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### ■ **NCERT Granted Deemed University Status**

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been granted the status of 'Deemed University.' Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan made this announcement on September 1, 2023 while attending the 63rd Foundation Day Celebration Programme of NCERT in New Delhi. He also announced that Bal Bhavan will be merged with NCERT soon. Inaugurating NCERT's Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) Laboratory, Minister Pradhan highlighted the importance of including technology in the educational system. The minister also inaugurated a Vidhya Samiksha Kendra on the occasion.