

National Council of Educational Research and Training

Clarification about the news concerning a letter published in Grade 3 Textbook of Environmental Studies

The recent news concerning a letter published in Grade 3 Textbook of Environmental Studies has no basis. As per the perspective of new National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023, a new subject -The World Around Us has been introduced from Grade 3 onwards in the preparatory stage in place of Environmental Studies. This is an interdisciplinary area which provides focus on Environmental Education simultaneously taking care of development of basic competencies in Science and Social Science from Grade 3 onwards. Accordingly, NCERT has introduced new textbooks for this subject having a broader perspective, including social environment. Hence, instead of the old textbooks, a new one titled "Our Wonderous World" has been brought out for Class 3.

NCERT appeals to all schools to only use the new textbooks in Grades 1, 2, 3, and 6 published by NCERT for these grades. These textbooks are based on the National Education Policy 2020 and integrate cultural rootedness, multilingualism, experiential learning, and educational technology across subjects and grades. Details about the new textbooks and the modalities for implementing the new subject areas and textbooks are provided in an advisory sent to CBSE. This advisory has also been uploaded on the NCERT website- <https://ncert.nic.in/pdf/announcement/NCERT-Advisoryfor-Schools.pdf>