

# Centre clears key scheme for technical education

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The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to implement the Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERITE) scheme in 275 institutions across India – 175 engineering institutes and 100 polytechnic colleges – Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Friday.

With a funding outlay of ₹4,200 crore, the scheme is meant to “improve the quality, equity, and governance” in selected technical institutes, the Education Ministry said in a statement.