

Empaneled Training Institute (ETI):

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India declared India Literacy Board as a “Training and Orientation Center (TOC)” in the year 1993 for National Service Scheme. Presently, its name has been changed to “Empaneled Training Institute (ETI)”. ETI is headed by the Director, Literacy House and governed by the India Literacy Board. During the last year, the institution has successfully organized 10 training camps and trained 295 Programme Officers of National Service Scheme. Similarly, 01 programme was organized under NIOS for 26 participants.



Welthy Fisher Children's Academy:

India Literacy Board owns a co-educational English Medium school in the name of its founder, i.e., “Welthy Fisher Children's Academy” in its campus imparting education up to High School. The school having a strength of about 500 students is recognized by the U.P. Board. The school serves children from socially and economically weaker sections of the society and imparts education in a holistic manner. The Academy is working sincerely to produce responsible citizens who can work in every sphere of life for the betterment of the society.

The “Welthy Fisher Children's Academy” has educated more than 15,000 children since its establishment in the year 1988. The pass outs from the Academy are doing very well in their lives. This year, 23 students appeared in the High School exam. All the students passed in the First Division with 16 students scoring above 75% marks.



Bijnaur and Neewan Agricultural Farm:

Two agricultural farms were established in Neewan and Bijnaur villages of district Lucknow with the aim to demonstrate and teach young farmers scientific improved agriculture and animal husbandry practices and to link literacy with food production and individual needs of the farmers and the community.

with hostel facilities and school building for farmers was built with donation received from the Junior farmers of Ontario, Canada, and inaugurated by the then Canadian High Commissioner to India on 15th March, 1969.

The two agriculture farms have been the training ground for progressive farmers on Agriculture and Diversified Agriculture since their inception. Last year, 05 training programmes were organized at the two agriculture farms in which 183 number of farmers were provided training on contemporary topics related to agriculture and diversified agriculture, production of millets, etc. The participants were provided a certificate upon completion of the course.

Ujala Monthly Magazine:

A monthly e-magazine "Ujala" for neo-literates is being regularly published and uploaded by Literacy House on the website of India Literacy Board.

Dr. Welthy Fisher Award:

India Literacy Board has instituted a Dr. Welthy Fisher National Award from the year 2023, to be given to a person or institution for outstanding contribution in the field of Adult Literacy, Life Long Learning and/or Skill Development in India. The award carries a cash prize of Rupees One Lac, a citation in scroll, plaque and traditional handicraft & handloom item.



Literacy Museum:

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India has sanctioned a project of Literacy Museum to be established in the campus of Literacy House, Kanpur Road, Lucknow. The Government of India has released Rs.2.50 Crores as the first installment of the project. Literary Museum, after its commissioning, shall become the first museum of its own kind in India. It will reveal the journey of literacy in India from the ancient times to the present. This museum shall not only be a big centre of attraction for the people related with education & literacy, but also for the tourists, domestic and foreign both.



Mess and Hostel Facilities:

India Literacy Board is well equipped with requisite infrastructure for imparting training, conducting conferences, workshops, meetings and seminars, etc., including three Air-conditioned halls equipped with LCD projector, Laptop, Computers, Audio-visual aids, etc. Separate Boarding and Lodging facilities, for male and female participants & trainees are available. The hostel can accommodate 150 participants. An Auditorium Facility named "Kabir Theatre" having a seating capacity of about 400 people is also available.

The India Literacy Board, Lucknow, continues to have the privilege of the visits of important dignitaries from Government departments, voluntary agencies, private organisations, international organisations, etc.

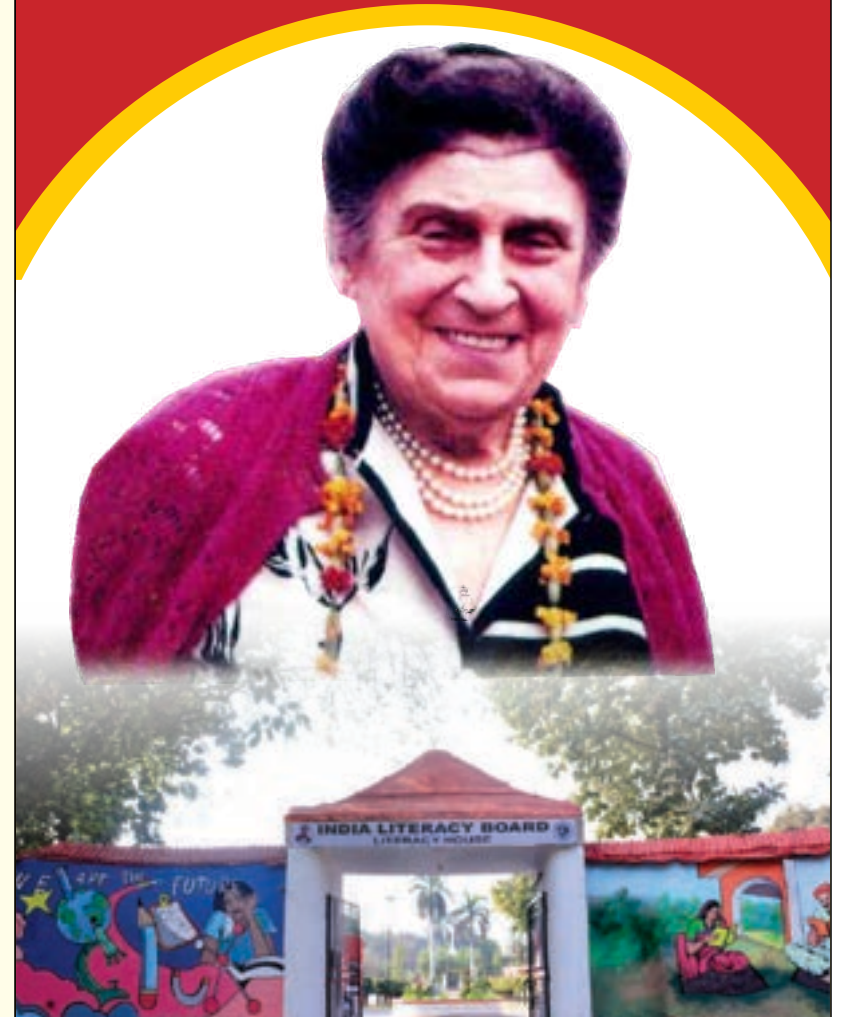
It has also been a venue for various workshops, seminars and conferences of UNICEF, Plan India, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, U.P., Zila Shiksha and Prashikshan Sansthan (DIET), Lucknow, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, U.P., and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

Future Plans:

Future plans include Expansion of Welthy Fisher Children's Academy upto class XII, construction of new school building, development of smart classes for the Academy, renovation of old TOC and school of writing building, organize public awareness programmes and courses approved by the Government of India, Strengthening of IT cell and completion of computerization of activities of the institution, collaboration with IFFCO for demonstration of Nano Urea & Nano DAP, development of Agro forestry at agriculture farms, farmers training etc.

India Literacy Board always looks forward to Government and Non-Government Organizations to utilize the facilities available on its campus for their programmes and also be a partner with the Literacy House on new and meaningful projects for the welfare of society.

INDIA LITERACY BOARD (Literacy House)



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India Literacy Board (Literacy House)



Established in 1956, India Literacy Board is an institution of international repute in the field of adult and non-formal education, and has been registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Board comprises eminent educationists, social workers, and representatives of the Central and State Governments.

It was a momentous rendezvous on 15th December, 1947, when the American citizen Dr. (Mrs.) Welthy Honsinger Fisher met with Mahatma Gandhi, who exhorted her to serve India through its villages. As a result, Welthy Fisher finally shifted to India after disposing her properties in USA and launched a crusade against illiteracy in Naini, Prayagraj, in 1953. She worked there for three years. Her main objective was to end illiteracy and enlighten the society with the light of knowledge. Her motto, "**It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness**", developed as a beacon of literacy in India.

It was the then H.E. the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Shri K.M. Munshi, who invited her to Lucknow. It was with the help of H.E. the Governor of UP that Dr. Welthy Fisher shifted to Lucknow and established this institution of international repute in 1956 as Literacy House at Kanpur Road, Lucknow.



A Panoramic Sketch View of Literacy House

The Building and Campus layout of Literacy House was designed by the eminent architect Mr. Laurie Baker. It was designed like an Indian village. It is a cluster of simple yet innovative brick-buildings. Subsequently, two Agriculture Farms were established in the year 1966 at nearby villages, viz., Bijnaur and Neewan.



On account of outstanding contributions in the field of adult education and literacy, Dr. Welthy Fisher and the India Literacy Board have been honoured with several National and International awards; viz., G.J. Watumull Memorial Award in 1962, Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1964, First Jawahar Lal Nehru Award for Adult Literacy in 1968, Humanitarian Award of Variety Clubs International, USA in 1970, U.S. Adult Education Association Award in 1974, Mohammad Raza Pahalvi Award of UNESCO in 1978, Special Award from American Government on International Literacy Day, i.e. 08th September, 1978, Prof. G.D. Parikh Memorial Award in 1982, Iraq International Literacy Award for the year 1988 from UNESCO in 1988, etc. In the year 1980, a Postal Stamp of Thirty Paisa was commemorated by the Department of Post & Telegraph, GoI on Dr. Welthy Fisher in recognition of her contribution towards adult education.

The main objectives of the India Literacy Board are the four 'Fs' which are as follows: -

1. Functional Literacy,
2. Food Production,
3. Family Life Education,
4. Fear Removal.

Principal functions of India Literacy Board popularly known as Literacy House, since its inception, have been the training of the functionaries of adult education, development, conducting research and evaluation studies, organizing skill development courses for youth, running family life education activities including population and development education etc.

Development & Publication of teaching-learning materials for Adult and Continuing Education, Non-formal Education, Vocational Education, Population and Development Education, Panchayati Raj, Youth Development Activities etc., have been one of the most important contributions of India Literacy Board. At present, Literacy House has a large stock of posters, pamphlets, slogans and more than 232 titles of books particularly for neo-literates.

The use of Puppets for Social Education was introduced at Literacy House way back in the year 1955 to create an interesting and favorable environment for motivating the learners. America's famous Puppeteers Bill and Cora Baird extended their expertise in establishing the "Educational Puppetry Department" at Literacy House. This department effectively contributes in creating a conducive environment for Sakshar Bharat programme.

Besides above, the prominent innovative ways designed by Dr. Fisher for spread of functional literacy included Bell Bicycle Library (for a cluster of villages), Market Mobile Library for village haats (Rural Market Day), Village Tin Trunk Library, Inter Library Loan Scheme etc.



Big Central Library:

ILB has a big central library with a stock of about 74,000 books and periodicals on various subjects, including some very old & precious books. The library is one of its kind with a large comfortable well-lit reading room. The library is very popular among research scholars, NGOs and social workers working in the field of adult and non-formal education and social service sector.

In 1977, Government of India recognized India Literacy Board, Literacy House as the State Resource Centre for Adult Education in Uttar Pradesh. In 1981 and 1984, Government of India entrusted India Literacy Board the responsibility of establishing “Shramik Vidyapeeth” at Kanpur and Lucknow, respectively. Subsequently, in 2000, it was renamed as Jan Shikshan Sansthan. Government of India has sanctioned one more Jan Shikshan Sansthan to India Literacy Board for Dehradun, Uttarakhand in the year 2004. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India has sanctioned Training & Orientation Centre for NSS in the year 1993, now it is renamed as "Empanelled Training Institute" (ETI).

At present, the India Literacy Board is disseminating its ideas and objectives through the following organizations: -

State Resource Centre, UP (SRC):

The main function of the State Resource Centre, UP, is to organize training of functionaries at different levels, prepare training materials and materials for Saakshar Bharat programme, evaluate the programmes, conduct research studies, run the field programmes and development activities.

The State Resource Centre is the hub for implementation of National Programme of Adult Education at State, District and Village level in

Uttar Pradesh. More than 80,000 youths have been trained for imparting Adult Education and Vocational Education to Illiterates and Neo-Literates across the State of UP. ILB has made a significant contribution in increasing the rate of adult literacy in UP from 29.87% in 1961 to 73.00% in 2023. Literacy House has been the training center for approximately 38,500 professionals and social workers from developing countries including Nepal, Afghanistan, Philippines, Malawi, Somalia, Fiji, Sri Lanka etc. in the field of Adult Education and Literacy.

Presently, the State Resource Centre, UP, under the aegis of India Literacy Board, is conducting various adult literacy programmes in Nawabganj Block of Unnao District and Lucknow Nagar Nigam area. SRC is also taking up literacy Programs in Behraich and Sitapur districts.



Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Kanpur, Lucknow, and Dehradun:

All the three Jan Shikshan Sansthans are headed by separate Directors and run by the Management Committees constituted by Government of India under the aegis of India Literacy Board.

The major activities of Jan Shikshan Sansthan at Lucknow, Kanpur and Dehradun is to organize job-oriented skill development courses for non-literates, neo-literates and educationally deprived sections and help in their socio-economic upliftment. The JSS also creates a critical awareness among the learners on the issues of national importance, viz; environment, national integration, population & development, women's equality etc.

The Jan Shikshan Sansthans are presently running 17 skill development programmes recognized by Government of India ensuring skill development of 5,400 participants every year. Recently, skill development programme in specific trades were conducted for 100 participants from UPSRTC and 120 from UPPCL, and Government of India prescribed Skill Development Certificate and Tool Kit was distributed to the successful participants.

