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Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Ji distributed 12 lakh NEAT free coupons worth Rs.254 crore to SC, ST, OBC, EWS students to access the AI and personalised based courses

- Hon. Minister urges edu-tech companies for collaboration with AICTE for NEAT 3.0
- NEAT is offering 100 plus courses from 58 edu-tech courses
- Hon. Minister launches technical books in Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, Gujarati, and Punjabi

New Delhi, January 3: The Hon. Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Ji, on Monday distributed **12 lakh NEAT free coupons worth Rs.254 crore among SC, ST, OBC, EWS students to access quality courses offered by edu-tech companies through NEAT Portal and launched NEAT 3.0.**

Shri Pradhan urged edu-tech companies to come forward for a collaborative effort in India's education system. The **12 lakh NEAT free coupons were distributed** among socially and economically disadvantaged students (SC, ST, OBC, and EWS) to improve their skills and enhance employability opportunities through the quality courses offered by edu-tech companies.

More than 100 edu-tech products from 58 companies have been on-boarded on the NEAT platform for helping students acquire employable skills, capacity building, and bridge learning gaps. The courses can be accessed at <https://neat.aicte-india.org/>.

"I compliment all the ed-tech companies and Indian start-ups who are a part of NEAT. All ed-techs are welcome to work with a collaborative approach for making education accessible and affordable. We believe in the welfare model of our society. We believe in wealth creation. India will lead the global economy in the 21st century and will be the most preferred market for trade and economy," said Shri Pradhan.

Educational institutes can also come forward and access these courses at discounted rates for a group of students. In addition, through NEAT 3.0, AICTE will offer higher education courses, vocational courses, courses on the Indian knowledge system, upskilling courses for faculties, Gati Shakti Courses, Local and International Language Courses.

Shri Pradhan also used the occasion to launch AICTE prescribed technical books in regional languages like Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, Gujarati, and Punjabi.

AICTE has introduced "AICTE Technical Book Writing and Translation" in 12 scheduled Indian regional languages leading to overall increase in GER, enhanced Learning outcomes, Strengthening Innovation and Research opportunities for the students. Based on a survey, 19 institutions, across 10 states in 6 different languages have come forward towards commencement of UG in regional languages from the current academic year.

Accordingly, Technical books have been translated in the above said languages on priority post original writing as per AICTE's model curriculum and Outcome based education utilising AICTE's AI based translator tool.

"Translating first year's Engineering course books in Indian regional languages is a flagship program of the AICTE, and I must laud the leadership for this excellent initiative. Till now in 19 engineering colleges in 10 states have adopted this system in six regional languages. This is remarkable. Language is India's strength, and language is significant for critical thinking. Learning in regional languages will further develop the critical thinking capacity and enable our youth to become global citizens," said Shri Pradhan.

The event which was held at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi was blessed with the presence of several eminent personalities including the Hon'ble Ministry of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Department Higher Education, Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary, Department Higher Education, Shri Vinit Joshi, Additional Secretary, Department Higher Education, Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of AICTE, Prof. M.P. Poonia, Vice-Chairman of AICTE, Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary of AICTE and Shri Buddha Chandrasekar, CCO, AICTE.





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