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"India's new National Education Policy is one of the major factors in the 'mahayagna' (great exercise) of nation-building," Modi said.

The new NEP assures the youth that the country is now completely with them and with their aspirations, he said.

Modi said the Artificial Intelligence (AI) programme which has just been launched will make the youth future-oriented and open the way for an



School-going children cross a waterlogged area in Gurugram on Thursday.

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AI-driven economy.

Highlighting that the NEP also gives importance to mother tongue and local languages, Modi said he was happy that 14 engineering colleges in eight states are going to start studies in five Indian languages -- Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi and Bangla. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan as well as some chief ministers also participated in the event.

"We mark a year of the launch of one of the most landmark policy reforms in India-New Education Policy 2020. When the world was at its peak of struggling to cope with the COVID19 pandemic, our government came up with this transformative policy," Pradhan said.

"Amid the pandemic, the government launched this pol-

icy for reaching impact on the educational landscape of the country. It is shaping the destiny of the nation," he added.

The NEP, which was approved by the Union Cabinet last year at a meeting presided by Prime Minister Modi, replaced the National Policy on Education framed in 1986. It is aimed at paving the way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems to make India a global knowledge superpower.

Modi on Thursday launched multiple educational initiatives including Academic Bank of Credits, National Digital Education Architecture and other initiatives to mark the completion of one year of reforms under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He was addressing the policymakers in the domain

of education and skill development, students and teachers across the country through video conferencing.

While addressing the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said: "The development of the nation will depend on the quality of education we provide to our youth. I believe that India's new national education policy is one of the big factors in the development of the nation."

The Academic Bank of Credit will provide flexible multiple entries and exit options for students in Higher education.

"Multiple entry/exit will help students break away from the shackles of sticking to one stream. One can select their course and can exit if they are not interested. This is a revolutionary change," said PM Modi in a virtual address.