

National Seminar (Blended mode) on National Education Policy 2020 vis-à-vis Ancient Indian Education System

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A National Seminar on the theme “National Education Policy 2020 vis-à-vis Ancient Indian Education System” was held on the 10th and 11th November 2021 in the College auditorium. The inaugural session of the seminar conducted in the blended mode and was graced by a host of dignitaries—Guests of honour Prof. Noni Gopal Mahanta, Advisor to Education Department, Government of Assam, Sahitya Academy translation awardee and eminent speaker, Sjt, Diganta Biswa Sarma, Resource person and invited speaker Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Department of Education, University of Jammu, Ideal mother Mrinalini Devi, Vice President, Assam Sahitya Sabha, Dr. Bimal Borah, principal, J.B College, Dr. Munindra Konwar, former Principal JKM, Dr. Putul Saikia, principal, D.R College, Dr. Prasanna Dutta, Principal, Bahona College, Dr. Bijoy Krishna Pachani, Principal, Teok College, Dr. Ranjit Sarma, principal CKB Commerce College, Dr. Jayanta Gogoi, Principal, Amguri College, Dr. Sabyasachi Mahanta, Principal, Gargaon College and Dr. Anjan Saikia, Principal Cinnamara College and Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi Principal, Kakojan College and President ACPC. The inaugural ceremony began with the College Anthem by teachers and students of the College, followed by lighting of the lamp by honourable president of the Governing body of the College, Dr. Gopal Hazarika and felicitation of guests. In his welcome address of the Principal of the College and secretary, Assam College Principals' Council (ACPC), Dr. Dulen Saikia, gave a brief overview of the NEP 2020 and stated that the NEP 2020 provides a quality driven approach to the Indian education system. It promotes value based and holistic vision of education aimed to infuse nationalism and a sense of pride in one's own national heritage. He appreciated the focus of NEP on innovation and incubation and expressed his

wish that the deliberations of the seminar will be beneficial for all stake-holders. Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi, President Assam College Principals' Council represented the Council on the dias. In her address, she emphasized on the need to create a proper road map for implementation of the NEP in the education system and hoped that the seminar would be crucial in providing such a road-map. Next, Dr. Rakesh Vaid in his short address said that the mark-centric education may provide good grades but it has failed to impart multi-disciplinary knowledge to the students and lesser opportunities for skill-based courses beyond their syllabus. He expressed hope that the ideas that emerge from this seminar will be implemented by the higher authorities. The event was blessed by the presence of Ms. Mrinalini Devi, ideal mother and the vice president of Assam Sahitya Sabha and. In her valuable speech she drew from the Upanishads and compared educational institutions to temples of learning where teachers are gurus who train the child to be good human beings. In his inaugural speech (online), Professor Nani Gopal Mahanta, Advisor to Education Department, Govt, of Assam and the chief guest of honour at the occasion stressed on the need of a system of education that would instil in the minds of the young a pride in our national heritage, a system that would not take one away from our roots but would bind one firmly to the roots. He cited the examples of Nalanda, Vikramshila and Takshashila University. He stressed on the need to decolonise the education system and the importance of instilling an Indian identity among the masses through the implementation of NEP 2020.

In his illuminating speech and thought provoking speech based on the ideals of Maharishi Aurobindo titled 'Aim in Life—perfection of Personality', the scholar par excellence, Sjt. Diganta Bijoy Sharme mentioned that the inner life and the outer life should be in harmony for a joyous life and that a student's life should be framed to lay the foundation of learning 'to do', 'to know' and 'to be' and that students should be provided with opportunities which would enable them inner growth. highlighted the importance of 'Indianness' and 'Perfection of Personality' He highlighted the importance of a Holistic development of personality in keeping with the modern times and said that science should be the realisation of the age. Other distinguished speakers on the event were Dr. Bimal Borag, Principal J.B College, Dr. Munindra Konwar, Former principal, JKM, Dr. Bijoy Krishna Pachani, Principal, CKB College Teok, Dr. Prasanna Dutta, Principal Bahona College, Dr. Sabyasachi Mahanta, Principal, Gargaon College, Dr. Asifa Sultana, Principal, Amguri College, Dr. Apurba Saikia, Principal Farkating College. The inaugural session anchored by

Dr, Arunima Borah was attended by more than hundred guests, Participants, faculty members and students.

Distinguished invited speakers for the first technical session of the Seminar, conducted by Mr. Pranjal Dutta, were Dr Satyandra Nath Barman, Principal, B.Baruah College & Secy ACPC, Dr Saumariyoti Mahanta, Principal, Sibsagar Commerce College & Vice President, ACPC, Dr Monoj Mahanta, Principal, Pragiyotish College Executive Member, ACPC and Dr Sabyasashi Mahanta, Principal, Gargaon College. Dr Satyandra Nath Barman, presented a detailed and resourceful paper on “National Education Policy :Impact on Higher Education”. His paper dwelt upon the salient features of NEP and its impact on higher education. He elucidated that the national education policy 2020 is not about mere degrees but all about focus on life skills and vocational courses. Outstanding research is another focus point of NEP-2020. NEP stresses upon sustainable research. He also threw light upon the major problems currently faced by higher educational institutions. Dr Saumariyoti Mahanta in his paper titled “Present New Regulatory Framework: An Overview” presented a chronological development of Indian Education system from ancient to the present throwing light on each stage of development of the university system in India including the glorious history of the past. What has happened to Indian education that it lost its glorious track? When and how did this happen? This are some of the questions that his presentation explored. Dr Monoj Mahanta, spoke on Sustainable Development Goals and Education, focussing on the interlinkages between quality education and the various SDG’S. The paper provided an indepth account of the various targets envisioned under SDG4. He emphasised the fact that in order to build a more sustainable world, all citizens must become sustainability change makers. Dr Sabyasashi Mahanta spoke on NEP-2020: Hopes and Challenges in Higher Education. According to him, NEP suggests a revolutionary education system where the central govt and state governments have important roles for implementation. In briefly discussing the practical difficulties involved in implementation of the policy, he also pointed out that there is a large gap between policy and implementation and hoped that governments would work towards covering the gap between policy and implementation. He also emphasised on the importance of regional languages and classical languages. There were also papers presented by participants. Seven papers were presented in this session with Dr. Rakesh Vaid as Chairperson.

The first technical session of Day 2 of the Seminar opened with an address by the Principal of the College Dr. Dulen Saikia who spoke on the significance of National

Education day. Invited speakers of the session were Dr. Professor, Deptt. of Electronics, University of Jammu Binod Ch. Borah. Academic Registrar, Dibrugarh University 10.45 AM: Online Speech: Prof. Renu Nanda, HoD, Deptt. of Education, University of Jammu and Dr. Binod Borah In Consonance with the proceedings of the two-day National Seminar, the National Education Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of independent India's first education minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was celebrated with much zest and zeal in the College with a poster competition among students on the theme "National Education Policy 2020". In the competition inaugurated by the Principal of the College Dr. Dulen Saikia, 42 posters were in display on the college grounds. Prof. Rakesh Vaid of Jammu University, Dr. Binaybrat Rajkhowa of CKB College Teok and Dr, Jibon Saikia of J.B College were the judges of the event. In the competition co-ordinated by Ms Ratnamoni Dutta, while students of Zoology department Jorhat kendriya mahavidyalaya bagged the first and the second prize and students from the department of Chemistry bagged the third prize, all participants received certificated of participation.



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Eminent Speakers of the Event



Chief Guest of Honour for the Inaugural Session (Day-I)

Dr. Ranaj Pegu

Honourable Minister of Education & Welfare of Plain Tribe & Backward Classes, Govt. of Assam.



Special Guest of Honour for the Inaugural Session (Day-I)

Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta

Advisor to Education Department, Govt. of Assam.



Special Guest of Honour for the Inaugural Session-(Day -II)

Mr. Topon Kr. Gogoi

Honourable Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Govt. of India.



Guest of Honour for the Inaugural Session (Day-I)

Dr. Diganta Biswa Sarma

Sahitya Akademi Translation Awardee & a devotee of Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda & Sri Aurobindo.



Guest of Honour for the Inaugural Session (Day-I)

Mr. Tirthanka Das Kalita

Asom Kshetra Boudhik Pramukh.

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Dr. Dulen Saikia, Principal,
Jorhat Kendriya Mahavidyalaya &
Secretary, ACPC, Jorhat Zone



Dr. Ruprekha Bordoloi, President ACPC,
Jorhat Zone & Principal, Kakojan College

Invited Speakers of the Event



Prof. Renu Nanda
HoD, Department of Education
University of Jammu



Dr. Binod Borah
Academic Registrar
Dibrugarh University



Dr. K.K. Misra
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Dr. Rakesh Vaid
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National Seminar on National Education Policy 2020 vis – a – vis Ancient Indian Education System

The current education system was established 34 years ago and the fallouts which are being noticed owing to our current education system are rise in unemployment, brain drain & lack of innovation, lack of creativity among youngsters in comparison to those of developed nations; decrease in confidence and hope about future causing mental health issues leading to some one intentionally causing one's own death.. The system is not in synchrony with latest science and technological changes and it offers less risk-taking ability to start up new enterprises,

It was essential to make radical changes in our education system to bring a good life for our future generations so that they can stand firmly in a competitive world and uplift the economy by developing new technologies by their innovative and creative ideas. NEP 2020 aims to underline the link between school education and the needs of society. In other words, the policy aims to educate youngsters in such fields that are needed by the society to progress, which was there in the 'Gurukul' education system in the past. In ancient India, students began their education with the 'Upnayana' ceremony, which marked the beginning of the period of stay at their teacher's home called 'Gurukul' to gain mastery in various streams. This was done at the age of five. The emphasis was on 'Lokvidya'. Lokvidya is a philosophy of knowledge and knowing which emerges from human communities in the course of their negotiation of the challenges of ordinary life. The new National Education Policy 2020 reasserts the importance of knowledge as imparted in ancient India and is also promoting an Indian, value-based education system with its all-inclusive eco-development of holistic education, a Bharat-centric education towards development of a knowledge-based Society with emphasis on Knowledge-based Education. The policy aims at maximum utilization of the talents and skills of our youth.

The present Seminar provides a platform to academia, students, participants and all stakeholders for deliberation and discussion on the issues concerning the implementation of the NEP-2020. The Seminar also brings to highlight the similarities between the Indian tradition of holistic and multidisciplinary learning and the new century education system.

Objectives of the Seminar

- To understand the proposed document, NEP-2020.
- To know the perceptions of the stakeholders about the new education system (NEP-2020).
- To Identify gap between policy and practice.
- To recommend to the MOE the outcome of the deliberations and discussions for effective implementation.
- References from Ancient Indian Education System.

Themes:

- School Education.
- Higher Education.
- Value Based Education.
- Teacher Education.
- Vocational Education.
- Technology in Education.
- Transforming Education.

Sub-Themes:

- Vedic Science and Contemporary Science.
- Cross cutting issues relevant to Professional Ethics, Gender, Human Values, Environment and Sustainability.
- New education policy and ancient Indian knowledge system.
- Decolonising Indian Education with National Education Policy.
- Human Rights at Vedic time.
- Self – reliant India.
- Sustainable development goals.
- Education as Economy booster.
- Internationalization of Higher Education.
- Digitalized pedagogy and classrooms.
- Equipping teachers with latest technology and education methodology.

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Note:

1. Certificates will be awarded to all the registered participants.
2. However, registered participants must be present in all the sessions of the seminar on 10th and 11th November 2021.

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