# NEP 2020: Transforming Learning in India for the World

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## Overview

To help viewers understand how National Education Policy (NEP 2020) transforms India's higher education landscape through flexibility, global alignment, multidisciplinary learning, and vocational integration.

## Learning Objectives

**Understand Multidisciplinary and Flexible Pathways:** Explain how NEP 2020 restructures higher education into flexible 4-year programs, multiple entry/exit points, and multidisciplinary institutions.

**Identify the Role of Teacher Education and Standards:** Understand how new professional standards, the 4-year integrated B.Ed, and improved teacher training strengthen learning outcomes.

**Recognize Global Mobility and Degree Recognition:** Describe how the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) and internationalization efforts support global student mobility and credit transfer.

**Analyze Vocational Integration:** Assess how NEP 2020 integrates vocational education across undergraduate programs, enabling alignment with global skills and employability standards.

## What Makes NEP 2020 Transformative

**Student-Centric Flexibility**

Personalized pathways, academic freedom, and reduced academic barriers

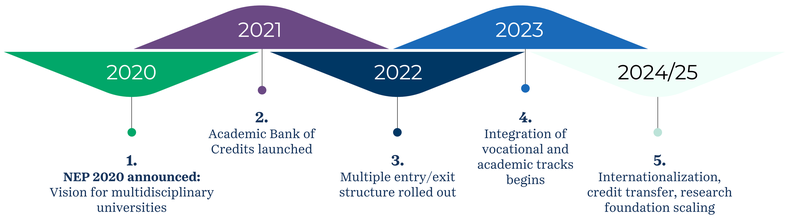
**Elevating the Teaching Profession**

Clear expectations for teacher quality and national standards that strengthen the role and status of teachers

**Strengthened Quality**

Assurance Improved accreditation, transparent evaluation, and governance reforms that raise institutional accountability

## NEP 2020 Reform Timeline




## Four-Year Undergraduate Program: Structure Overview

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
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| UG Certificate ~ 44 credits | UG Diploma ~ 88 credits | Bachelor's Degree ~132 credits | Honours/Research ~ 176 credits |
| Foundation Courses and Skills | Major Coursework and Electives | Advanced Studies and Internship | Specialization and Research Project |

## Academic Bank of Credits

- Enables credit storage and transfer.
- ABC allows students to store, track, and transfer academic credits earned from any recognized higher education institution, supporting flexible learning pathways.
- Supports multiple entry and exit options.
- With ABC, students can pause and resume their studies without losing progress, enabling the 1-year certificate, 2-year diploma, 3-year degree, and 4-year honors/research degree structure under NEP 2020.

## Teacher Education Reforms: Bachelor of Education

**School-Level Priorities**

- Shift to competency-based teaching and assessment
- Strong foundational learning agenda *(NIPUN Bharat)*
- New curricular changes under NCF 2023
- Emphasis on holistic, experiential, and multilingual education.

**Higher Ed & Teacher Education Transformation**

- Launch of the 4-Year Integrated BEd as the new minimum qualification for teachers replacing the current 3-year bachelor's degree and 2-year BEd structure
- National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) to define competencies, career stages, and continuous development pathways
- Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) to be integrated into multidisciplinary universities for higher quality and regulation
- Mandatory accreditation and improved quality benchmarks for all TEIs

## Key NEP Shifts in Admissions and Global Engagement

### Admissions Reforms

- Common University Entrance test (CUET) continues as India's unified national entrance test for undergraduate admissions.
- Test structure has been refined with streamlined subject papers and expanded digital/online formats.
- Nationwide adoption remains strong, with ongoing improvements in scheduling and operational efficiency.
- University of Delhi, Aligarh Muslim University, and Assam University are among the first to roll out this program.

### Global Campuses

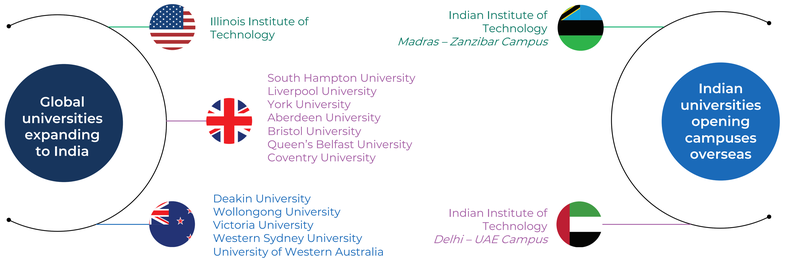
- UGC's 2023 regulations allow top global universities to establish campuses in India under a simplified approval framework.
- IITs expanded internationally with campuses in locations such as Zanzibar and Abu Dhabi.
- Policy momentum is high, with more international partnerships and cross-border education initiatives expected to scale.

### Vocational Push

- Emphasis on vocational and skills education.
- Implementation levels differ across regions while efforts continue toward the **50%** national target.

## Key Takeaways for International Audiences

1. Four-year undergraduate degrees will become standard; early exit credentials *(Certificate after Year 1, Diploma after Year 2)* support placement, progression, and transfer-credit flexibility.
2. ABC IDs + digital credit transcripts enable secure credit storage/transfer, simplifying recognition workflows.
3. CUET offers a more consistent, national admissions benchmark for evaluating Indian applicants.




## Implementation Realities

- NEP 2020 is only five years into rollout, so long-term outcomes are still emerging.
- Multiple reforms are in early implementation phases, limiting full impact visibility.
- State-level adoption varies, affecting comparability across regions.
- National datasets remain incomplete as reporting systems continue to evolve.
- Regulatory and operational frameworks are shifting, influencing consistency in interpretation.
- External factors—economic, demographic, and global mobility trends—shape outcomes alongside policy changes.

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