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PREAMBLE

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LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all

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Foreword

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005, recommends that children's life at school must be linked to their life outside the school. This principle marks a departure from the legacy of bookish learning which continues to shape our system and causes a gap between the school, home and community. The syllabi and textbooks developed on the basis of NCF signify an attempt to implement this basic idea. They also attempt to discourage rote learning and the maintenance of sharp boundaries between different subject areas. We hope these measures will take us significantly further in the direction of a child-centred system of education outlined in the national Policy on Education (1986).

The success of this effort depends on the steps that school principals and teachers will take to encourage children to reflect on their own learning and to pursue imaginative activities and questions. We must recognize that, given space, time and freedom, children generate new knowledge by engaging with the information passed on to them by adults. Treating the prescribed textbook as the sole basis of examination is one of the key reasons why other resources and sites of learning are ignored. Inculcating creativity and initiative is possible if we perceive and treat children as participants in learning, not as receivers of a fixed body of knowledge.

This aims imply considerable change is school routines and mode of functioning. Flexibility in the daily time-table is as necessary as rigour in implementing the annual calendar so that the required number of teaching days are actually devoted to teaching. The methods used for teaching and evaluation will also determine how effective this textbook proves for making children's life at school a happy experience, rather then a source of stress or boredom. Syllabus designers have tried to address the problem of curricular burden by restructuring and reorienting knowledge at different stages with greater consideration for child psychology and the time available for teaching. The textbook attempts to enhance this endeavour by giving higher priority and space to opportunities for contemplation and wondering, discussion in small groups, and activities requiring hands-on experience.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) appreciates the hard work done by the textbook development committee responsible for this book. We wish to thank the Chairperson of the advisory group in science and mathematics, Professor J.V. Narlikar and the Chief Advisor for this book, Professor P. Sinclair of IGNOU, New Delhi for guiding the work of this committee. Several teachers contributed to the development of this textbook; we are grateful to their principals for making this possible. We are indebted to the institutions and organizations which have generously permitted us to draw upon their resources, material and personnel. We are especially grateful to the members of the National Monitoring Committee, appointed by the Department of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development under the Chairpersonship of Professor Mrinal Miri and Professor G.P. Deshpande, for their valuable time and contribution. As an organisation committed to systemic reform and continuous improvement in the quality of its products, NCERT welcomes comments and suggestions which will enable us to undertake further revision and refinement.

> Director New Delhi National Council of Educational Research and Training

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Preface

This book is the outcome of the efforts of the textbook development committee appointed by the NCERT. The committee met a few times to interact with one another to improve the draft. Then there was a review meeting in which many experts and practicing school teachers were invited to review the draft and suggest improvements.

By and large we have stuck to the format of the Class VII book. By now famous characters, Boojho and Paheli, have been used to make the text interactive. Attempt has been made to recall children's own experiences and build concepts around them. This is designed to connect science that they study in the school with their everyday life.

Many activities have been suggested to clarify concepts. Some of these activities are so simple that children can perform them on their own. The requirement of the apparatus required for the activities is minimal. We performed all the activities ourselves to ensure that there was no difficulty in performing them in the school situation. The activities should also help children in developing skills such as presentation of data in tabular and graphical forms, reasoning and drawing inference from the given data.

The language of the book has been kept as simple as possible. A large number of photographs, illustrations, cartoons, etc. have been included to make the book attractive. To help teachers evaluate children effectively, a large number of exercises have been given at the end of each chapter. The teachers are encouraged to frame additional exercises to test children's understanding. Some challenging exercises have also been devised for those children who would like to appear for the National Talent Search Examination conducted by the NCERT.

We are conscious of the fact that there is a paucity of additional reading material for children. We have tried to address this problem by providing non-evaluative boxes. These boxes, in light orange, contain additional information, anecdotes, stories, strange facts and other such interesting materials.

We all know that children are mischievous and playful by nature. Therefore, in order to prevent any untoward incident during the performance of the activities in the school or outside, necessary cautions, in magenta, have been inserted at various places in the book.

To prepare children to assume their roles as responsible citizens of tomorrow, attempt has been made to sensitise them to the issues concerning gender, religion, environment, health and hygiene, water scarcity and energy conservation. We have sought to weave into the text the value of cooperation and the importance of peer learning. An important feature of the book is what we call Extended Learning. These are totally non-evaluative, and purely voluntary activities and projects. Some of the projects in this section have been designed to enhance children's interaction with the experts, teachers, even parents, and society at large. The children are required to collect information of various kinds and draw conclusions of their own.

My request to teachers and parents is to use the book in the spirit in which it has been written. Encourage children to perform activities and learn by doing, rather than by rote. You can supplement, or even replace, the activities given here. If you feel that you have better alternatives, especially with your local/regional flavour, please write to us so that these activities could be used in the future editions of the book.

We have been able to include only a small subset of children's experiences. You have a better knowledge of their experiences because you are in touch with them. Use them to illustrate the concepts being taught. Above all, please do not stifle children's natural curiosity. Encourage them to ask questions, even if sometimes you feel uncomfortable. If you do not know the answer to a question on the spot, do not feel embarrassed. You can promise them to find the answer and deal with it later. Make a genuine attempt to get the answer from whatever resources are within your reach, such as senior school or college teachers, experts, libraries, internet etc. If, inspite of your efforts, you cannot get the answer to some question, you could write to NCERT.

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2005ನೇ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಪಠ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ರಚಿತವಾದ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಪಠ್ಯವಸ್ತುವಿನ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ರಚಿತವಾದ ಎನ್.ಸಿ.ಇ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ 8ನೇ ತರಗತಿಯ ಆಂಗ್ಲ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಯಥಾವತ್ತಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಈ ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಒಟ್ಟು 7 ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರತರಲಾಗಿದೆ. NCF-2005ರ ಪಠ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಎಲ್ಲವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದೆ.

2005ರ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಪಠ್ಯಕ್ರಮವು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದೆ.

- ಕಲಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಜೀವನದ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಜೋಡಿಸುವುದು.
- ಕಂಠಪಾಠ ವಿಧಾನದಿಂದ ಕಲಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಕ್ತಗೊಳಿಸುವುದು.
- ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳ ಹೊರತಾಗಿ ಪಠ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಗೊಳಿಸುವುದು.
- ಜ್ಞಾನದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಕಲಿಕಾ ಅನುಭವಗಳನ್ನು ಬಳಸುವುದು.
- ಭಾರತದ ಪ್ರಜಾಸತ್ತಾತ್ಮಕ ನೀತಿಯನ್ವಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಗಳಿಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸುವುದು.
- ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ಇಂದಿನ ಹಾಗೂ ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಜೀವನಾವಶ್ಯಕತೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊಂದುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು.
- ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಮೇರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮೀರಿ ಅವುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಮಗ್ರ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯ ಬೋಧನೆಯನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸುವುದು.
- ಶಾಲೆಯ ಹೊರಗಿನ ಬದುಕಿಗೆ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಯೋಜನೆ.
- ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಂದಲೇ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದು.

8ನೇ ತರಗತಿಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಮಸ್ತಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತರ್ಗತ ವಿಧಾನ (Integrated Approach), ರಚನಾತ್ಮಕ ವಿಧಾನ (Constructive Approach) ಹಾಗೂ ಸುರುಳಿಯಾಕಾರದ ವಿಧಾನ (Spiral Approach) ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳ ವಿಷಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸಗಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಪಠ್ಯವಸ್ತುಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ಜೀವನ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್ಗತವಾಗಿ ಬಳಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ನೂತನ ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ರಚಿತವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಅವುಗಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಸರ್ವಾಂಗೀಣ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿತ್ವ ವಿಕಸನಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರಕವಾಗಿವೆ. ತನ್ಮೂಲಕ ಅವರನ್ನು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಭಾರತದ ಸ್ವಸ್ಥ ಸಮಾಜದ ಉತ್ತಮ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ನಡೆದಿದೆ.

ನಿತ್ಯ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಹಂತಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಯಶಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಪಠ್ಯಕ್ರಮ–2005ರಂತೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವು ಕೆಲವು ಪರಿಕಲ್ಪನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಥಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಿದ್ಧಾಂತಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರೂಪಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಮೇಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸಿ, ಲೆಕ್ಕಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತಮ ಅಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವುದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಜೀವನದ ಸಕಲ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಬಳಸುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಗಳಿಸುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಅದು ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಕಲಿಕೆಗೂ ಪೂರಕವಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.

ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಭಾರತದ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಿಗಳ ಕೊಡುಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. 8ನೇ ತರಗತಿಯ ಪಠ್ಯಮಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕವಾಗಿ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿವೆ. ಇತರ ಪಠ್ಯಮಸ್ತಕಗಳಂತೆಯೇ ಈ ಪಠ್ಯಮಸ್ತಕಗಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ/ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಯರಿಗೆ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆ.

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ಈ ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕವು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಸ್ನೇಹಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕ ಸ್ನೇಹಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಗಣಿತ ಕಲಿಕೆ ಸಂತೋಷದಾಯಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಥಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಈ ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕವು ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂದು ನಾವು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಈ ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಉತ್ತಮಪಡಿಸಲು ತಜ್ಞರಿಂದ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರಿಂದ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಕರಿಂದ ರಚನಾ ಸಲಹೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಟೀಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಈ ಪಠ್ಯಮಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಲು ಅನುಮತಿ, ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ ಎನ್.ಸಿ.ಇ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ನವದೆಹಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಇಲಾಖೆ ತನ್ನ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

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A Note for the Students

The team of Paheli and Boojho will be with you as you journey through this textbook. They love to ask questions. All kinds of questions come to their minds and they collect them in their sacks. Sometimes, they may share some of the questions with you, as you read through the chapters.

Paheli and Boojho are also on the lookout for answers to many questions — sometimes the questions seem answered after they discuss them with each other, sometimes through discussions with other classmates, teachers or their parents. Answers to some questions do not seem available even after all these. They might need to experiment on their own, read books in the library, send questions to scientists. Just dig and dig and dig into all possibilities and see if the questions can be answered. Perhaps, they would carry some of the unanswered questions in their sacks to higher classes.

What will really thrill them would be your adding questions to their sacks or answers to their questions. Sometimes, activities are suggested in the textbook, results or findings of these by different groups of students would be of interest to other students and teachers. You can complete the suggested activities and send your results or findings to Paheli and Boojho. Do keep in mind that activities that involve using blades, scissors or fire need to be done strictly under the care of your teachers. Stick to the precautions given and then enjoy doing all the suggested activities. Mind, the book will not be able to help you much, if the activities are not completed!

We would like to advise you that you must make observations yourself and record whatever results you get. Keen and true observations are necessary for exploring any subject of study. For some reason your results may turn out to be different from those of your classmates. Do not worry. Try to find out the reason for these results instead of disregarding them. Do not ever copy results from your classmate.

You can send your feedback for Paheli and Boojho at:



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