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National Education Policy 2020

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Summary:

Nipun Bharat Program has been launched under the National Education Policy of 2020. It aims to provide foundation literacy for all children by 2026-27. The policy aims to increase the Gross Enrollment ratio to 100 percent by 2030. The percentage of teachers passing the Teacher Eligibility Test exam is very less. This means the quality of teachers is not up to the mark, which is resulting in low quality and low skilled graduates. Under NEP- 2020, multidisciplinary colleges will be established in every district by 2030. An engineer should be able to take up a course on humanities along with his major engineering subjects and vice versa. More emphasis will be laid on practical and experiential learning. This would be ensured through vocational training and internships, which would now start from class 6 onwards.

Facts and Figures:

- Only 19.5 percent of the teachers could clear the Teacher Eligibility Test in 2021 in the state of Karnataka.
- 46 percent of the youth are considered as highly employable resources as per the Indian Skills Report of this year.
- NEP 2020 aims to provide vocational training to at least 50 percent of the students in the form of internships or live projects.
- NEP 2020 aims to increase the gross enrolment ratio in higher education to 50 percent by 2025 and to 100 percent by 2030.

Opinion:

Multidisciplinary colleges would allow students to explore their interest in other subjects, while simultaneously studying their major subject. A kind of a model where a student, while studying in an educational institution, gets to work with an employer of industry would help the student understand the practical aspects of what is being taught.