

## Ministry of Human Resource Development announces National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) Scheme

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank recently announced a new Public Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme "National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT)" for using technology for better learning outcomes in Higher Education.

The objective of the scheme is to use Artificial Intelligence to make learning more personalised and customised as per the requirements of the learner. Ministry of Human Resource Development would like to recognise number of start-up companies for developing technology EdTech Companies through a PPP model.

MHRD would create and maintain a National NEAT platform that would provide one-stop access to these technological solutions. The EdTech companies would be responsible for developing solutions and manage registration of learners through the NEAT portal and would be free to charge fees as per their policy. Further, MHRD would act as a facilitator to ensure that the solutions are freely available to a large number of economically backward students and hence as their contribution towards the National cause, the companies would have to offer free coupons to the extent of 25% of the total registrations for their solution through NEAT portal. MHRD would distribute the free coupons for learning to the most socially/economically backward students.

Independent Expert Committees would be constituted for evaluating and selecting the EdTech solutions. MoUs will be signed with the shortlisted EdTech companies and awareness programs would be taken up by MHRD to create awareness of the NEAT solutions to teachers and students. MHRD proposes to launch and operationalise NEAT in early November 2019.

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