

ULLAS- Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram- "JAN JAN SAKSHAR"

Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS):

The Government of India has approved a centrally sponsored scheme called ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme (NILP).

ULLAS stands for: **U**nderstanding of **L**ifelong **L**earning for **A**ll in **S**ociety. The scheme aligns with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aims to empower those adults aged 15 years and above from all backgrounds who could not get due schooling.

The scheme consists of five components:

- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy
- Critical Life Skills
- Basic Education
- Vocational Skills
- Continuing Education

The scheme is being implemented in a hybrid mode, online and offline modes of learning.

The scheme motivates the volunteers to take part in it as their DUTY or *Kartavyabodh*. It incentivizes the Student Volunteers through credits in school/ university and appreciation through means like certificates, appreciation letters, felicitation, etc. UGC, AICTE, and NCTE have already issued directions to the affiliated institutions to allocate credits to the students actively participating as volunteers in the ULLAS scheme. Additionally, literate individuals who are willing to contribute, such as those from NYSK, NSS, NCC, CSOs, Community Members, Housewives, Anganwadi Workers, and Teachers, are being actively involved.

The registrations of learners and volunteer teachers under the scheme are being done through a dedicated ULLAS Mobile App. This mobile app offers teaching-learning materials, self-registration and certifications options also.

The implementation of ULLAS is through Samajik Chetna Kendras, established in government/aided schools, creating community-centric learning hubs. The National Centre for Literacy (NCL) at NCERT plays a pivotal role by providing crucial academic and resource support, contributing to the seamless implementation of ULLAS.

As part of the scheme, learners are encouraged to access online content (ULLAS Primers) in their local languages through the ULLAS Mobile App and ULLAS Portal.

Link for ULLAS Mobile App:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.np.nilp>

<https://apps.apple.com/in/app/ullas/id6447245653>

Link for ULLAS Portal:

<https://nilp.education.gov.in/nilp/#/primer>

The scheme's impact is being assessed through the conduct of FLNAT (Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test) for the scheme registered learners followed by the certification of their Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Skills.