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## Greetings to all Language Enthusiasts...!!

Dear readers, let's take a moment to reflect on literacy and be grateful for this beautiful ability that forms the core of a wholesome learning process. This edition of the newsletter begins with a refreshing article about literacy, its types, the power it brings and ways to promote it. FLOA seeks to promote the same through foreign language learning and is proud to have held sessions in various schools in the state.

FLOA is driven to promote, to push forward and go the extra mile for the promotion of modern foreign languages while also recognizing the problems that many students face. To commemorate August 12th, celebrated as International Youth Day, we bring our readers an article about the youth and call their attention to the various aspects of youth empowerment and challenges they face. Learning foreign languages takes us a step closer to becoming a global citizen and invokes the notion of "vasudhaiva kutumbakam" where the world is said to be one's family. The FLOA philosophy resonates with this notion and brings you an article about world humanitarian day, thereby shedding light on human ignorance, the role of artificial intelligence and global conflicts. The article is written by Mr. Shubham Dhanashree Chandrakant, who is a professor of Economics at Kaveri College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune.

Another article about world tourism day is featured in this newsletter to cherish the "global citizen" within us and celebrate travel and tourism. FLOA is happy and proud about its contribution in shaping the modern global citizen.



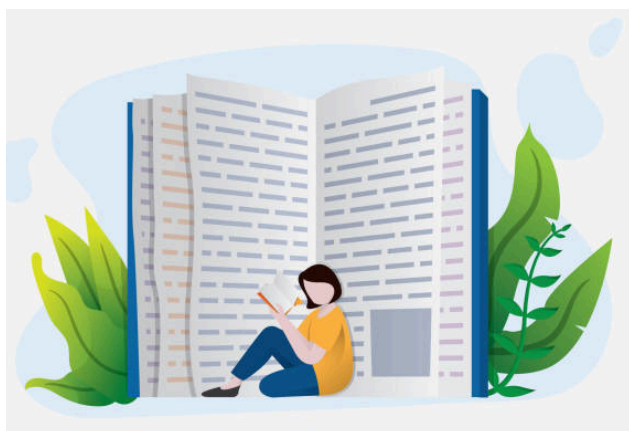
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## Literacy: The Key to Unlocking Human Potential

International Literacy Day is a celebration of the power of literacy to transform lives and communities. As we celebrate this day, let us also recognize the importance of literacy in the 21st century and the need to promote literacy education and support literacy programs. Together, we can help unlock the full potential of individuals and communities around the world. September 8th marks International Literacy Day, a celebration of the transformative power of literacy. Literacy is more than just the ability to read and write; it is a fundamental human right that unlocks the doors to education, economic opportunities, and social mobility.



## Types of Literacy



Literacy is a multifaceted concept that encompasses various types of skills and knowledge. While traditional notions of literacy focused solely on reading and writing, modern definitions recognize a broader range of literacies. In this article, we will explore the different types of literacy, their significance, and how they impact our daily lives.

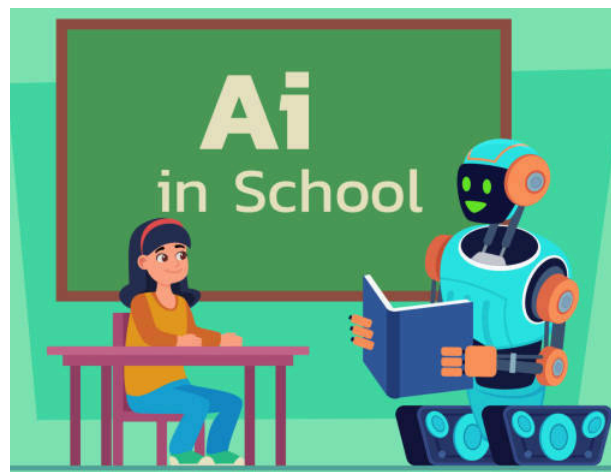
1. **Traditional Literacy:** This type of literacy refers to the ability to read and write. It is the foundation of all other literacies and is essential for communication, education, and personal development.
2. **Functional Literacy:** Functional literacy goes beyond basic reading and writing skills. It involves the ability to apply literacy skills in everyday situations, such as filling out forms, reading instructions, and understanding news articles.
3. **Information Literacy:** In today's digital age, information literacy is crucial. It involves the ability to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively. This type of literacy is essential for academic research, professional development, and informed decision-making.



4. **Digital Literacy:** Digital literacy refers to the ability to use digital technologies, such as computers, smartphones, and tablets, to access, evaluate, and create information. This type of literacy is essential for participating in the digital economy and staying connected in a rapidly changing world.

5. **Media Literacy:** Media literacy involves the ability to critically evaluate and interpret the

information presented in various media formats, such as newspapers, television, and social media. This type of literacy is essential for making informed decisions and navigating the complexities of modern media.



6. **Visual Literacy:** Visual literacy refers to the ability to interpret and create visual messages, such as images, videos, and graphics. This type of literacy is essential for effective communication, artistic expression, and professional success.

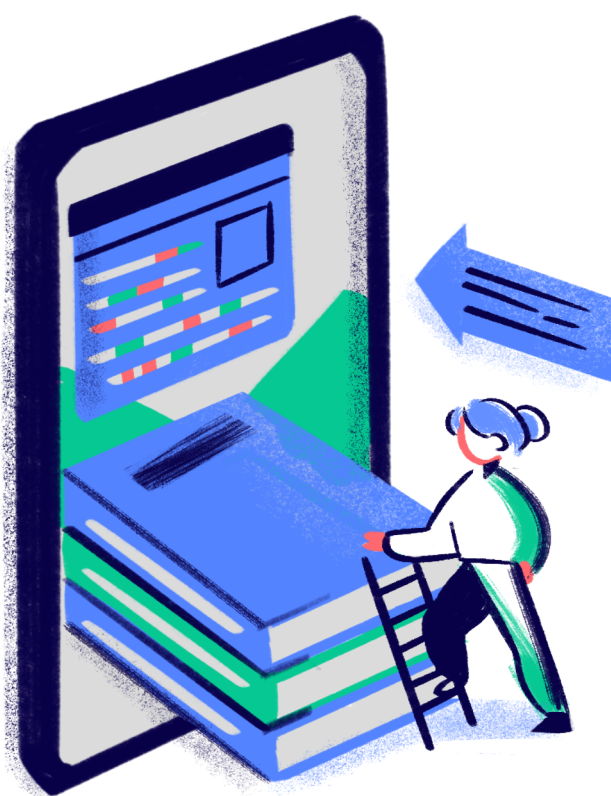
7. **Cultural Literacy:** Cultural literacy involves the ability to understand and appreciate the cultural nuances and differences that shape our global community. This type of literacy is essential for fostering empathy, promoting cross-cultural understanding, and navigating the complexities of global communication.

8. **Health Literacy:** Health literacy refers to the ability to access, understand, and use health information to make informed decisions about

one's health. This type of literacy is essential for maintaining good health, managing chronic conditions, and navigating the healthcare system.

9. **Financial Literacy:** Financial literacy involves the ability to manage personal finances effectively, including budgeting, saving, and investing. This type of literacy is essential for achieving financial stability, avoiding debt, and securing long-term financial security.

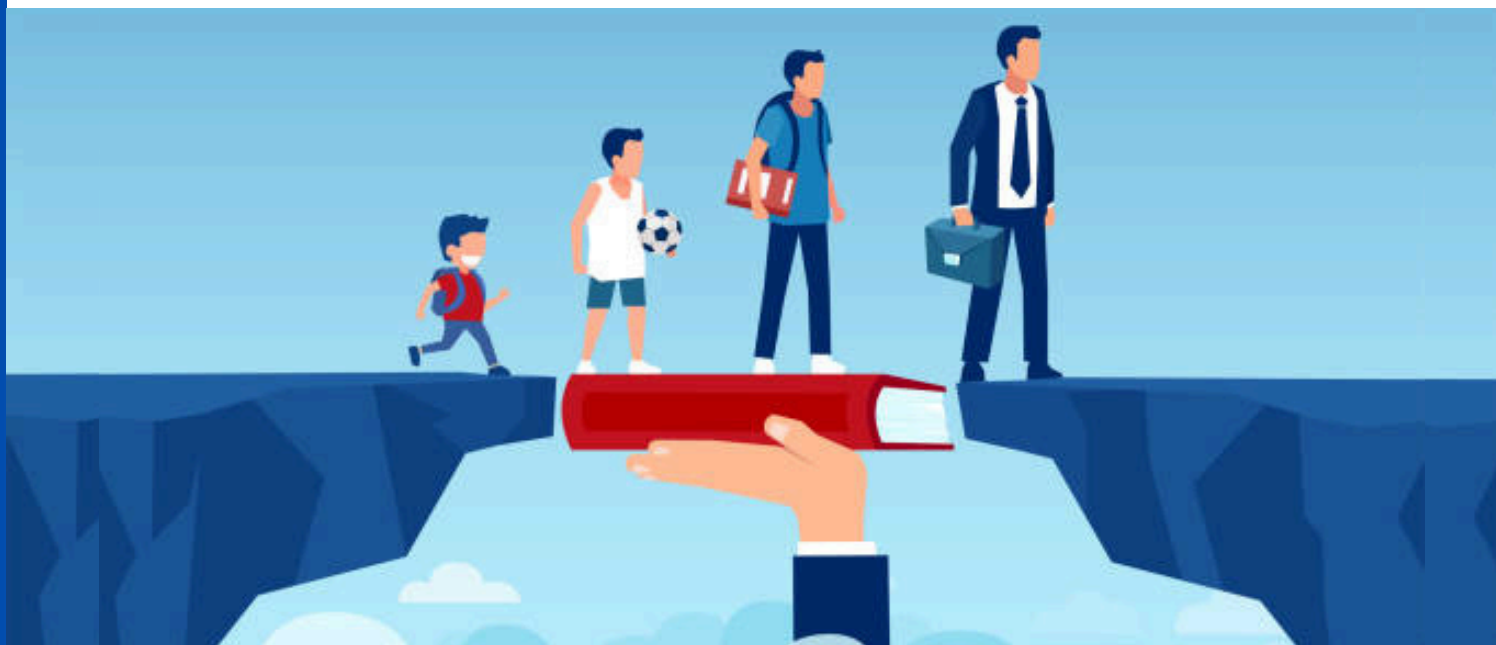
10. **Environmental Literacy:** Environmental literacy refers to the ability to understand and appreciate the natural world, including the impact of human activities on the environment. This type of literacy is essential for promoting sustainability, conserving natural resources, and mitigating the effects of climate change.





## The Power of Literacy

Literacy has the power to break the cycle of poverty, to empower individuals and communities, and to foster social and economic development. When individuals are literate, they are better equipped to participate in the workforce, to access healthcare and education, and to exercise their civic rights.



Despite the importance of literacy, millions of people around the world still lack basic literacy skills. According to UNESCO, there are over 750 million adults worldwide who cannot read or write, with two-thirds of them being women. In addition, 250 million children are out of school, with many more attending school but not learning due to inadequate education systems.

In today's rapidly changing world, literacy is more important than ever. The ability to read, write, and communicate effectively is essential for success in the workforce, for accessing information and technology, and for participating in civic life.

## Ways to Promote Literacy

**Supporting Literacy Programs:** Supporting literacy programs and organizations that provide literacy training and education.

**Volunteering as a Literacy Tutor:** Volunteering as a literacy tutor to help adults and children improve their literacy skills.

**Advocating for Literacy Education:** Advocating for literacy education and promoting the importance of literacy in schools and communities.



## Conclusion

From the above information, we come to know that literacy is a fundamental right that empowers individuals, communities, and societies. It encompasses various types of skills and knowledge, including traditional, functional, digital, media, visual, cultural, health, financial, and environmental literacy. By promoting literacy, we can foster education, economic growth, social mobility, and sustainable development, ultimately unlocking human potential and creating a brighter future for all.



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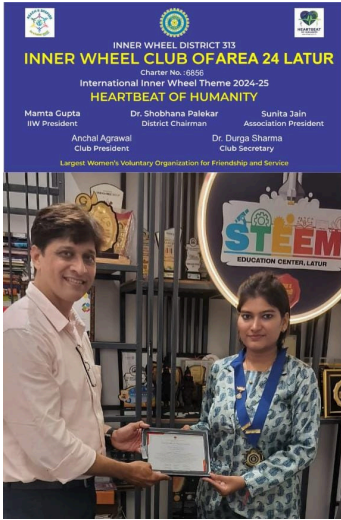




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"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow." — Nelson Mandela

International Youth Day is a special occasion that happens every year to honor young people and acknowledge the amazing things they contribute to society. It also shines a light on the various challenges and issues that youth face around the world. Every year on August 12th, International Youth Day is celebrated with enthusiasm and dedication. This day is all about honoring the energy, ideals, and contributions of young people. It serves as a reminder to:-



1. Acknowledge the potential and accomplishments of youth.
2. Encourage youth empowerment, participation, and development.
3. Tackle the challenges and issues that young people face.
4. Celebrate the diversity, creativity, and enthusiasm that youth bring to the table

## Challenges Faced by Youth

Even though young people have so much potential, they often encounter significant hurdles that can hold them back from achieving their dreams. Here are some key issues they face:-



### 1. Education and Employment

Limited access to quality education and job opportunities significantly affects young people's ability to reach their full potential.

#### Access and Quality :-

Globally around 250 million children lack access to formal education and many who attend school do not acquire essential skills for their futures. In India, the education system often prioritizes rote memorization over critical thinking and practical skills, leaving students unprepared for modern challenges.

### Digital Divide :-

Young people from marginalized communities often struggle with limited access to digital resources, which creates gaps in educational opportunities and keeps them from fully engaging in the digital economy.

## Unemployment Rates :-

Youth unemployment remains high, particularly in low- income countries where only one in five young people have jobs. In India, urban youth and young women face particularly severe challenges in finding employment. As of Q3 FY25, the youth unemployment rate in India was 16.1% for those aged 15-29.

## Skills Mismatch :-

There is often gap between the qualifications that youth acquire and the skills demanded in the job market, leading to unemployment and frustration.



### 1. Health and Well Being

Mental health concerns, substance abuse and inadequate healthcare services continue to affect young people's overall well being. Addressing this issue is essential to nurturing a resilient and healthy youth population.

### 2. Inequality and Social Justice

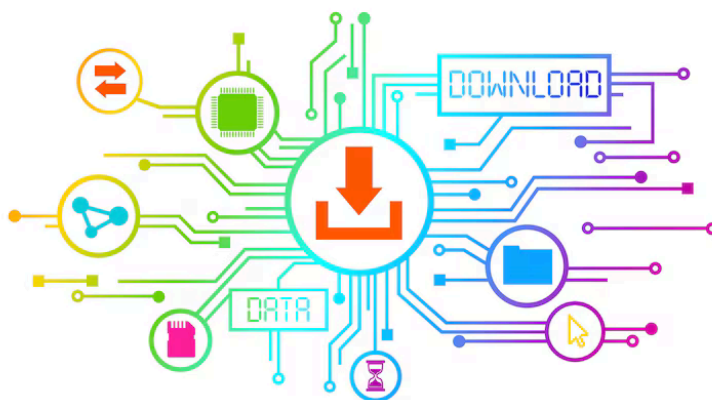
Discrimination, social exclusion, and marginalization limit many young people's opportunities and ability to participate meaningfully in society. Women and marginalized groups often face additional barriers to employment and education.

## Empowering Youth

To overcome these challenges, it is essential to empower young people with the necessary skills, knowledge, and opportunities to succeed. Some effective strategies include:

### 1. Quality Education:

- Ensuring access to inclusive and relevant education that prepares youth for the modern workforce.
- Technology Integration: Leveraging technology to provide quality learning experiences, especially in areas affected by conflict or limited internet access. Hybrid learning models and AI-driven solutions can make education more personalized and accessible.





## 2. Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship:

- Providing opportunities for skill development, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- Skills Development: Focusing on practical skills such as problem-solving, AI literacy, and green skills to enhance employability.
- Public-Private Partnerships: Encouraging collaborations between governments, the private sector, and NGOs to create job opportunities and vocational training programs.

## 3. Mentorship and Leadership:

- Connecting youth with mentors who can guide them through their personal and professional development. Building leadership skills can also inspire them to become change-makers in their communities.

## 4. Inclusive and Participatory Governance:

- Creating avenues for youth to participate in decision-making processes and governance, ensuring their voices are heard and valued.
- Inclusive Job Creation: Prioritizing job creation for young women and marginalized groups to bridge employment gaps and address social inequalities.



## Conclusion

International Youth Day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of investing in young people. By equipping them with education, skills, and opportunities, we can tap into their immense potential and build a brighter future for everyone. Let us celebrate their diversity, creativity, and energy while working hand in hand to amplify their voices and ensure their contributions are valued and appreciated.



Abhishek Alandikar

अयं निजः परो वेति गणना लघुचेतसाम्!!  
उदारचरितानां तु वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् !!

(This is mine, that is his, say the small minded, the wise believe that the entire world is a family.)

Chapter 6 of the Maha Upanishad

## The Power of Human Ignorance: A Call for Unity and Responsibility

Human ignorance has often been one of the most impactful forces in history. Despite knowing the catastrophic potential of nuclear weapons to obliterate human civilization, we continue to produce and stockpile them. We are acutely aware of the devastating consequences of climate change, such as disrupted weather patterns, reduced food production, and rising sea levels, yet we persist in polluting the planet. The pandemic exposed our vulnerability and the dire need for preparedness, yet we continue to neglect critical lessons. If these instances weren't alarming enough, we still engage in conflicts, with statistics showing that 5 to 6 million lives have been lost globally to violence since the beginning of the 21st century.



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Crisis Denial



Humanitarian Denial



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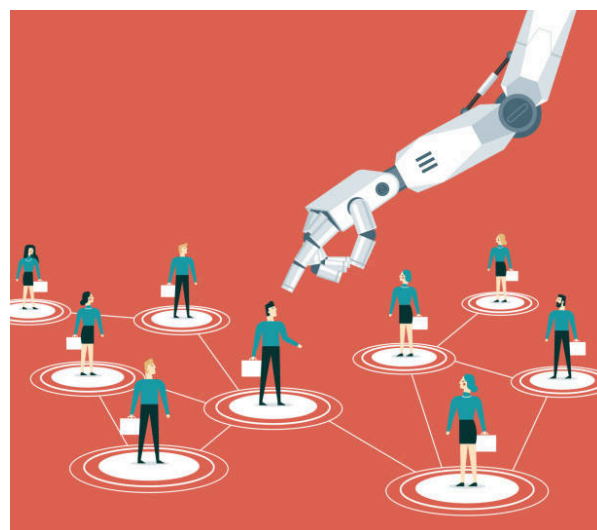
Our attention is diverted from the urgent challenges at hand: What are today's most pressing issues? What decisions should we prioritize? What lessons should we impart to future generations? Instead of focusing on the key forces shaping our societies and influencing the planet's future, we are consumed by irrelevant information, leaving few with the privilege to reflect on humanity's destiny.

For many, survival takes precedence. A single mother in the slums is preoccupied with finding the next meal, while a child in the Gaza Strip dreams of a day free from bombings. While immediate action for every individual may not always be possible, these realities offer profound lessons in resilience and hope.

To honor such lessons and remind us of our shared humanity, the United Nations General Assembly designated August 19th as World Humanitarian Day in 2008, commemorating the 2003 Baghdad bomb attack.

## The Role of Artificial Intelligence

The future of the job market remains uncertain. While robotics could render millions of workers economically redundant, automation also holds the potential to spur prosperity through the creation of new jobs. If we prioritize equipping people with future-ready skills and economic security, we can build strong communities and foster meaningful pursuits, paving the way for generational blessings. However, we must vigilantly monitor the growing influence of algorithms to prevent the rise of digital dictatorships that could undermine human authority.



## Terrorism and Global Conflicts

Despite the intensity of disagreements and the scale of global challenges, humanity has the capacity to rise above fear and ego. Terrorists excel in manipulating minds—they may kill a few but instill fear in millions, destabilizing political structures. Rising tensions among global powers and unyielding global issues are edging us closer to potential global conflicts. This divisiveness stems from insular mindsets, where nations, religions, and cultures prioritize themselves over a collective human identity.



Learning new languages and embracing diverse cultures can foster unity and broaden perspectives, encouraging an inclusive mindset that sees humanity as one. Humility, both at the personal and global level, is vital. Terrorism, after all, is not only a global threat but also a psychological one, often fueled by opportunistic leaders exploiting fear and division.

## Singapore: A Case Study in Harmony

Singapore offers a remarkable example of cultural integration and harmony despite its diverse population. The country's public housing system ensures a mix of ethnic groups within neighborhoods, fostering interaction and understanding among communities. Schools celebrate cultural diversity through initiatives like Racial Harmony Day, teaching respect for all traditions, attire, and religions.



By celebrating shared national identity alongside individual cultures, Singapore effectively bridges ethnic divides.

## Conclusion

World Humanitarian Day serves as a poignant reminder of the compassion and courage that unite humanity. It underscores the importance of solidarity in addressing global challenges and highlights our collective responsibility to ensure no one is left behind in times of crisis.

Let us draw inspiration from the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam—the world is one family—to act with empathy and take meaningful steps toward a more humane future.

By embracing unity, responsibility, and hope, we can pave the way for a world rooted in kindness, inclusivity, and shared purpose.



**Shubham Dhanashree  
Chandrakant**

## World Tourism Day: Celebrating the Power of Tourism

September 27th marks World Tourism Day, a celebration of the importance of tourism in promoting cultural understanding, economic growth, and sustainable development. This day was designated by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in 1979 to raise awareness about the benefits of tourism and to promote responsible and sustainable tourism practices.

### The Importance of Tourism

Tourism is one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in the world, accounting for approximately 10% of global GDP and supporting over 300 million jobs. Tourism has the power to break down cultural barriers, promote understanding and tolerance, and foster global citizenship. Tourism is a significant contributor to economic growth, particularly in developing countries. The tourism industry generates revenue, creates jobs, and stimulates local economies. According to the UNWTO, international tourism receipts have grown from \$2 billion in 1950 to over \$1.7 trillion in 2018.



### Tourism and Cultural Heritage

Tourism plays a vital role in promoting cultural heritage and preserving traditional practices. Cultural tourism, in particular, has become increasingly popular, with tourists seeking authentic experiences and opportunities to engage with local communities. Sustainable tourism is essential for ensuring that the benefits of tourism are shared equitably and that the negative impacts are minimized. Sustainable tourism practices, such as eco-tourism, responsible travel, and community-based tourism, can help reduce the environmental and social impacts of tourism.



## Challenges Facing the Tourism Industry

Despite its many benefits, the tourism industry faces several challenges, including:

1. **Climate Change:** Climate change poses a significant threat to the tourism industry, with rising temperatures, sea-level rise, and extreme weather events affecting tourist destinations and infrastructure.
2. **Overtourism:** Overtourism has become a major concern, with popular destinations experiencing overcrowding, strain on local resources, and degradation of the environment.
3. **Safety and Security:** Safety and security concerns, such as terrorism, crime, and health risks, can deter tourists and impact the tourism industry.

## Opportunities for Sustainable Tourism



Despite these challenges, there are many opportunities for sustainable tourism, including:

1. **Eco-Tourism:** Eco-tourism, which focuses on responsible travel to natural areas, can help promote conservation and support local communities.
2. **Community-Based Tourism:** Community-based tourism, which involves local communities in the tourism development process, can help ensure that benefits are shared equitably and that local cultures are preserved.
3. **Technology and Innovation:** Technology and innovation can help reduce the environmental and social impacts of tourism, improve the tourist experience, and enhance destination management.

## Conclusion

World Tourism Day is a celebration of the power of tourism to promote cultural understanding, economic growth, and sustainable development. As we celebrate this day, let us also recognize the challenges facing the tourism industry and the opportunities for sustainable tourism. By working together, we can ensure that tourism is a force for good, promoting peace, understanding, and prosperity for all.



Surendra Kulkarni



Which language is spoken in the small town of Mattur in Karnataka?

- a. Sanskrit
- b. Tamil
- c. Urdu
- d. Portugese



2. Fill in the blanks for the NATO alphabet: Aplha, Bravo, Charlie, \_\_, Echo

- a. Delta
- b. Dora
- c. Deer
- d. Derma

3. Which of these is not the name of Japanese script

- a. Hiragana
- b. Katakana
- c. Konnichiwa
- d. Kanji

4. Which of these is not a Classical Language in India?

- a. Odia
- b. Pali
- c. Assamese
- d. Sindhi



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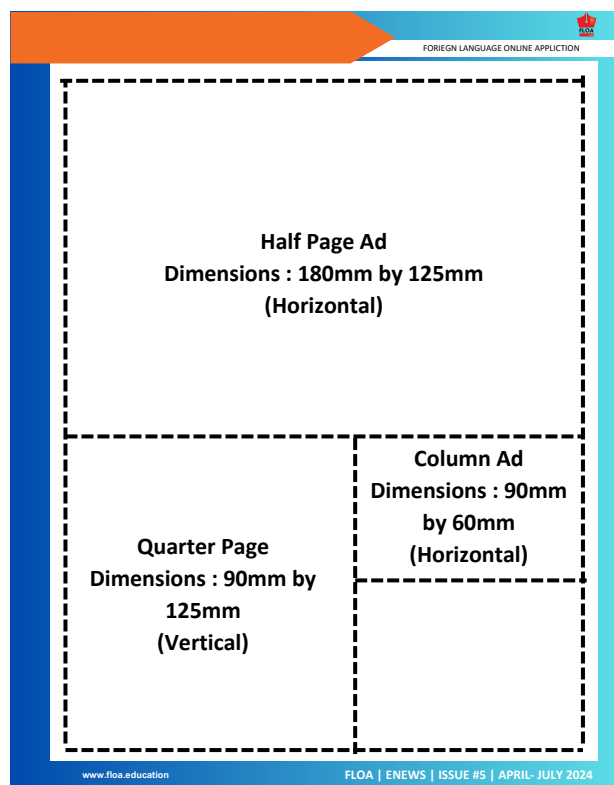
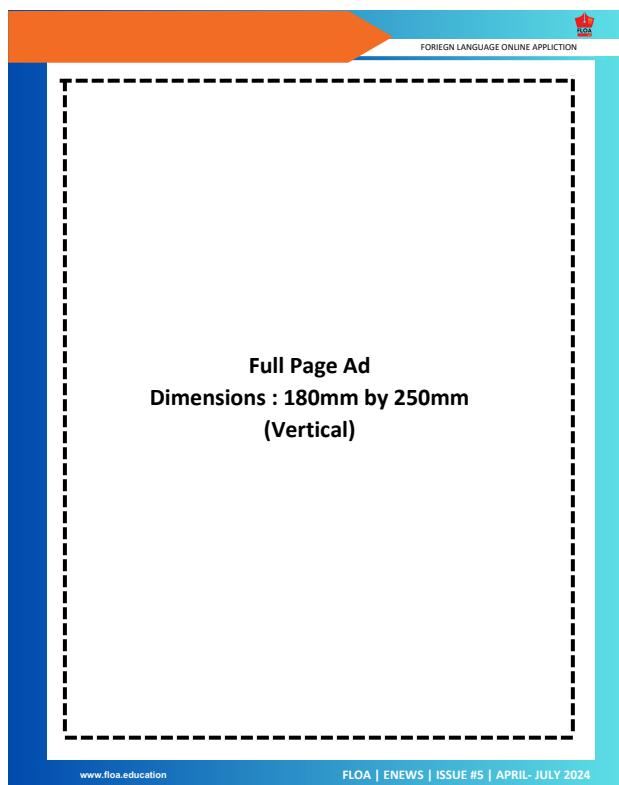
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- b. Hanuman Point
- c. Cape Comorin
- d. Pamban Point

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- d. Bengali
- d. Urdu
- b. Tamil
- a. Bhagwan Birsa Munda
- d. Britain



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