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NEP: Special action plan for SC/ST, OBC students

BENGALURU, DHNS

Social Welfare Minister Govind Karjol said on Saturday that a special action plan catering to SC/ST and OBC students will be prepared under the new education policy (NEP). "Students belonging to SC/ST and OBC are largely dependent on government schools. The NEP provides ample opportunities for qualitative development of government schools. A special action plan is required for this and to ensure impactful higher education and vocational studies," Karjol said, adding that SC, ST and OBC students were considered as an underrepresented group.

He was speaking after a meeting with social welfare officials. The dropout rate is expected to come down with multiple entry-exit options in the higher education space, Karjol said.

"SC/ST kids, especially those from tandas, are prone to dropping out because of migration," Karjol noted.

The minister directed the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society to upgrade infrastructure at residential schools as per the NEP. "The number of students in residential institutions should go up from 1.7 lakh to 2.5 lakh," Karjol said.

Three officials suspended
Three officials from the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation have been suspended over bribery charges, said Karjol.

Corporation general manager S S Nagesh, assistant GM Manjula and office superintendent P D Subbappa were arrested by the ACB for bribery under the Land Purchase Scheme.

'New policy will rev up edu sector'

BENGALURU, DHNS: Deputy Chief Minister CN Ashwath Narayan has reiterated that Karnataka was poised to become the first Indian state to implement the new education policy (NEP) and all administrative and legal preparations were underway for this.

Narayan, the higher education minister, was speaking at a discussion organised by Assocham on the implementation of NEP and the changes it will bring in the higher education space.

"We have examined the policy. A high-level task force has been constituted and several rounds of talks have been held. We have also studied reports of the task force's sub-committees.

Once the task force submits its final report, we will take steps to implement the NEP," Narayan said.

On Friday evening, Narayan met Governor Vajubhai R Vala along with Azim Premji University Vice-Chancellor Anurag Behar and briefed him on the implementation of the NEP.

At the discussion, Narayan said the NEP will revolutionise the education sector, in which Karnataka is already a leading player.

"On average, every district in the state has two universities. In Bengaluru alone, there are over 880 colleges. So, the city has a potential to emerge as the education capital," Narayan said.