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# Preface

The State Council of Educational Research and Training has developed the State Curriculum Framework - 2011 and Position Papers in tune with the National Curriculum Framework - 2005 and the Right to Education Act - 2009. Accordingly a new set of textbooks have been designed to be introduced in a phased manner. In the year 2012-13, the first of this series of textbooks have been developed for classes I, II, III, VI, and VII. Practicing teachers are involved in the production of the books along with the state level and national level experts.

Hitherto, English was introduced in Non-English Medium Schools in class III. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has introduced English for the first time in class I in 2011-12 in all Non-English Medium Schools also. This year, i.e., 2012-13, English is being introduced in class II in all Non-English Medium Schools. With this, all classes from I to X will have English as one of the subjects, irrespective of the medium of instruction. Therefore, in order to have parity among students of English and non-English medium students, a common English Textbook is introduced in all media from June 2012. Moreover, since IT enabled learning, multilingualism, and language across the curriculum would greatly enhance the child's learning, it would not be a problem for the non-English medium child to learn English as effectively as the child in English medium does. This single textbook norm is already in practice in many states including Tamil Nadu, Bihar, and Kerala. Further, students of all media have a common English Textbook at Intermediate level in our state.

This textbook, **"Our World through English"** class VII, is an integrated one in the sense it has The Main Reader component, The Supplementary Reader component and The Workbook component interwoven into a single textbook. Hence, these components are found in each and every unit. The language skills like listening, speaking, reading, and writing are integrated in the larger context of the themes as suggested in NCF - 2005. The activities are so designed as to ensure the holistic treatment of language.

The main aim of teaching English is to help learners evolve themselves as independent users of English. I hope this textbook will help teachers and students achieve this by making the teaching-learning process effective.

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- Rabindranath Tagore

Jana-gana-mana-adhinayaka, jaya he

Bharata-bhagya-vidhata.

Punjab-Sindh-Gujarat-Maratha

Dravida-Utkala-Banga

Vindhya-Himachala-Yamuna-Ganga

Uchchala-Jaladhi-taranga.

Tava shubha name jage,

Tava shubha asisa mage,

Gahe tava jaya gatha,

Jana-gana-mangala-dayaka jaya he

Bharata-bhagya-vidhata.

Jaya he, jaya he, jaya he,

Jaya jaya jaya, jaya he!

## PLEDGE

“India is my country. All Indians are my brothers and sisters.

I love my country, and I am proud of its rich and varied heritage.

I shall always strive to be worthy of it.

I shall give my parents, teachers and all elders respect,  
and treat everyone with courtesy. I shall be kind to animals

To my country and my people, I pledge my devotion.

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**IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY** this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do **HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.**