



Education Department, Government of Sikkim

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Delay in Availability of Class IX NCERT Textbooks for Academic Session 2026

The Education Department, Government of Sikkim, wishes to inform all stakeholders, including students, parents, and school authorities, regarding the delay in the availability of Class IX NCERT textbooks for the academic session 2026.

As per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023, NCERT has undertaken a phase-wise revision of school textbooks. The revised textbooks up to Class VIII have already been published and are currently in use across all Government schools.

For the current academic year, the revision of Class IX textbooks is underway. However, as of now, only e-book versions (excluding Social Science) have been made available on the official NCERT website. The printed versions of these revised textbooks are expected to be available at NCERT stores in Kolkata by mid-May 2026.

Due to this delay from the publishing authority, i.e., NCERT, New Delhi, the timely distribution of Class IX textbooks to schools has been affected. The Department is in constant coordination with NCERT and other concerned agencies to expedite the availability and supply of the revised textbooks at the earliest.

In the interim, schools are advised to make use of available digital resources and continue academic activities without disruption. Further, the Department is considering rescheduling the Term I examination for Class IX to the first week of August 2026.

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