

**Central Institute of Educational Technology
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Subject: - Help Improve DIKSHA and ePathshala by User-Testing

DIKSHA, an initiative of NCERT (Ministry of Education, Government of India), is the national platform for school education. It provides millions of students and teachers with learning materials and courses and can be accessed through a mobile app and a web portal (<https://diksha.gov.in>).

NCERT also disseminates energized textbooks and e-resources linked to textbooks by QR code through Epathshala (<https://epathshala.nic.in/>). The textbooks can be accessed in flipbook format using Epathshala portal and in EPUB format through mobile app (Android, iOS). More than 600 digital book sand 5,200 pieces of e-resources of NCERT, are available in four languages - Hindi, English, Sanskrit and Urdu).

Since DIKSHA is a valuable learning avenue for students and teachers, it is imperative that it is accessible to all. While we have made significant progress to make DIKSHA accessible through web & mobile, we would also like to assess how usable, user-friendly and intuitive DIKSHA is to a screen reader user or a user of magnification. Therefore, we would like to invite members of the blind and low vision community to come test out DIKSHA by participating in an end user testing exercise designed to obtain feedback from users who are blind or have low vision. We believe this would lead to the development of a better, more inclusive DIKSHA.

As a recognition and acknowledgement of your valuable contribution to DIKSHA, Epathshala and the community at large, NCERT will issue a certificate of appreciation for participation in this review process.

How to get involved?

If you are a screen reader user or a user of magnification and would like to volunteer, request you to register yourself on this **Google Form** (<https://bit.ly/3xxND3Q>) and we will get in touch with you with the details of the process.

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