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Amalgamation of universities under the Draft National Education Policy

Corporate restructuring model of amalgamation, absorption and reconstruction (external & internal) is generally adopted by any organisation to gain economies of scale and have a better edge in the market. This concept of amalgamation/merger has been included in the Draft National Education Policy 2019 wherein about 900 universities and 40,000 colleges will be merged to create 15,000 well equipped multi-disciplinary institutions. The higher education institutions will be classified into universities under three categories including research, teaching and autonomous degree granting colleges.



POCSO strengthened to protect minors

Government of India had introduced the Integrated Child Protection Scheme in 2009-2010 to contribute to the improvements in the well-being of children in difficult circumstances as well as to reduce vulnerabilities to situations and actions that lead to abuse, neglect, exploitation, abandonment and separation of children. The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to strengthen the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) act. The proposed amendments include death penalty for aggravated sexual assault on children, and provides for stringent punishments for other crimes against minors.



Tara- A tech teacher by their side

In today's complex world where technology and scarcity of resources straddle alongside each other, it is interesting to note the way technology has come to the aid of schools! Tara is a voice assistant created by Bengaluru based Ed-Tech company called Learning Matters, that is focused on helping improve learning outcomes in government schools in Tier 2 and 3 cities. Currently Tara only helps teach English to a couple of schools in Tamil Nadu, however the company hopes to develop other teaching modules as well.

