

**Ministry of Education**  
**Department of Higher Education**

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2021:**

**Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During August, 2021**

**1. Manthan 2021: India's first ever Hackathon on 'National Security'**

Ministry of Education, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) jointly launched MANTHAN- 2021 hackathon on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 to identify innovative concepts and technology solutions for addressing the security challenges of the 21st century faced by the intelligence agencies. Youths from educational institutions across the country and registered start-ups can participate. Participants are expected to develop digital solutions under 6 themes for 20 different challenge using new technologies.

**2. Karnataka Implements National Education Policy 2020**

Government of Karnataka has become the first state to launch the National Education Policy 2020. The programme was launched by Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship through a virtual press conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 in Bengaluru.

**3. Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission organised National Webinar on the 'Use of Technology in Education'**

Ministry of Education organised a series of theme-based webinars on various aspects of National Education Policy, 2020 to mark the completion of one year of transformative reforms under National Education Policy, 2020.

**(a) National Webinar on Transforming Education in the Light of Indian Knowledge System, Language, Arts & Culture**

AICTE organised a National Webinar on Transforming Education in the Light of Indian Knowledge System, Language, Arts & Culture on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 as Indian Knowledge System, Language, Arts & Culture being one of the innovative areas of NEP. Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

**(b) National Webinar on Use of Technology in Education :**

Technology driven education being one of the major innovative thrust area of National Education Policy, Ministry of Education and University Grants Commission organised a 'National Webinar on use of Technology in Education' on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 emphasizing the need of using technology in education to make it available for all.

**4. National webinar on Quality Teacher Education, Accreditation, and Teacher Development**

Ministry of Education, AICTE and National Council for Teacher Education organized a national webinar on "Quality Teacher Education, Accreditation, and Teacher Development." The webinar focused on digital integration in quality education, impact of language on quality education, maintaining quality of education, holistic teacher development, teachers of the future, teacher's role in developing 21st century skills, quality technical education and accreditation.

#### **5. G20 Research Ministers' meeting**

The Minister of State for Education participated in the G20 Research Ministers' meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. The meeting was hosted by Italy. G20 Education Ministers exchanged views on enhancing research collaborations and sharing digital space among G20 countries for a strong, sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery.

#### **6. Improving access to Higher Education**

First meeting of Implementation Committee, constituted for finalization of the structure and other specifics of an autonomous body - National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) was held on 26.08.2021. Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship addressed the Committee and emphasized the need for setting up of NETF to provide a platform for free exchange of ideas on the use of technology

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