



# Pradhan Mantri Colleges of Excellence

## Why in News?

Recently, the [Pradhan Mantri Colleges of Excellence](#) was inaugurated by the Union Home Minister in all **55 districts of Madhya Pradesh**.

## Key Points

- **Madhya Pradesh has become the first state to implement the [New Education Policy \(NEP\) 2020](#).**
  - These colleges are started by the state government, to offer courses aligned with the **New Education Policy 2020**.
  - NEP was introduced to focus on **holistic development of youth rather than just awarding degrees**.
- It includes **teaching both academic subjects and life skills**. The emphasis is on encouraging out-of-the-box thinking instead of traditional thinking in students.

## National Education Policy 2020

- The **National Education Policy 2020** seeks to tackle the evolving development needs of India.
  - It calls for a **comprehensive overhaul of the education system**, including its **regulations and management**, to establish a modern system that aligns with 21st-century educational goals, including [Sustainable Development Goal 4 \(SDG4\)](#), while respecting India's cultural heritage and values.
- It replaces the thirty-four year old [National Policy on Education, 1986](#), **modified in 1992** (NPE 1986/92).

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