

## NEP 2020 to transform India into knowledge superpower: Ramesh Pokhriyal

**Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal said that the new education policy will be able to transform India into a knowledge superpower in the upcoming years.**



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Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal said that the NEP 2020 will make India a knowledge superpower. (Photo Credits- PTI)

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal on Friday talked about how the newly approved National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 will be able to transform India into a knowledge superpower and a global leader in learning as it links the past with the future.

While speaking at the 9<sup>th</sup> convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar through video conferencing, the education minister said that the new education policy, which was recently approved by the Centre, will pave the way for holistic and multidisciplinary education.

During his speech, he also said that scholars from across the world once travelled to India to study in the seats of learning at Nalanda and Takshila due to excellence in the country's education system.

"Armed with the New Education Policy, India will once again emerge as a global leader in learning and a knowledge superpower as it connects our past with the future. Our diversity and ability to blend ancient and modern systems will again take us to the top," he said, as per PTI reports.

While speaking at the convocation ceremony, Ramesh Pokhriyal said that NEP will enable Indian students to grow and excel in all spheres of life and the country will emerge as a provider of employment and no longer remain a job seeker.

The minister further talked about the importance of linking India's talent with patents as it will play a significant role in the economic development of the country. The National Research Fund and the National Technological Forum will also boost the research and development environment and make it more inclusive, he said.

Hailing the NEP as a comprehensive framework for elementary to higher education as well as vocational training in both rural and urban areas, he said that it aims at presenting India's diversity in terms of regional languages with the benefit of providing primary education in the mother tongue.

The education minister also congratulated the students of IIT Bhubaneswar in his speech, calling upon them to strive hard to cherish their dreams despite challenges to be faced.

Pokhriyal also said that government campaigns like Make in India, Digital India, and Startup India seek to provide support to the young and talented to build a self-reliant and empowered India and achieve the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' mission.

The minister also complimented the Director of IIT Bhubaneswar for the outstanding wellness, teaching excellence, and research aura the institute has created. He inaugurated the Student Activity Centre, the Play Courts, and the School of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Management of IIT Bhubaneswar.

State Education Minister Sanjay Dhotre commended the work done by the institute's faculty, students and researchers in innovating different techniques in various fields during the ongoing pandemic.

During the convocation, the institute conferred degrees to 446 students - 35 PhD, 141 MTech, 70 MSc, and 200 BTech. It was a live convocation done during the pandemic time in mixed mode, the first of its kind across the globe, IIT Bhubaneswar claimed.

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