



UNIVERSALISATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION (ECCE)

Provision of universal quality early childhood development, care and education must be achieved as soon as possible and no later than 2030, to ensure that all students entering Grade 1 are school ready.

The overarching goal will be to ensure universal access to high-quality ECCE across the country in a phased manner. Special attention and priority will be given to districts and locations that are particularly socio-economically disadvantaged.

It is visualised that prior to the age of 5, every child will move to a “Preparatory Class” or “Balavatika” (i.e., before Class 1), which has an ECCE qualified teacher.

