

# Important Role of Fundamental Literacy and Numeracy in Education System

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**Abstract:** The most critical period for growth and development is the initial 8 years of a child's life age(0 to 8 ), as this is when the foundation for comprehensive growth and learning is laid. Children who attend a high quality pre school curriculum reach major social, educational and intellectual milestones that set them apart. Early childhood development is critical for children's long term development and can significantly impact their school enrollment and involvement. According to research, high quality of early childhood education programs lower the likelihood of dropping out and repeating school and increase educational performance at all levels. Today many international organisations place a high focus on Foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) skills. The Government of India launched the National Mission of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 to ensure that every child in the country necessarily attains Foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of grade 3, by 2026-27. The mission is known as the National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat). Strong literacy and numeracy helps children to learn, experiment, reason and create, to be active and informed citizens and to contribute socially, culturally, and economically. Literacy and numeracy skills are the foundations of lifelong learning and full participation in society. These skills empower students to think critically and creatively and help them to achieve their goals. Understanding and using mathematical concepts and being numerate helps children to know and describe the world around them. It is therefore an essential skill for successful daily life.

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