

National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) Scheme

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Ministry of Human Resource Development has announced a **new PPP Scheme**, National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) for **using technology for better learning outcomes in Higher Education**

The objective

- The objective is **to use Artificial Intelligence to make learning more personalized and customized as per the requirements of the learner**. This requires the development of technologies in Adaptive Learning to address the diversity of learners.
- There are a number of start-up companies developing this and MHRD would like to recognize such efforts and bring them under a common platform so that learners can access it easily.
- Educating the youth is a National effort and MHRD proposes to create a **National Alliance** with such technology developing EdTech Companies through a PPP model

Key highlights

- **Facilitator:** MHRD would act as a **facilitator** to ensure that the solutions are freely available to a large number of economically backward students.
- **National NEAT platform:** MHRD would create and maintain a National NEAT platform that would provide **one-stop access to these technological solutions**.
- **EdTech companies would be responsible for developing solutions and manage the registration of learners**

through the NEAT portal. They would be free to charge fees as per their policy.

- As their contribution towards the National cause, they would have to offer free coupons to the extent of 25% of the total registrations for their solution through the NEAT portal.
- MHRD would distribute **free coupons for learning to the most socially/economically backward students.**
- **Implementing agency:** AICTE would be the implementing agency for the NEAT programme.
- **Apex committee:** The scheme shall be administered under the guidance of an **Apex Committee constituted by MHRD.** Independent Expert Committees would be constituted for evaluating and selecting the EdTech solutions.
- MoUs will be signed with the shortlisted EdTech companies. Awareness programs would be taken up by MHRD to create awareness of the NEAT solutions to teachers and students.
- MHRD proposes to launch and operationalize NEAT in early November 2019.