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■ PM Modi Calls for Global Collaboration in Education to Shape Civilisation



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has described education as the foundation of civilisation and the architect of humanity's future. Addressing the G20 Education Ministers' Meet, he urged G20 countries to foster research and innovation, particularly in the Global South, while promoting research collaborations. Shri Modi highlighted the 'National Initiative for Proficiency in reading with Understanding and Numeracy', or 'Nipun Bharat' initiative by the Government and expressed happiness that

'Foundational Literacy and Numeracy' has been identified as a priority by G20 as well. He also said that India is ready to share experience and resources with the Global South in advancing remote learning through platforms like 'Swayam' and 'Diksha Portal.' Pointing out the imperative to continuously skill, reskill, and upskill the youth to align their competencies with evolving work profiles, the Prime Minister suggested that G-20 countries can undertake skill mapping at the global level and find gaps that need to be plugged in.