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## Announcements

### **Universal Grants Commission (UGC) prepares guidelines for 'Blended Learning'**

**May 20, 2021**

UGC has announced that higher educational institutions (HEI) will be allowed to teach 40 per cent of any course online and the rest 60 % can be taught offline. The panel set by UGC has even sought suggestions and feedback from various stakeholders on the draft concept note.

**Read more at:** [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7782448\\_Public-Notice.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7782448_Public-Notice.pdf)

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### **UGC notifies 83 UG and 40 PG SWAYAM MOOCS courses to be offered by Universities**

**May 28, 2021**

UGC has notified 83 UG and 40 PG SWAYAM MOOCS courses that can be offered by Universities & Colleges for the benefit of the students/learners. The courses can be offered on the SWAYAM platform from July-October semester 2021.

**Read more at:** [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2094059\\_VC-letter-website.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2094059_VC-letter-website.pdf)

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## National

### National Education Policy on fast track, nationwide implementation kick starts in June May 17, 2021

A review committee will monitor task forces set up in 2020, at the central and state level for administering the policy for schools and higher education institutions; a dashboard will be supervised on a monthly and quarterly basis.

The implementation process of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, is set to hit top-gear with a live dashboard being set up by the Ministry of Education to monitor its progress, beginning June 2021 onwards.

**Read more at:** <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/economy/nep-2020-national-education-policy-on-fast-track-nationwide-implementation-kick-starts-in-june-6901341.html>

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### Education Minister holds key meeting with Education Secretaries May 17, 2021

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank held a key meeting with the Education Secretaries of all states. The union minister discussed at length the present situation, online education, preparedness of all states regarding the same as well as implementation of National Education Policy, NEP 2020.

**Read more at:** <https://www.timesnownews.com/education/article/education-minister-to-hold-key-meeting-today-decision-on-cbse-12th-board-exams-2021-likely/757848>

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## **Suraasa Launches Skill Qualifications For Teacher Empowerment In India**

**May 17, 2021**

The teacher growth-focused ed-tech platform, Suraasa, has announced the introduction of two new UK-accredited qualifications. These qualifications support the recently launched competency-based education policy 2020, with the objective of improving the quality of

The 'Certificate in Teaching' (Assessment & Evaluation) qualification by Suraasa supports the Indian government's vision of improving the current assessment system, based on rote memorization skills, with a one that tests higher-order skills such as analysis, critical thinking, and conceptual clarity. It empowers school principals and teachers with skills that enable them to build measurable assessments and evaluation frameworks as per the diverse needs of their students.

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teaching. 'Certificate in Teaching (Assessment & Evaluation)' and 'Award in Teaching (Online Teaching & Learning)' by Suraasa

are both the UK level 6 qualifications.

**Read more at:** <https://indiaeducationdiary.in/suraasa-launches-skill-qualifications-for-teacher-empowerment-in-india/>

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## **Ministry of Education, AICTE launch project to train 5 lakh students, educators in cyber security awareness**

**May 18, 2021**

The Ministry of Education, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), along with Cyber Peace Foundation have launched a project to train five lakh students, teachers in cyber security awareness. Titled- 'eSaksham', the digital training programme will be held at four levels

**Read more at:** <https://www.indiatvnews.com/education/news-ministry-of-education-aicte-launch-project-to-train-5-lakh-in-cyber-security-awareness-705428>

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## **Education Minister suggests providing digital devices for secondary school students**

**May 18, 2021**

The education minister conducted a meeting with all the state education secretaries yesterday where he suggested that all secondary school students should be provided with digital devices to make online learning more accessible during the pandemic.

Ramesh Pokhriyal discussed the status of online education in schools during the pandemic. He also talked about how students continue with online classes despite challenges faced during the pandemic.

**Read more at:** <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/education-minister-suggests-providing-digital-devices-for-secondary-school-students-1803898-2021-05-18>

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### **Education Minister Interacts With IITs, NITs, IISc Directors On NEP 2020, Online Classes** **May 20, 2021**

Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' is meeting with directors of IITs, NITs, IISc, IISER to discuss NEP 2020, online classes, and other issues. He exhorted that there is a need to maintain the quality education in these Institutes of National Importance besides taking adequate safety measures for managing COVID-19 situation.

**Read more at:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/need-to-maintain-quality-education-in-iits-education-minister-pokhriyal/articleshow/82822069.cms>

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### **UGC Asks Colleges to Implement National Innovation, Start-up Policy, Offers to Train Faculty** **May 21, 2021**

The University Grant Commission (UGC) has asked all the universities and colleges to implement National Innovation and Start-up Policy (NISIP) in their campuses. The policy aims to promote and support innovations and entrepreneurs right from the college level.

**Read more at:** <https://www.news18.com/news/education-career/ugc-asks-colleges-to-implement-national-innovation-start-up-policy-offers-to-train-faculty-3761354.html>

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## UGC to introduce 'blended teaching' in universities, colleges

May 22, 2021

The University Grants Commission (UGC) prepares draft guidelines for 'blended teaching' in universities and colleges. The higher education institutions might be allowed to teach up to 40 per cent of any course through online mode.

**Read more at:** <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/story/ugc-prepares-draft-for-blended-teaching-in-universities-and-colleges-1805627-2021-05-22>

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## New education policy likely to be rolled out from upcoming academic session

May 25, 2021

The new National Education Policy 2020 will be implemented in the upcoming academic session, at least among institutions funded by the central government. “National Education Policy is on the fast track and nationwide implementation begins in June,” education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal said in a tweet. According to the minister, there are approximately 181 identified tasks that will be completed under the new educational policy.

**Read more at:** <https://digitallearning.eletsonline.com/2021/05/new-education-policy-is-likely-to-be-implemented-beginning-with-the-next-academic-session/>

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## Engineering courses can now be taken in Tamil too: AICTE

May 28, 2021

Engineering colleges in the State can now offer their accredited courses in Tamil, using the translated resources created by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), chairman of the council Anil Sahasrabuddhe said. “The AICTE has translated first-year course material into eight regional languages, including Tamil,” he told Express.

**Read more at:** <https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/2021/may/28/engineering-courses-can-now-be-taken-in-tamil-too-aicte-2308536.html>

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## **MIT-WPU: The first university in Western India to offer 4-Year BBA (Research) as per NEP 2020**

**May 28, 2021**

Created to deliver the finest pedagogy involving the best learning of East (Yoga, Ethics, and Mind Management) and West (AI & ML, Business Analytics, Fintech); the management program includes academic rigour, 3 internships spanning 9 months, international summer school and online international certifications from Harvard Business School/Equivalent to prepare career-ready graduates.

**Read more at:** <https://theprint.in/ani-press-releases/mit-wpu-the-first-university-in-western-india-to-offer-4-year-bba-research-as-per-national-education-policy/667530/>

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## **Ministry Of Education Launches YUVA To Mentor Young Authors**

**May 29, 2021**

The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education has launched a scheme today to train and mentor young authors. Termed YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors), the Prime Minister's scheme seeks to mentor authors under the age of 30 and train them to promote reading, writing, and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally.

**A consolidated scholarship of Rs. 50,000 per month for a period of six months per author will be paid under the YUVA Scheme.**

**Read more at:** <https://www.ndtv.com/education/ministry-of-education-launches-yuva-mentor-young-authors>

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## Karnataka

### Panel set up to frame guidelines for Karnataka schools

May 20, 2021

Karnataka government decided to set up an expert panel to frame guidelines for primary and secondary education for 2021 -22. State Education Minister, S. Suresh Kumar told reporters that the state government cannot afford to ignore lakhs of students in rural areas and several poor students who lack basic internet facilities in urban areas too.

**Read more at:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/panel-set-up-to-frame-guidelines-for-karnataka-schools/articleshow/82789442.cms>

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### Karnataka universities, colleges to continue online classes for even semesters

May 22, 2021

Karnataka Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwatha Narayan said the universities and colleges shall continue online classes for all even semesters irrespective of exams being pending. Even those universities and colleges who have not completed odd semester examinations of undergraduate programs shall continue online classes for even semesters (Second, Fourth, Sixth and Eighth) as there is a carryover system in most of the programs.

**Read more at:** <https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/news/karnataka-universities-colleges-to-continue-online-classes-for-even-semesters-101621656920845.html>

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### Karnataka: State-syllabus schools to reopen on June 15

May 29, 2021

The academic calendar for government and state board schools is set to begin on June 15. However, the government is set to set to begin on June 15. form the committee that will provide the roadmap for the upcoming year.

**Read more at:** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/karnataka-state-syllabus-schools-to-reopen-on-june-15-panel-to-draw-roadmap-not-set-up-yet/articleshow/83055975.cms>

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