First preschool curriculum released by NCERT

GUIDELINES:

#Children between 3 to 6 years should be taught in their own mother tongue

#Learning through playing rather than Rote learning, examinations and test.

#Applicable in all schools anganwadis, nursery schools, kindergarten, Play Schools.

#Draft national education policy: recommended that RTE to be extended to 3 years of preschool before Class 1.

#On no account, should children be made to take any form of test or examination either oral or written.

#Focus on emotional and social stability.

#The guidelines have also defined parameters for infrastructure, qualifications and salary for preschool Staff, admission process and records and registers to be maintained, monitoring and supervision mechanism and importance of coordination and convergence with community and parents.

Objectives of NCERT:

The main objectives of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) are to:

(i) undertake, aid, promote and coordinate research in areas related to school education;

(ii) prepare and publish model textbooks, supplementary material, newsletters, journals and other related literature;

(iii) organize pre-service and in-service training of teachers;

(iv) develop and disseminate innovative educational techniques and practices;

(v) collaborate and network with state educational departments, universities, NGOs and other educational institutions;

(vi) act as a clearing house for ideas and information in matters related to school education;

(vii) act as a nodal agency for achieving goals of universalisation of elementary education.