

Nai Talim

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In news— Recently, the Vice President of India said that the New Education Policy follows the 'Nai Talim' of Mahatma Gandhi by giving importance to the mother tongue as the medium of instruction at school level.

About Nai Talim-

- Nai-Talim, also known as **Buniyadi Shikshan**, means **basic education**.
- It is also called **Experiential Learning**.
- It had laid emphasis on making **mother tongue as the medium of instruction in addition to free compulsory education** and skill training to the students.
- It is essentially a **mass education approach** due to its centrality of socially useful work, and was expected to create a National System of Education.
- **Mahatma Gandhi** gave his scheme of Nai Talim (New Education) in a well formulated approach to education in 1937 in his **newspaper 'Harijan'**.
- It is a well developed philosophy of education based on experiments he did right from 1904 when he was in South Africa to his stay in ashrams in India at Sabarmati (Gujarat) and Sevagram (Maharashtra).
- It is an approach to the total personality development of body, mind and spirit and was based on **four basic principles**:
 - Education or learning in mother tongue along with handicraft work.
 - Work should be linked with the most useful vocational needs of the locality.
 - Learning should be linked with vocational work.
 - Work should be socially useful and productive.
- This approach of work-centric education with technology

accessible locally was the basic approach of Nai Talim.