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PREFACE

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 and the Right to Education Act (RTE) 2009 recommends connecting knowledge that is provided in school to the life outside the school. This principle marks a departure from the legacy of book is learning which continues to shape our education system and is creating removes a huge gap between the school, home and community.

The syllabi and textbook developed on the basis of above principle signify an attempt to implement it with a considerable change in the textbooks, teaching learning methods, approaches etc. Such textbooks will provide the scope to the students to learn individually, in pair, in group and as a whole class and provide self-learning, improve the application and consolidation abilities of the children. In such a scenario, the teacher will be just an initiator, facilitator and guide and will create learner dominant classes.

During the process of designing and developing the textbooks, the core-group personnel co-ordinators, writers and reviewers got a lot of inspiration and motivation from the Chief Secretary of Elementary Education.

Also, the guidance from IGNEUS-erg and co-operation of UNICEF was easily and continuously available to the group during the entire process of developing the textbooks. After implementing the textbooks as a part of the pilot study, due efforts were done to make it faultless. Now, it is in the hands of the users and beneficiaries.

GCERT welcomes constructive and creative comments and suggestions, which will be useful to undertake further revision and refinement.

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It shall be the duty of every citizen of India :

- (a) to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem;
- (b) to cherish and follow the noble ideals, which inspired our national struggle for freedom;
- (c) to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India;
- (d) to defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so;
- (e) to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities; to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women;
- (f) to value and preserve the rich heritage or our composite culture;
- (g) to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life, and to have compassion for living creatures;
- (h) to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;
- (i) to safeguard public property and to abjure violence;
- (j) to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

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