

# National Consortium for Multilingual Education - India (NCMLEI)

### Objectives and vision

The consortium comprises individuals and organizations who have agreed to collaborate to articulate, advocate, and implement a robust vision of Multilingual Education (MLE) in India.

With this vision, the consortium aims to:

- Share & showcase: Exchange best practices, innovative tools, and successful strategies in multilingual education to inspire adoption and improvement.
- Identify & solve challenges: Collaboratively address and brainstorm solutions for challenges faced in multilingual education, fostering collective problem-solving.
- Advocate & collaborate: Provide a forum for non-profit organizations, educators, and policymakers to advocate for supportive policies, explore joint initiatives, and shape a long-term vision for sustainable MLE collaboration.
- Design, implement & scale effective multilingual education strategies through demonstration programs and government implementation.



## Composition and anchoring

- The consortium comprises non-profits, academics, and government stakeholders engaged with Multilingual Education in India.
- Some organizations involved are National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Language and Learning Foundation (LLF), SIL, British Council, CARE-India, UNICEF, Room to Read among others.
- A steering committee was formed to anchor the functioning of the consortium and plan for future activities, with one full-time person from LLF anchoring the work.

#### Activities conducted

- Development of a Common Understanding Document outlining the scope and nature of MLE practices, needs, and implementation in India.
- Regular consultation meetings to assess the current state and challenges of MLE practice in India and brainstorm collaborative interventions.
- Webinars with expert talks with Dr Carol Benson, Dr Sangsok Son, etc. and insights from ongoing Indian MLE programs as well as experience sharing to strengthen teachers and practitioners
- Publication of the quarterly newsletter titled 'Language Matters'

#### Future plans

- Bi-monthly webinars
- Expand membership
- · Ongoing consultation meetings
- Publication of position papers/policy briefs
- · Organize a national conference
- Affiliate and exchange learning with groups such as Asia Pacific MLE WG, UNESCO India

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