

Education Minister Inaugurates 46 ATAL Faculty Development Programmes

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Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated 46 online AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) today, November 23. The programmes aim to train teachers of higher education institutions associated with the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) in emerging areas in technology. The FDPs will be held in 22 Indian states.

Key Highlights

- The Minister mentioned that the ATAL Academy is conducting FDPs in online mode, including the process of registration till certificate disbursement mechanism. The online FDPs will be conducted according to the new National Education Policy (2020), he added.
- Mr Pokhriyal highlighted that out of 1000, 499 FDPs have already been completed with more than 70,000 faculty members already trained. In 2019-20, 185 five-day face-to-face FDPs in nine thrust areas — Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Block-chain, Robotics, Quantum Computing, Data Sciences, Cyber Security, 3D Printing and Design, and Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality — benefited around 10,000 participants.
- In the flipped classroom model, students can take online lectures at home as per their convenience and the next day in class, they do assignments related to that lecture.

- Under this, teachers record their lectures and post videos online, which can be accessed by students. Students watch these videos and study at home and when they come to class they are ready with that lecture. The next day, teachers in classrooms provide activities related to the post-lecture and students participate, he added.
- The main objective of ATAL Academy is to provide quality technical education in the country and to promote research and entrepreneurship through training in various emerging fields. IITs, IIITs, NITs CU and research labs are organising these ATAL FDPs.

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