

The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions

Directorate of Adult Education is a subordinate office under the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. It functions as National Resource Centre for adult education and literacy programmes in the country. It provides professional, academic and technical guidance for effective implementation of programmes launched under the aegis of National Literacy Mission Authority and monitors progress of the programmes implemented in the field through State Governments and other agencies.

(i) Objectives

- To serve as a national resource centre for adult education programme
- To advise State Governments/ Union Territories/ Universities and Voluntary Organizations etc. engaged in the implementation of the Adult Education Programme.
- To provide technical guidance and support in curriculum development, preparation of teaching learning materials, training of functionaries for Basic & Post literacy and follow up programmes
- To conduct monitoring, evaluation and research
- To act as documentation and information clearinghouse
- To undertake publicity and promotional work through electronic and other media to support adult education programme

(ii) Functions

- Academic and technical resource support to National Literacy Mission
- Organize training and orientation programmes
- Prepare guidelines for development of teaching-learning materials
- Develop proto-type teaching/learning materials, posters, etc. for non-literates and neo-literates
- Evolve guidelines on evaluation of on-going programmes
- Provide media support through production of media materials and harnessing of all kinds of media i.e. electronic, print, traditional and folk media for furtherance of the objectives of National Literacy Mission
- Conduct external evaluations through social science research institutions and provide regular feedback to the NLMA about the findings of external evaluations
- Organize workshops/review meetings for the effective implementation of Adult Education Programme
- Coordinate, collaborate and network with agencies/institutions involved in implementation of adult literacy programmes in the States