

**A Collaborative Effort By
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Adolescence Education Programme (AEP)

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005, outlines that education should instil “independence of thought and action, sensitivity to others' well-being and feelings, learning to respond to new situations in a flexible and creative manner, predisposition towards participation in democratic processes, and the ability to work towards and contribute to economic processes and social change.” To achieve this goal, educational processes should engage learners in creating knowledge that is relevant to their experiences, promoting healthy attitudes and enabling them to think critically and respond to real-life situations in positive and responsible ways.

The Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) is an important initiative that aims to empower young people with accurate, age appropriate and culturally relevant information, promote healthy attitudes and develop skills to enable them to respond to real life situations in positive and responsible ways. In partnership with the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has been supporting the Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) since 2005. With National Council of Educational



Research and Training (NCERT) as the coordinating agency; the AEP works through national agencies - Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) and National Institute of Open School (NIOS). The programme is also implemented through the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs) that caters to schools run by State Governments under the National Population Education Project (NPEP).

Adolescence Resource Centre (ARC)

The experience of implementing and re-inventing Adolescence Education in the past several years established the need of an online portal that offers uninterrupted access to varied resources and virtual interaction opportunities on issues related to adolescent health and well-being for teachers, trainers, academicians, development practitioners, policy makers and the young people themselves. This led to the development of a one-stop access portal - www.aeparc.org

To address issues on adolescence - NCERT, UNFPA and all the implementing agencies initiated an online Adolescence Resource Center (ARC) that would focus on different aspects of adolescent health and well-being. The ARC will serve as a knowledge bank for materials, and resources, both print and audio-visual, related to adolescence. The website was officially launched on 2nd June 2014 by NCERT and UNFPA.





Electronic Discussion Forum

The Electronic Discussion Forum offers the space to articulate issues of common interest related to different aspects of the Adolescence Education Programme (AEP). School teachers and others who are engaged with the program can raise issues related to adolescence and ensure meaningful interactions on varied topics. Issues such as content and pedagogy of the AEP, monitoring of the programme, engaging adolescents and possible mechanisms for institutionalising AEP in school education can be important starting points for conversation. Similarly, challenges in program implementation and achievements can be shared on this forum.

First time users need to register on the website. It is a simple process that ensures quality and safety of content shared. Frequent users will need to remember their user name and password to log in again and access the electronic discussion forum. One could initiate a discussion by sending the topic of interest to aeparc2014@gmail.com

The moderator will review the discussion topic, ensure that it meets the interest of several community members and then float the topic on the forum. One can also participate in the discussion by responding to the query raised by another member.

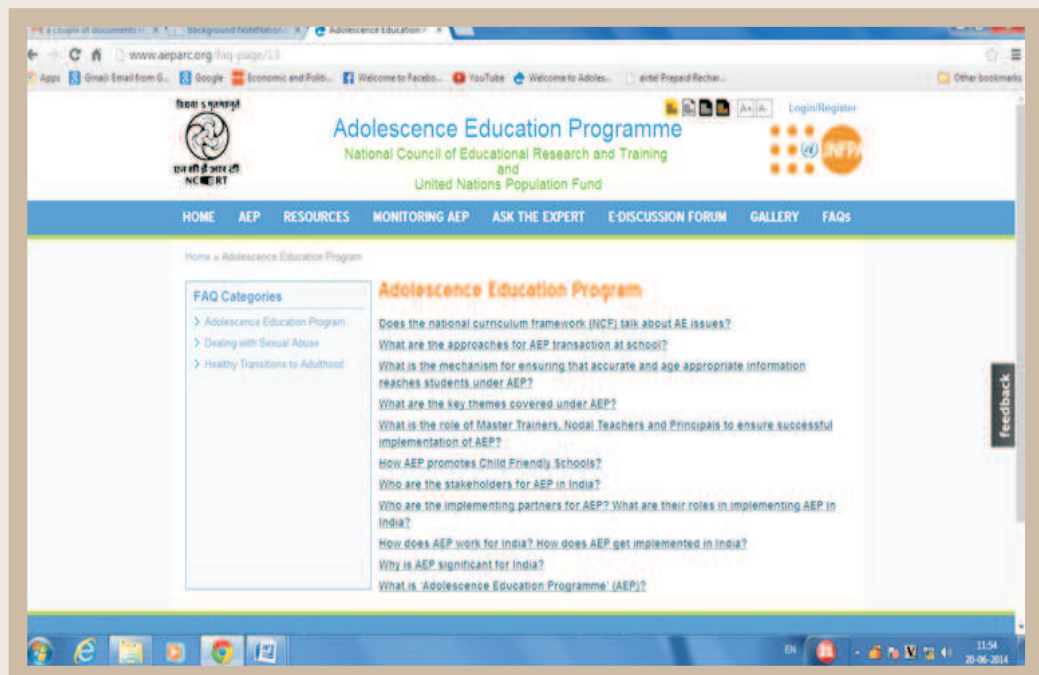


After 2-3 weeks, the moderator will review all the responses and post a consolidated response to the query on the forum. This consolidated response, as well as individual responses to a query, will be archived in the Electronic Discussion Forum and will serve as a ready reckoner for topics that have already been discussed.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Based on the experience of managing the Adolescence Education Programme and seeking regular feedback from different stakeholders, a list of questions pertaining to different aspects of the programme have been compiled. We welcome informed visitors of the website to review the questions and their responses. In case the community members have a question that has not been included in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), please post your query from the Question Box feature. You will receive a response within 10 working days. If the moderator considers that your question may be of interest to others, the question along with the response will also be posted under the relevant thematic head in the FAQs section. The identity will not be disclosed as assured at the time of submission of the question.

The virtual **Question Box** allows adolescents and adults to drop questions anonymously. The moderator reviews the question and provides an individual



response. The moderator also takes a call on whether the question and the response should be published in the public domain. Accordingly, the question and the response can be viewed in the FAQs section- enlisted under the relevant theme, else an individual response would be provided.

Resources

As mentioned above, ARC will serve as a repository for varied resources (print/audio-visual) related to adolescent health and well-being. All resources are included in the database of www.aeparc.org and linked to fields of interest. Moreover, there are different search categories to find the right resource. One can search using the following categories as filters:

- ✓ Key Target Audience
- ✓ Purpose
- ✓ Themes
- ✓ Institutions





More Features

Monitoring AEP is an evolving feature to track the progress of the project. Both the monthly and annual reporting formats have been explained in this feature. Both these formats provide information on key indicators related to AEP implementation.

Opinion Poll is a quick way to gauge views and perspectives of those visiting this website. The questions pertain to adolescence issues, the health and well-being and other issues of this age group.

Events and Announcements keep users and visitors abreast with the upcoming events in the programme.

Users may also want to access information from other organizations working on similar themes. **Related Websites** have been provided. The list is not exhaustive.

The website is evolving and **feedback** would be a great way to strengthen this portal. Please do visit the website, navigate through the pages, explore its features and let us know whether the resource centre is meeting your needs and what can be done to enhance user experience.

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For more information please visit <http://aeparc.org/> and log in/ register yourself to participate in the Electronic Discussion Forum and to get updates on the Adolescence Education Programme (AEP).