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Teachers' Assistant for Reading Assessment

# WORKSHOP ON FLUENCY : ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTIONS



Date:

**January 31, 2024 (10:00 am – 5:30 pm)**

Venue:

**Jal Vihar Conference Room, IIT Bombay**

The workshop will be held in Hybrid mode

Please [click here](#) to register by 27th January 2024.

## About the Workshop

Foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) hold the keys to progress in contemporary societies. Given the country's poor track record with so many children not acquiring basic skills, the government has rightly prioritized FLN in the National Education Policy 2020, and the NIPUN Bharat programme that followed it. Fluency is emphasised in these policies and programmes as an important indicator of early reading proficiency. The role and place of fluency in early reading will be discussed at this workshop.

There are multiple dimensions to the puzzle of achieving robust early literacy; one of these is the need for simple and reliable assessment processes. In this context, we will present IIT Bombay's work in developing and testing objective and scalable automatic assessment tools for reading fluency in terms of established rubrics such as words correct per minute and expressiveness, along with case studies of recently conducted large-scale pilots using the tool with both English and Hindi language texts for Class 3 students across the country in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. Feedback will be solicited from workshop participants on the further development of this tool, which could potentially help establish reliable and valid fluency benchmarks in different languages.

A second aspect to achieving strong foundations in early literacy is knowing how to use assessment data to inform instructional strategies. Workshop participants, representing important stakeholders in the early education ecosystem such as government education departments, school systems and NGOs, will discuss strategies with a view to informing how fluency assessment data can be meaningfully used in classrooms to raise overall levels of foundational literacy.

## Speakers

- **Dr. Shailaja Menon**  
Lead, Center of Excellence in Early Language and Literacy, Tata Trusts
- **Shri N. R. Murali**  
Joint Commissioner (Academics)  
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan
- **Nilesh Nimkar**  
Director  
Quest
- **Prof. Preeti Rao**  
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- **Saktibrata Sen**  
Senior Director, Programs,  
Room to Read
- **Gayatri Vaidya**  
Associate V-P  
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- **Dr. Pooja Nakamura**  
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