

Budget 2020: Education gets Rs 99,300 crore

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An allocation of Rs 99,300 crore has been proposed for the education sector in budget 2020 for the upcoming financial year. In addition to this, the government has also planned to invest Rs 3,000 crore for skill development.

To address the shortage of qualified medical doctors for both general practitioners and specialists, the centre has decided to set up medical colleges along with district hospitals in the public-private partnership (PPP) model. The Ministries of Health and Skill

Development will design special bridge courses to fulfil the demand of teachers, nurses, paramedical staff and caregivers abroad. The centre has also decided to implement

the New Education Policy (NEP) in the upcoming year. The budget proposes to offer degree-level online education programme by the institutes placed in the top 100 slots in the NIRF. "Around 150 higher institutes will start apprentice training for students from the general category," announced finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman. She also proposed to set up a National Police University and a National Forensic Science University.

To boost entrepreneurship, the centre proposes to set up an investment clearance cell. Measures will be taken to introduce Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the education sector and draw external commercial borrowing. The government has also planned to start a programme for urban local bodies to provide internship to young engineers. It will conduct IND-SAT exam to provide scholarships to foreign students for studying in India.

