

'States successfully implemented NEP'

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Mangaluru: Despite the pandemic, almost all states in the country have successfully implemented the National Education Policy-2020, said Dharmendra Pradhan, Union minister for education, and skill development and entrepreneurship.

Pradhan launched the Central Research Facility and School of Interdisciplinary Studies at the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) Surathkal on Saturday. He also laid the foundation stone for the construction of the lecture hall complex, Block D. On the implementation of NEP across the country, Pradhan told reporters that the NEP implementation was severely hit due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



DEVELOPING EDUCATION: Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates the Central Research Facility and School of Interdisciplinary Studies building at NITK Surathkal

"This is the third year of NEP implementation. Unfortunately, we lost two years due to Covid-19. However, I am happy to share that it has been implemented successfully, starting from early education. It is too early to quantify the percentage, but almost all

states have welcomed the NEP. Along with the MoE, the states overcame the initial hiccups of NEP."

The minister clarified that there is no imposition of Hindi under the NEP. "Every language spoken in India is equally important.

Hindi is spoken by a sizeable population in the country. Regional languages will be given importance in higher education institutions, and soon Madhya Pradesh will offer the MBBS course in Hindi," he said.

Pradhan said that nearly 10 developing countries have approached the ministry of education, to establish IIT campuses at their own expense. If all goes well, one can see IITs in foreign countries, in the next two years. "IIT has become a brand. Setting up of premier institutions requires a lot of diplomatic work. If everything goes as planned, some foreign countries will have IITs, within the next two years. India's technology and knowledge power is being recognised worldwide," he said.