

NCSL 2026 Innovation Showcase

Guidelines for Submission and Selection

What is the Innovation Showcase?

The NCSL 2026 Innovation Showcase seeks to identify and disseminate exemplary practices that demonstrate innovation, effectiveness, and sustainability in library services. NCSL 2026 invites school librarians, library teachers, library In-charges, and educational institutions across India to showcase innovative practices that they have implemented successfully in their libraries.

The showcase should be a demonstration and presentation of innovation practices that have already been implemented in schools and educational institutions and have demonstrated positive outcomes and potential for replication across diverse educational contexts.

Showcase I	Showcase II
School Library Innovation Showcase: Transforming Learning Spaces	Best Practices Forum: Replicable Models for School Libraries
A dynamic stage-based session where selected presenters demonstrate practices that have transformed library services and learning experiences — through practical demonstrations, live presentations, and real-world implementation models that bridge policy and practice in line with NEP 2020. Live demonstrations may include library makerspaces, reading-promotion campaigns, digital storytelling, mobile library and community outreach, AI-assisted library services, and inclusive library space redesigns.	A practitioner-focused session highlighting successful, innovative, and scalable initiatives with measurable impact on teaching, learning, literacy development, student engagement, and community participation. The Forum focuses on evidence-based case studies, practical demonstrations, and measurable outcomes — emphasising approaches that are sustainable, scalable, and adaptable across diverse school environments.

Eligibility Criteria

Submitted innovation showcase must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

- The innovation practice must have been implemented within school libraries and educational institutions.
- The innovation practice should demonstrate sustained implementation and evidence of positive outcomes.

- The submission must be presented by individuals directly involved in the conception, implementation, or evaluation of the innovation practice.
- Commercial product promotions or practices lacking documented implementation and evaluation will not be considered.

How will your submission be judged?

Your submission will be reviewed by a Committee constituted by the Library and Documentation Division (LDD), NCERT.

	Selection Criteria	Points	What the Committee will look for
1.	Is the practice innovative and creative?	20	Does the library do something different from the usual, and demonstrate a fresh, creative, or context-specific approach?
2.	Has the innovation practice demonstrated positive outcomes for students?	20	Can the presenter demonstrate improvements in reading, participation, learning, or other relevant outcomes?
3.	Can other schools/institutes replicate it?	20	Is the practice simple and affordable enough for another library—even one with fewer resources—to implement it?
4.	Does the innovation practice align with the vision of NEP 2020?	20	Does the practice promote reading habits, joy of learning, community involvement, or local knowledge, in keeping with the key ideas of NEP 2020?
5.	Can you provide evidence of the innovation practice?	10	Can the presenter demonstrate it with photographs, videos, or other relevant means?
6.	Is the innovation practice ongoing?	10	Is the practice ongoing and sustainable rather than dependent on a one-time grant or a single teacher?

What do you need to send?

Please fill in the Submission Form and send it before the deadline.

<https://forms.gle/e4JVzy4Nqn69PEaM7>

In the form, you will be asked to provide:

1. Title of the Innovation Practice
2. Provide a brief summary of the Innovation Practice, including why was the practice started? How was it implemented? Response of the students and impact on reading and learning. (in 250 words)
3. Attach Photographs/ Screenshots/ Videos of the activities.

Key Dates at a Glance

What	When
Last date to submit	15 September 2026
Results announced	25 September 2026
Send your presentation slides/materials	10 November 2026
NCSL 2026 — Innovation Showcase	19–20 November 2026

Website: <https://ncert.nic.in/idd/ncsl>