and comprehensible

## Material

- PwD can navigate, perceive and understand content takes into account Physical, Visual, Auditory, Neurological, and Cognitive disability.

# GUIDELINES e-Content

## Guidelines for the Development e-Content for Children with Disabilities



# ACCESSIBLE standards International

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## WCAG

- Perceivable
- Operable
- Understandable
- Robust
- *sub-indicators within each one above*

## E-PUB

- Logical reading order in text
- Image descriptions
- Include page numbers
- Use MathML
- Interactive content
- Accessibility metadata
- Ensure validity of EPUB check

## DAISY

- For people with print disability

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# Accessible digital content developed by NCERT

<https://diksha.gov.in/>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b54V-54sVco>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the DIKSHA website. On the left, it displays the Government of India logo and the eGadya logo. On the right, there is a link to 'Skip to Main Content | Accessibility Corner'. Below the navigation bar is a menu with five icons: Home, Dashboard, About, Get App, and Contribute. The main content area features a large banner titled 'Education For All' with a video player showing a man holding a smartphone and a woman playing a drum. Below the banner is an 'Explore' button with an accessibility icon. At the bottom, there are three tabs: 'Usage metrics', 'Contribution metrics', and 'Course metrics'. On the left side of the page, the text reads: 'DIKSHA DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR KNOWLEDGE SHARING. An initiative of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (Ministry of Education, Govt of India). EXPLORE DIKSHA. Explore DIKSHA's world of open digital content'.





# Decoding Assistive Technologies (AT)

any tech solution that helps in day to day activities

is it AT?

- If there is NO digital technology involved ?
- AT and AET are same or different?

AT is human rights obligation

- As a right, ensure the availability of high-quality, affordable assistive products , because they are recognized as the first crucial and mediating step towards equal opportunities

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)

# Who is it for ?

Older people

People with non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and stroke

People with mental health conditions

People with gradual functional decline

People with disabilities

People with language concerns

People with communication challenges

People from disadvantaged sections or sedg's

# Finding right AT ?

Target specific skill

Assistive technology should be chosen based on specific needs and not on disability labels .Each assistive technology is designed with a specific objectives ,therefore choosing the right technology for right purpose is necessary.

# Principles of AT

5A&Q - Availability, Accessibility, Affordability, Adaptability, Acceptability and Quality



# Home for hands on learning : AT apps

	Name of Application	Key Features	Disability	Free Version	Paid Version
	TapTapSee	Click Picture and it will describe the object in front of you. Choose voiceover option in your phone to allow speaking the object.	Blind	Free	-
	Cash Reader	Say aloud the cash in front of you (different currency options available)	Blind	Free for 5, 10 and 20 Rupees Or 14 day free trial for Paid version	299 per year 2599 for lifetime
	Be My Eyes	Link Volunteers and Blind people above 17 years of age Place the phone in front, call a volunteer and they will tell you what is there in front of you	Blind	Free	-
	PetraleX	Amplify sound for better hearing	Partially Deaf	7 days free	1149/month 4,899/month
	Transparent Note	Use both screen and notes at the same time Helpful where closed captions are not available like video lecture	Deaf	Free	Better user com for laptop/pc/ mac(Paid)
	Laptop accessibility feature (i5, Windows 10)	Voiceover, stylus, highlight, attach it to a braille keyboard for easy typing	Deaf/blind (Stylus is helpful for handicapped)	Free	-
	Microsoft edge	Read out aloud pdfs/word doc	Blind	Free	-
	Wheel Map	Finds wheelchair accessible places for food, shopping, entertainment, healthcare etc.	Locomotive Disability	Free	-
	HandTalk	Converts audio to sign language	Deaf	Free	-

# IMPLEMENTATION POINTS

Set up enabling Units/Cells

Collaborate Establish partnerships

Organize training and sensitization

Accommodate Needs not on the basis of equality but on the basis of equity

# Variations in AT

## Box 2. Examples of assistive technology that can help children attain

- Protective headgear can ensure the physical well-being of children with epilepsy and enable them to participate in activities important for social well-being.
- A pressure relief cushion in a wheelchair can protect a child with paralysis from pressure sores and associated fatal infections.
- Ramps and handle bars can help children to access health facilities, and a hearing aid can help a child
- Parallel bars can help children overcome balance challenges to develop balance and strength.
- A communication board can help a child with speech difficulties express herself.
- A screen reader can make digital information accessible for a child who cannot see information on the web.
- A splint can enable a child to join their family at a cultural event.

# Barriers and Challenges

Lack of awareness (technophobia)

Lack of appropriate legislation, policies and national programs

Lack of services

Lack of products

Inaccessible Environments

Lack of human resources

Financial barriers



# Inclusive Classroom

## **Language**

Class 1:

Text Book: Marigold

Lesson 1: A happy child

# A Happy Child



UNIT  
1

## *Enjoy this poem*

My house is red - a little house;  
A happy child am I.  
I laugh and play the whole day long,  
I hardly ever cry.

I have a tree, a green, green tree,  
To shade me from the sun;  
And under it I often sit,  
When all my play is done.



## New words

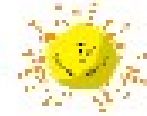
cry

day

red



sun



# Vocabulary words for CwVI and HI

- Red
- Little
- House
- Happy
- Whole

- Tree
- Green
- Shade
- Sun
- Under

**Make flash cards in Braille or tactile format**

**As well as using pictures**

*Let's read*



The **sun** shines in the sky.

I have a **red** pen.

Do you find any difficulty in doing this exercise in inclusive classroom having children with Visual Impairments !

Reflect why and where?

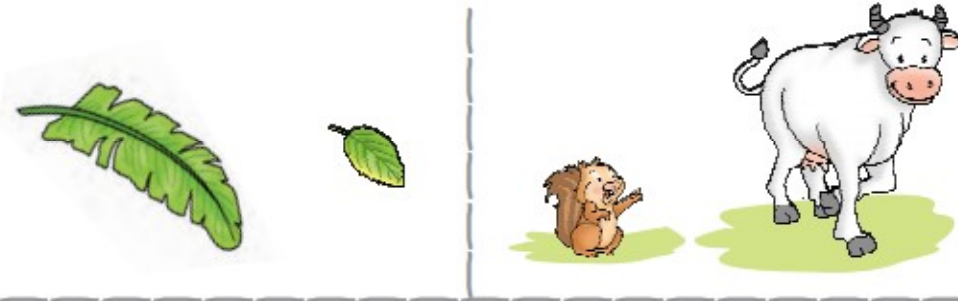
# EXAMPLE: MATHEMATICS

## Bigger - Smaller

Tick(✓) the bigger.



Tick(✓) the smaller.



Tick(✓) the smaller tyre.





Let's initiate a new Beginning ....

For most people, technology makes things easier. For people with disabilities, technology makes things possible.

Mary Pat Radabaugh