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AI Centres of excellence for education

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Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and current status of the recently announced initiative to establish AI Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for Education;
- (b) the budgetary allocation and execution mechanism for the initiative, the details thereof;
- (c) whether new Centres will be set up or existing institutions will be designated as CoEs, and the criteria for their selection;
- (d) the details of support and handholding planned for startups working in the AI domain; and
- (e) whether these CoEs are envisioned to support the implementation of NEP 2020, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (e): The Government has framed the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to provide holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary education. A major thrust of the NEP 2020 is integration of technology in education—including Artificial Intelligence (AI)—as a cornerstone for transforming India's education ecosystem. NEP 2020 advocates for extensive use of technology in teaching and learning to deliver personalised and inclusive educational experiences.

In alignment with this vision, in the Union Budget 2025-26, the Government has announced establishment of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Education with a total outlay of Rs. 500 Cr. This CoE is

envisaged to drive innovation, research, and development in AI-enabled educational tools, to support expanding access to quality education across the country.

Three Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in Artificial Intelligence, focusing on Healthcare, Agriculture, and Sustainable Cities have also been established. These CoEs are led by premier institutions: IIT Kanpur, which leads sustainable cities, IIT Ropar, which leads the agriculture sector and IISc Bangalore, which leads healthcare sector. The total budget outlay for these three CoEs is 990 crores. These Centres of excellence have been structured to partner with a network of academic institutions, start-ups, industry and government organisations in order to address the challenges in healthcare, agriculture and sustainable cities through AI enabled solutions.
