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## Announcements

### Report on United District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2019-20

July 01, 2021

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has released the Report on United Information System for Education Plus (UDISE) 2019-20 for School Education in India.

**Read more at:** [https://udiseplus.gov.in/assets/img/DCF2021/UDISE+2019\\_20\\_Booklet.pdf](https://udiseplus.gov.in/assets/img/DCF2021/UDISE+2019_20_Booklet.pdf)

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### NEET (UG) 2021 to be held with strict adherence to COVID19 protocols

July 12, 2021

The NEET (UG) 2021 will be held on 12th September 2021 across the country following COVID-19 protocols. In order to ensure social distancing norms, number of cities where examination will be conducted has been increased from 155 to 198. The number of examination centres will also be increased from 3862 centres used in 2020.

**Read more at:** [https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/PR\\_NEET.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/PR_NEET.pdf)

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### Department of School Education and Literacy launches NIPUN Bharat

July 05, 2021

Union Minister for Education, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' today virtually launched a National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat), for ensuring that every child in the country necessarily attains foundational literacy and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27.

**Read more at:** [https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/nipun\\_bharat\\_eng1.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/nipun_bharat_eng1.pdf)

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### Law school Curriculum should be redesigned: Study

July 02, 2021

Law school curriculum redesign is a must in a world that has been dynamically and irrevocably altered as a result of its impact with technology, and will continue to rapidly evolve in the years to come, says a study conducted by BML Munjal University (BMU) School of Law and Vahura, a legal search and consulting firm.

**Read more at:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/law-school-curriculum-should-be-redesigned-study/articleshow/84066432.cms>

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### CBSE along with MIC and AICTE to launch 'Innovation Ambassador Programme'

July 03, 2021

Central Board of Secondary Education has collaborated with Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and AICTE to launch 'Innovation Ambassador Programme'. The program will be launched for CBSE teachers where the Board will train 50,000 teachers as Innovation Ambassadors. The online training program for CBSE teachers will be launched on July 16, 2021.

Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/news/cbse-along-with-mic-and-aicte-to-launch-innovation-ambassador-programme-101625321636271.html>

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### CISCE Reduces Class 10 & 12 Syllabus For 2022 Exams

July 04, 2021

The Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has decided to reduce the syllabus considering the schools inability to complete classes due to continued lockdowns amidst the pandemic. The latest change in the syllabus will be applicable for Class 10 and Class 12 for the 2022 exams.

**Read more at:** <https://www.republicworld.com/india-news/education/cisce-reduces-class-10-and-12-syllabus-for-2022-exams-says-no-compromise-in-quality.html>

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## New Guidelines for JEE Advanced 2021

July 05, 2021

The Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced 2021 administering entity, IIT Kharagpur has released the information brochure and also examination dates for the engineering entrance exam.

**Read more at:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/jee-advanced-2021-new-guidelines-provide-flexibility-to-aspirants/articleshow/84133690.cms>

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## CBSE declares new scheme for 2021-22, academic year divided into two

July 05, 2021

CBSE released a notification on Monday announcing a new scheme for 2021-22 wherein the academic year will be divided into two halves

with approximately 50% syllabus in each term. The first term exam will be held in November

*For academic transactions, however, CBSE schools will follow the curriculum and syllabus released by CBSE on March 31. Schools will also use alternative academic calendar and inputs from the NCERT on transacting the curriculum.*

**Read more at:** <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/cbse-declares-new-scheme-for-2021-22-academic-year-divided-into-two-1824230-2021-07-05>

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## BRICS countries resolve to enhance academic collaboration in higher education and TVET

July 06, 2021

Education Ministers from the five BRICS countries virtually signed a joint declaration with the resolve to further strengthen their academic and research collaboration in higher education and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). In the 8th meeting of BRICS education Ministers that was held as part of the 13th BRICS Summit being hosted by India, ministers deliberated on two major themes.

- Leveraging digital and technological solutions for ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education
- Enhancing research and academic collaboration.

**Read more at:** <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1733158>

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## PM interacts with Directors of Centrally Funded Technical Institutions

July 08, 2021

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Directors of Centrally Funded Technical Institutions on 8th July 2021 via video conferencing. More than 100 Heads of Institutions joined the Prime Minister for this interaction.

He underlined the need to progress towards education models that are flexible, seamless, and able to provide learning opportunities as per the requirements of the learners. He said that access, affordability, equity, and quality should be the core values of such education models.

**Read more at:** <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1733711>

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## UGC releases new syllabus for History

July 10, 2021

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released a new history course for 'Bachelor of Arts (BA).' It has the theme 'Idea of India' in 'Paper One.' It will teach the history of India from an Indian perspective. It will teach the knowledge of science, art, culture, and psychology related to Indian history.

**Read more at:** <https://english.newstracklive.com/news/university-grants-commission-releases-new-syllabus-for-ba-mc23-nu764-ta322-1169947-1.html>

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## Union Education Minister reviews the Digital Education initiatives of the Ministry

July 13, 2021

Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan reviewed the Digital Education initiatives of the Ministry of Education including PM e-Vidya, National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR), Swayam, among others.

**Read more at:** <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1735023>

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## Karnataka

### Private schools seek phased start of offline classes in Karnataka

July 01, 2021

Private schools have urged the government to start offline classes in a phased manner. Members of the Federation of Private Schools and Colleges Management Association, Karnataka said the education department should take into account the number of students who would attend offline classes and also ensure a stringent Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

Read more at: <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/bengaluru/2021/jul/01/private-schools-seek-phased-start-of-offline-classes-in-karnataka-2323780.html>

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### Karnataka education department looks to revive 'Vidyagama'

July 03, 2021

The Karnataka government is likely to resume the 'Vidyagama' programme with some fine-tuning. Under the revitalised programme, teachers will meet students in small batches, instead of resuming offline classes in a full-fledged manner.

Read more at: <https://www.deccanherald.com/state/top-karnataka-stories/karnataka-education-department-looks-to-revive-vidyagama-1004273.html>

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### Government school to be part of satellite launch

July 09, 2021

Deputy Chief Minister in one of the events organised at Mattikere Model Primary School, by Sheshadripuram educational trust said that students of the Government Boys High School located in Malleshwaram will be involved in a program of launching 75 satellites as a part of the 75th Independence Day celebrations.

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With the help of the Indian Technological Congress Association and ISRO, Designing and making of the satellite will be done at the school by involving students of a few other government schools.

-Ashwath Narayan

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Read more at: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/news/government-school-to-be-part-of-satellite-launch-karnataka-dy-cm-101625804587076-amp.html>

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### **‘Mobile banks’ to be set up in Karnataka to help students access online classes**

July 12, 2021

In order to bridge the digital divide that is very prevalent in Karnataka hampering studies of children, the Karnataka government has decided to set up ‘Mobile Banks’ with the help of voluntary organisations, to help students access online classes.

**Read more at:** <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/-mobile-banks-to-be-set-up-in-karnataka-to-help-students-access-online-classes-1826927-2021-07-12>

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### **Karnataka to bridge online school learning gaps**

July 13, 2021

As access to the internet connection, unavailability of gadgets, and network issues continue to affect school students attending online classes, the Karnataka government is likely to use the space and infrastructure available in gram panchayat (GP) libraries situated across the state to impart online education.

Read more at: <https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/bangalore/karnataka-to-bridge-online-school-learning-gaps-by-installing-tv-sets-at-5766-gram-panchayat-libraries-7401865/>

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