

PREFACE

Storybooks are vital for the development of language and literacy skills among children at the Foundational Stage. They act as gateways to learning, as children acquire language most effectively through listening, observing, imagining, and discussing. Recognising this developmental need, State Samagra Shiksha took the initiative to develop this storybook titled “Wari Lairik”. This thoughtfully developed book for Grade 1 learners is based on the belief that stories are powerful tools for shaping young minds, nurturing values, and laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

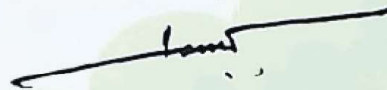
Since most children in Grade 1 are still developing independent reading skills, Wari Lairik follows a shared reading approach, where the teacher reads the stories aloud, discusses them with learners, and encourages meaningful interaction. Each story is simple, age-appropriate, and relatable to the everyday experiences of children, enabling them to connect emotionally and socially with the characters and situations.

This book contains 20 short, value-based stories, each carefully developed around core human values such as helping, sharing, cooperation, cleanliness, honesty, respect, responsibility, and kindness. These values are not taught directly, but are woven naturally into the narrative, allowing children to understand and internalise them through reflection and discussion. While developing the stories, due consideration has also been given to the six themes prescribed in the State Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage (SCF-FS).

To deepen understanding, questions are provided at the end of each story, focusing on awareness, sensitivity, and creativity. These questions encourage children to think beyond the story, express their feelings, recognise emotions, relate situations to real life, and respond creatively through ideas, actions, or expressions. This approach supports holistic development rather than rote learning.

This storybook has been developed under the initiative of Samagra Shiksha with academic guidance and support from DIET faculty and school teachers from across the state. Their collective experience, classroom insights, and understanding of young learners have enriched the stories, ensuring that they reflect values and life skills essential for children at the foundational stage.

It is hoped that Wari Lairik will serve as a valuable resource for teachers and a delightful learning companion for children, planting the seeds of values and positive attitudes at an early age. Positive feedback and suggestions from readers and users are highly appreciated for further improvement of this book.



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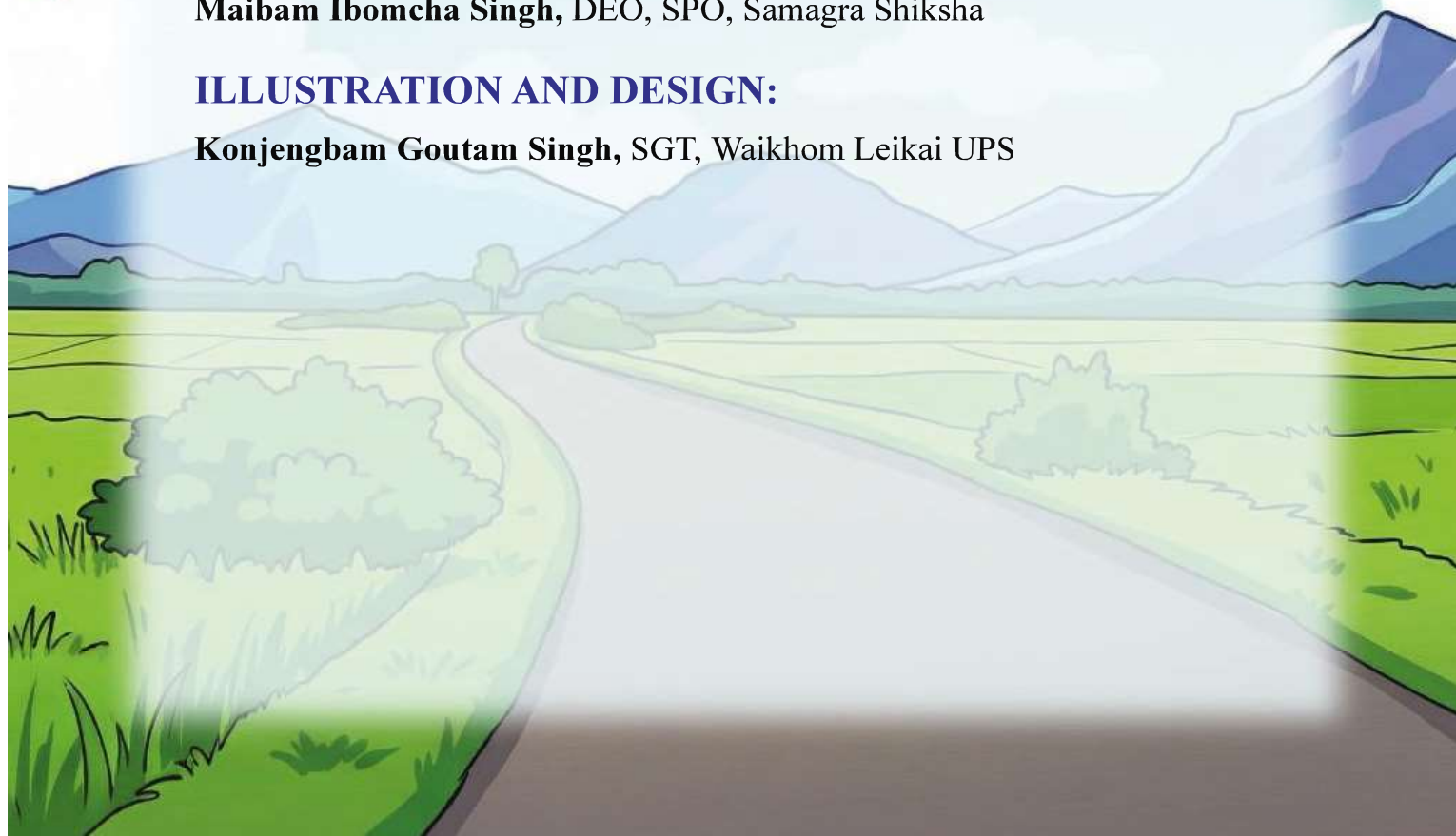
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