

Orientation Session on Yamuna River Initiative (YaRI) for Zonal Coordinators of Rashtraneeti and Science of living programs



The Yamuna River Initiative (YaRI) is a school-based programme aimed at fostering awareness and respect among students about the legacy of the River Yamuna Under the visionary guidance of the Hon'ble Director of Education Ma'am and Additional Director Ma'am, the initiative is to be integrated with the Rashtraneeti and Science of Living program in DoE schools, in collaboration with the Modern Institute of Education (MIE), reflecting a strong commitment to environmental and value-based education.

In this context, Modern Institute of Education (MIE) conducted an orientation session for Zonal Coordinators of Rashtraneeti and Science of living programs on 28 January 2026 at the MP Hall, Vidya Sameeksha Kendra.

The orientation session comprised interactive discussions aimed at familiarising participants with the aims, objectives, tools, and pedagogical framework of YaRI, and to support DoE schools in integrating the initiative into their everyday classroom practices.

The two-hour session, held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., was attended by Ms Seema Roy Chowdhury, DDE (Rashtraneeti and Science of living), Mr. Pradeep Kumar, OSD along with 51 participants (Zonal Coordinators).



The session progressed with a detailed presentation on YaRI by Dr. Anviti Singh and Dr. Feroz Khan. It was highlighted that YaRI is based on an interdisciplinary approach, with the objective of integrating the River Yamuna across Rashtraneeti and Science of living programs taught at various stages—from the Foundational Stage to the Secondary Stage.

To support this integration, participants were informed that the storybook “The River Speaks” and the teacher handbook “The Yamuna River: Its Future & You” should be used as resources to design activities. These resources are available on the YaRI website at www.yari.org.in.

The orientation session concluded with a shared understanding that YaRI would be systematically integrated into Rashtraneeti and Science of living classroom practices, thereby fostering environmental awareness, interdisciplinary learning, and a sense of responsibility among students towards the River Yamuna.

