

## Report

### Two Days National Conference

#### “NEP 2020: Ensuring Universal Access to Education”

On 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023.

A two-day National Conference on “NEP 2020: Ensuring Universal Access to Education” was organized by SSR Memorial Trust’s SSR College of Education, Sayli, Silvassa in collaboration with Department of Education, SNTD Women’s University, Church gate, Mumbai. The event was organised at SSR Campus, Sayli, Silvassa, U.T. of Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The chief patrons of the trust Shri. Abhinav M. Delkar, secretary Smt. Divita Delkar, Managing Trustee Shri. Ajit Deshpande and P.R.O. Dr. Pankaj Sharma have conveyed the best wishes for the conference.

#### Day: 1

The conference was presided by Professor Sanjeev Sonawane, Pro. V.C. of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and he delivered the key note address. He highlighted the advancement of higher education through Implementation of NEP 2020. He enlightened the role of multidisciplinary institutions, choice-based courses, academic bank of credit, flexibility in career building. Further, he stated the provisions and efforts made by the University for implementation of NEP 2020.

In the Inaugural ceremony director of the conference Dr. Meena Prakash Kute, Principal, SSR College of Education welcomed the participants and briefed about implementation of new education policy 2020. Also, she stated the various aspects of NEP 2020 for Ensuring Universal Access to Education. The director, Prof. Pradnya Wakpainjan, HOD, Department of Education SNTD Women’s University provided an overview of the two days schedule. She emphasised the role of educators for implementation of NEP 2020. As a chief guest Dr. Pankaj Sharma, PRO, SSR Memorial Trust focused on comprehensive framework for elementary education to higher education. During the inaugural function, chief guest Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Dr. Meena Prakash Kute and Prof. Pradnya Wakpainjan released the conference proceeding with ISSN entitled as “NEP 2020: Ensuring Universal Access to Education. Dr. Pankaj Sharma started with his remarks with changing education system in the country. He stated the efforts taken by the trust to make higher education reachable for tribal and rural students. The inaugural ceremony was compared by Dr. Vinu Agrawal.

During first plenary session, the three resource persons were 1. Prof. Geeta Shetty, St. Xaviers college of Education, Mumbai, 2. Professor Vaibhav Sabnis, B. A. M. College of Law, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon and 3. Dr. Sanjeev Acharya, Director (Academics), SSR Memorial Trust, Silvassa. Prof. Geeta Shetty, the first speaker spoke on NEP 2020 in universal access at all levels of school education. Professor Vaibhav Sabnis enlightened on promotion of the Indian language, art and culture with the illustration for entrepreneurship at universal access and inclusion of language art and culture in Education. Dr. Sanjeev Acharya highlighted on transforming assessment through NEP 2020. He spoke on practical aspects for implementing assessment pattern

of PARAKH included in NEP 2020. For this plenary session Prof. Pradnya Wakpainjan, Prof. Jayashree Shinde and Prof. Geeta Shetty gave precedential address for three speakers respectively.

In the post lunch period three technical sessions were conducted. The technical sessions were chaired by Dr. Bhaskar Igave, Dr. Kirtikumar Ramesh Pimpliskar and Dr. Frances Vaidya respectively. Total thirty-six papers were presented on various sub themes related to NEP 2020. All the chair persons, paper presenters and participants had discussions overs the topics presented.

### Day:2

On the second day of the conference there were three speakers as a resource person in the plenary session. They were: 1. Prof. Jayashree Shinde, Head, Department of Educational Technology, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai. 2. Dr. Kavita Salunke, Director, School of Education, YCMOU, Nashik and 3. Dr. Sunanda More. Director, school of Science and Technology. Dr. Rajesh Pandey and Dr. Meena Kute presided the plenary sessions respectively. Prof. Jayashree Shinde emphasised on promotion of digital and online education as a need of 21<sup>st</sup> century. Dr. Kavita Salunke focused on issues and challenges for implementation of NEP 2020. And Dr. Sunanda More explained about flexible curricula design with reference to Open University.

After the plenary session four technical sessions were conducted parallely. The technical sessions were chaired by Dr. Intekhabalam K. Ansari, Dr. Rajesh Pandey, Dr. Hema Bhadawkar, Dr. Madhavi Dharankar, Dr. Kavita Thakur and Dr. Rakesh Ramraje. Total thirty-nine papers were presented on various sub themes related to NEP 2020. All the chair persons, paper presenters and participants had deep discussions overs the topics presented.

At the end of second day valedictory session was conducted. Dr. Rajeev Singh, Principal, SSR College of Arts, Commerce and Science was the chief guest of the session. The session was opened with address by the chief guest. Dr. Rajeev Singh highlighted importance of the conference and appreciated the deliberations and participation of delegates in large numbers. Report of the national conference was presented by Mrs. Nirupama Sahu. At the end of session, Dr. Sarika Patel proposed vote of thanks for the two days National Conference. The session was compared by Mr. Bhagirath Pande. Total 115 people have participated in the conference.

  
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