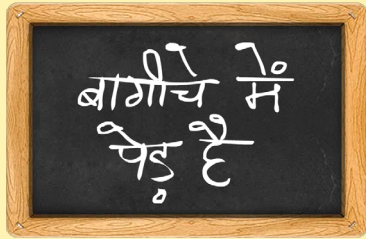


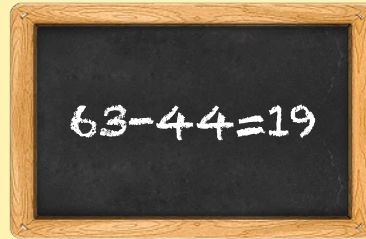


# What Is Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN)?

It is the ability to read with meaning and perform basic math calculations by the end of Class 3.



**Foundational Literacy**



**Foundational Numeracy**

## The ability to read with meaning

- Reading words such as जल, घर, नल
- Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) with comprehension (बागीचे में एक पेड़ है)

## Having a clear sense of numbers

- Recognising double digit numbers such as 37, 79, 92
- Knowing what's bigger and what's smaller
- Solving two-digit subtraction and addition problems such as 32-17 and 63-44

## Why Does FLN Matter?

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Class 3 is considered to be the inflection point by which children are expected to 'learn to read' so that later they can 'read to learn'

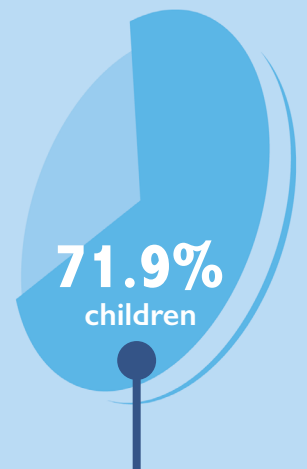
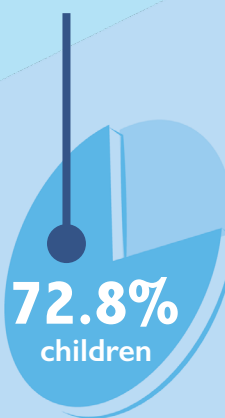
**2**  
Those who fail to attain these basic literacy and numeracy skills find it difficult to catch up in later years and risk dropping out of school

**3**  
These skills enable children to learn more meaningfully in higher classes and acquire 21<sup>st</sup> century skills like problem-solving and critical thinking

**4**  
The future of our children and India's ambition of maximising its demographic dividend depend on whether children attain these basic reading and maths skills by Class 3

## Where Does India Stand vis-à-vis FLN?

Cannot read a simple class 2-level sentence



Cannot solve a basic subtraction problem by class 3



# What the National Education Policy 2020 Says About FLN

- The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 accords the highest priority to achieving FLN among all children by 2025
- NEP advocates the launch of an urgent mission at the national level on FLN

Must achieve  
**Foundational Literacy  
and Numeracy among  
all children by  
2025**

**5 crore  
children  
in the 3-11 age  
group will  
benefit from  
NIPUN Bharat**

## NIPUN Bharat: National Initiative for Proficiency in reading with Understanding and Numeracy

- The Ministry of Education is launching a national mission on FLN. The mission is called NIPUN Bharat — National Initiative for Proficiency in reading with Understanding and Numeracy
- The mission will cover the learning needs of nearly 5 crore children in the 3-11 age group
- Teacher education and early grade curriculum will be redesigned for a renewed emphasis on FLN

## Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) with Comprehension: A Literacy Target

- Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) is the ability to accurately read a certain number of words per minute with comprehension
- It is a cornerstone for building literacy skills
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently stressed the need to ensure that our children are able to read 30-35 words in a minute with comprehension, by the end of Class 3



**30-35 words  
in a minute  
with comprehension**