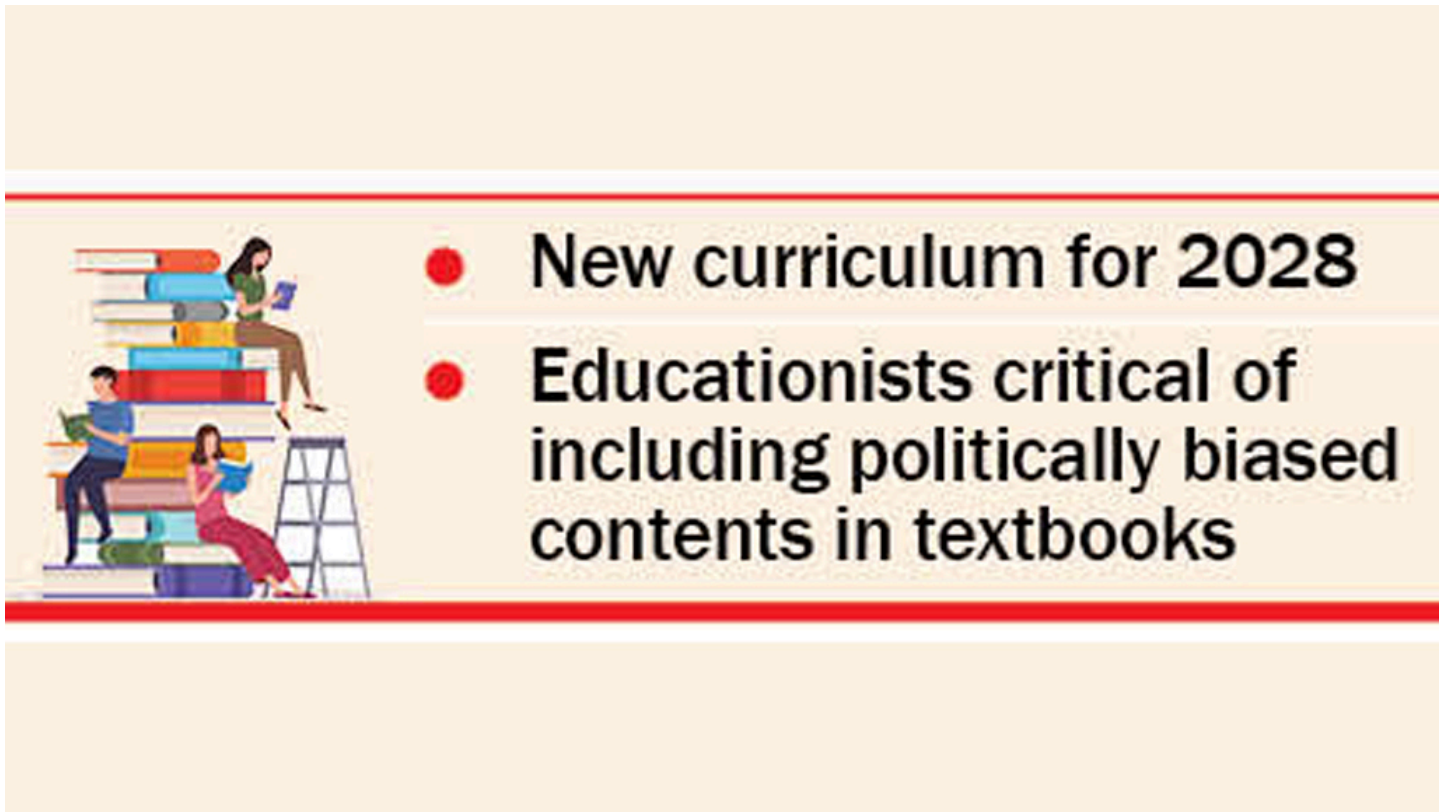


Govt plans revised textbooks for 2027

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The government has taken the initiative to revise textbooks for the 2027 academic year, while educationists have criticised successive governments' practice of including politically biased contents in textbooks, particularly in history textbooks.

Educationists also said that whatever is historically true should be taught, rather than politically biased narratives.



Education ministry officials said that revisions had been proposed to all subjects, including history, sports and culture, while the inclusion of some new subjects was also in the pipeline, focusing more on joyful learning and technical education.

The National Curriculum and Textbook Board started the tender process for printing the 2027 textbooks on June 2 and plans to hand over the manuscripts of the revised textbooks to the press for printing by the last week of July.

This year, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led government announced that it would provide revised free textbooks to students in 2027 and introduce a new curriculum from 2028.

Officials of the NCTB said that the textbooks would be revised in line with the directives of the government and the party's electoral manifesto.

After the July uprising that ousted the authoritarian Awami League regime on August 5, 2024, the education ministry, in September 2024, under the interim government returned to the 2012 curriculum by cancelling the 2022

curriculum and decided to introduce a completely revised curriculum from 2026.

The BNP's electoral manifesto said that it would modernise the country's education system and make it job-oriented, productivity-focused and aligned with the needs of the times, with a greater focus on primary education.

Education and primary and mass education minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said at a press briefing in the capital Dhaka on Monday that the existing curriculum would be revised in 2027 and that students would get a new curriculum from 2028.

'We will deliver the 2027 textbooks by December 25 this year,' he said, adding that they had started work on a complete revision of the curriculum in 2028.

At the briefing, prime minister's adviser Mahdi Amin also said that under the new curriculum, two new subjects — culture and sports — would be introduced from Class IV, while from Class VI, technical and vocational education and learning with happiness would be introduced.

Immediate past NCTB chairman Md Mahbubul Hoque Patwary said that the education ministry had involved a technical team comprising four members from the Institute of Education and Research at Dhaka University, to provide technical support after the curriculum review process began about two and a half months ago.

He further said that they had selected a secondary education team of approximately 320 people from different sectors and a primary education team of approximately 120 people from across the country.

The teams reviewed 97 out of 99 secondary-level books and 36 primary-level books, he added.

‘We started the tender process for printing these books on June 2,’ Mahbubul said, adding, ‘the manuscripts are planned to be handed over to printing presses by the last week of July.’

He said that printing was scheduled from August to October, with a goal of completing the printing of all textbooks by November.

The technical team suggests that joyful learning, a key issue in the BNP election manifesto, should be incorporated as a teaching method in Teachers’ Guides to make education more engaging.

Regarding the correction of history, Mahbubul said that the goal was to impartially rectify historical distortions and ensure that everyone receives their proper place in history.

He mentioned that the contributions of former president Ziaur Rahman, also the founder of the BNP, to the country and the democratic movements, which were previously not adequately taught to students, would be included in the textbooks.

BRAC University professor emeritus Manzoor Ahmed said that it was not a good practice to rewrite history whenever there was a change in government.

‘Why do we have to include controversial issues in textbooks?’ he questioned.

Manzoor also urged the government to focus more on implementing the curriculum and preparing teachers for its effective delivery, rather than changing the curriculum frequently.

Professor Udit Das, director of the Institute of Education and Research at the University of Chittagong, said that educational materials should present accurate narratives of historical events.

‘In this regard, my request to the government is that, regardless of which party is in power, it should present all aspects of history rather than taking a one-sided approach,’ she added.

Meanwhile, regarding the 2028 curriculum, a core committee headed by the NCTB chairman has been formed by the education ministry to oversee the changes.

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