

TALKING POINT

One year of NEP is the beginning of overhauling of education system

Comprehensive document

National Education Policy (NEP) was a landmark policy document released in 2020 to revisit and renew the education system of India. From ensuring quality early childhood care and education for all children, to building strong foundational skills; from promoting multilingualism to designing effective assessment reforms; from establishing a new curricular and pedagogical structure to eliminating hard separations between Arts and Sciences, one finds everything ingrained in NEP. The line of division between curricular and extra-curricular activities, or in fact between vocational and academic streams, the NEP encompassed several alterations to the age-old educational policy and practice in the country.

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Aligned to the vision of development

Academic programmes of students are structured to accomplish the vision assimilated in the NEP 2020. Structures were revamped to unleash research and innovation. The teaching process was also modified to meet the needs of industry, and students were encouraged to opt for the courses that are in sync with Industry 4.0. Our course curricula was also directed towards sustainable development goals. These goals were mapped to ensure that the NEP vision of developing students' all-round capacities, higher order cognitive skills, creativity, critical thinking, emotional and social skills are met.

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A pragmatic education model

One year of NEP 2020 implementation has been completed. The Policy lays extraordinary emphasis on skills over rote learning. Education is made flexible including that of the choice of subjects. The most salient feature of NEP is to align lifelong learning with livelihood. Based on this, a judicious combination of the certificate, diploma and degree programmes are envisioned which are based upon the aptitude and ability factors. The outlook for education is bright. The education sector can leverage the opportunities created over the last 16 months to buttress hybrid learning, digitisation, and the rapid deployment of new-age technologies such as AI, Machine Learning to enhance the learners' perceptions.

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Students to benefit through the Policy

NEP 2020 was introduced with the purpose of bringing about path-breaking reforms in the Indian education system which is a blueprint for an 'Aatmanirbhar India'. It is poised to create opportunities for multidisciplinary and holistic learning environment and make education accessible to all. The emphasis now should be on the effective implementation of new education policy which will provide a strong foundation for our students to transform themselves, earn competitiveness of global standards and enhance their future prospects.

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Multidisciplinary way of education

NEP 2020 will help in developing thoughtful, well-rounded and creative individuals. It continues to be a visionary statement for all of us in the academic community. The ongoing pandemic has clearly outlined the need for individuals, especially our young people to learn resilience, empathy, life skills, entrepreneurial skills as well as the ability to work with those having divergent views. Most importantly, the individuals must be digitally-savvy. These qualities are the essence of the multidisciplinary way of education, whose goal is to groom students with skills to face the uncertain future.

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