

ENGINEERING COLLEGES IN 8 STATES TO START STUDIES IN 5 LANGUAGES, SAYS PM MODI

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled several initiatives related to the education sector in India to mark the first anniversary of [National Education Policy](#) (NEP) 2020.

The [projects](#) launched today include Academic Bank of Credits, AI-based translation of first-year engineering curriculum in 11 regional languages, internationalisation of higher education, National Digital Education Architecture, and National Education Technology Forum.

Other initiatives launched by the Prime Minister included Vidya Pravesh - a three month play based school preparation module for Grade 1 students, Indian Sign Language as a Subject at secondary level, and NISHTHA 2.0 - an integrated teacher training programme designed by NCERT. SAFAL (Structured Assessment For Analyzing Learning Levels) - a competency based assessment framework for Grades 3, 5 and 8 in CBSE schools, and a website dedicated to Artificial Intelligence were also unveiled.

Academic Bank of Credits will provide multiple entry and exit points to students in higher education, providing them academic flexibility. The system will function like a digital bank, where students can amass credits from subjects of their choice, choosing or leaving a curriculum as per their preference. The accumulated credits can then be used for getting their degrees.

Under the initiative to translate first-year curriculum for engineering courses, AICTE has developed a AI-based translation tool compatible with Assamese, Bangla, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu.

Addressing the educational community and others on the one-year anniversary of NEP 2020, PM Narendra Modi said that 14 engineering colleges in eight states will soon start classes in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi and Bangla.

In his address, PM Modi said that our achievements in future will depend on the education being imparted to youth at present. "I believe that India's new National Education Policy is one of the big factors in the great endeavour of nation building."

"The new National Education Policy assures the youth that the country is now completely with them, with their spirits. The Artificial Intelligence programme which has just been launched will also make our youth future oriented, opening the way for AI driven economy," the Prime Minister said.

PM Modi exuded confidence that best educational institutions from all over the world will come to India, marking a change from the earlier mindset that students have to go abroad for better education.

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