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## EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION WITH A FOCUS ON THE GIFTED, SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

The NEP - 2020 envisages quality education system for all students, irrespective of their place of residence, with particular focus on historically marginalised, disadvantaged and under-represented groups.

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Education is a great leveller and is the best tool for achieving economic and social mobility, inclusion and equality. Initiatives must be in place to ensure that all students from such groups, despite inherent obstacles, are provided various targeted opportunities to enter and excel in the educational system.

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Students with singular interests and/or talents will be supported in the classroom by giving them supplementary enrichment material, guidance and encouragement.

Topic-centred and Project-based Clubs and Circles will be encouraged and supported at the levels of schools, school complexes, districts and beyond.

High-quality national residential summer programmes for secondary school students in various subjects will also be encouraged.

Olympiads and competitions in various subjects will be conducted across the country.

Once internet-connected smart phones or tablets are available in all homes and/or schools, online apps with quizzes, competitions, assessments, enrichment materials and online communities for shared interests will be developed.

