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# NEP has more proponents in TN: Governor

## It Is Important To Decolonise Mindset: Ravi

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**Coimbatore:** Tamil Nadu governor R N Ravi on Friday said awareness on the New Education Policy (NEP) and acceptance for it had been growing in the state, while the DMK government was rigorously opposing the same.

He said a large number of people were in favour of implementing NEP in the state, and only a few were yet to accept it. "More people are now considering and trying to make it happen," he said while



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virtually addressing the faculty members and students of Avinashilingam Institute in Coimbatore. He hoped that those objecting would also accept NEP soon.

Stating that NEP was implemented to build a new Bha-

rath, Ravi said it was important to 'decolonise' the people's mindset. "People of the country are yet to come out of the colonial mindset. Education and business knowledge during the British time were only intended to create an in-

feriority complex. It is important to decolonize the mindset so that we can take pride in our rich history and heritage."

The DMK has been objecting to Ravi's remarks supporting NEP ever since it formed

the government in the state. The state government had unveiled its plans to frame its own education policy, while making it clear its intention not to follow NEP. Nevertheless, the governor has been airing his opinion in favour of NEP.

Ravi, while addressing the gathering, also urged the students to play a proactive role in nation building. "The role of students is very important in developing the nation. We are in 'Amrit Kaal'. We have 25 years to fulfil our destiny of a fully developed Bharat. Students should think about the nation and its development. We are uniquely placed to witness the history in the making."

He said teachers were the most precious people and the-

ir role was important in building the new country.

The event was attended by Pankaj Mittal, secretary general of Association of Indian Universities; S P Thyagarajan, chancellor of Avinashilingam University; V Bharathi Harishankar, its vice-chancellor; and S Kowsalya, its registrar.

Ravi also took part in the inauguration of the Academic and Administration Development Centre at the varsity. He hoped that the newly-opened centre would help students keep abreast with knowledge and latest technology, which is fast changing in the world. "It is important for the students in particular and citizens in general to be empowered with the emerging technology and knowledge."