

Name of the Conference			National Conference on National Education Policy: Insights and Opportunities			
Date			21 st and 22 nd March 2025			
Organized by Ashoka International Centre for Educational Studies and Research, Nashik In collaboration with Department of Education, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai						
Planned under PM USHA MERU Project						
Resource Persons						
Key Note Speaker			Dr. Jayenda Kumar Amin, Professor, Central University, Gujrat			
Expert Session			Dr. Archana Katgeri, Associate Professor, HJ College of Education, Khar, Mumbai			
Expert Session			Dr. Sunil Rajpurkar, Associate Professor, K.K.College of Education, Mumbai			
Expert Session			Dr. Ashwini Karwande, Head, Department of Education, University of Mumbai, Mumbai			
Chief Guest for Valedictory Program			Prof. Dr. Sanjeev Sonawane, Vice Chancellor, YCMOU			
Chief Patron						
Dr. Ujwala Chakradeo Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai						
Dr. Ruby Ojha Pro- Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai						
Dr. Ashok Katariya Chairman, Ashoka Education Foundation, Nashik						
Convener						
Dr. Sarita Verma, I/C Principal, AICESR			Prof. Pradnya Wakpainjan, Head, Department of Education, SNDT Women’s University			
Co-Convener						
Dr. Priti Sonar, IQAC Co- ordinator, AICESR			Dr. Rekha Chavhan, Associate Professor, Department of Education			
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About the National Conference

The National Education Policy 2020 is a significant milestone in India's education sector. It aims to transform India's education system to create a vibrant knowledge society. This conference provides a platform for stakeholders to discuss, deliberate, and identify strategies for effective implementation of NEP 2020. The conference aims to discuss various aspects of National Education Policy from curriculum to early childhood education and further extends to higher education. It is creating space to discuss the change in the education landscape in future with emphasis on addressing diversity, inclusion and digital education. Besides this, it welcomes the experiences of individuals working in the field of education and shouldering various responsibilities from curriculum development to assessor. It also intends to discuss strategies to bridge the gaps between theory and practice. The aim of education is to foster holistic development and sustainable growth. Therefore, this conference offers a platform to explore strategies and approaches that can play a key role in achieving the goals of NEP 2020.

Objectives of the Conference:

1. To create awareness on NEP 2020.
2. To create spaces for curricular and pedagogical reforms
3. To create Industry and academia connect
4. To promote awareness about sustainable Education
5. To develop digital competence for effective Teaching Learning
6. To celebrate diversities in the classroom
7. To understand engagement of various stakeholders in child development
8. To promote authentic assessment for holistic development of learner
9. To foster research ecosystem for academic excellence

Subthemes for the National Conference

Sub Theme 1- Curricular and Pedagogical Reforms in Education

- Competency Based Education
- Indian Knowledge System

- Innovation in Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Roles and Responsibilities of Teachers
- Research in curriculum and pedagogy

Sub Theme 2 – Skill Building through NEP 2020

- Re-imagining Vocational Education
- Integration of skill development, creating industry connect and employability
- Value added and skill enhancement courses: Objectives and Learning Outcomes
- Capacity Development of Teachers

Sub Theme 3 – Education for a Sustainable Future

- Community based Education
- Education for holistic development
- Well-being for teachers
- Sustainable education and Teacher education (Preparing teachers for sustainability)
- Interconnectedness of Education & Environment

Sub Theme 4 – Digital Education

- Digital Learning
- E-learning Tools
- Technology for Inclusion
- Digital Initiatives for Effective Teaching
- Hybrid Mode of Education

Sub Theme 5 – Inclusion and Diversity

- Framework for inclusive practices
- Inclusivity and Equitability
- Creating safe learning spaces
- Understanding and Addressing diversities in the classroom
- Promotion of Indian culture

Sub Theme 6- Early Childhood Care and Education: The Foundation of Learning

- Developing Foundational Literacy
- Innovations in Early Childhood Education

- Parental Engagement and Community participation in development of child (Parental role in holistic development/ Community participation)
- Brain researches and Development of a child

Sub Theme 7- Assessment for Students Development

- Competency-based Assessment and Evaluation
- Authentic Assessment
- Learner Friendly Assessment
- Flexibility in Assessment

Sub Theme 8- Higher Education

- Structural and Institutional Reforms in Higher Education
- Creating Robust Ecosystem for Quality Research in Higher Education
- Academic Collaborations & Academic Flexibility
- Students Engagement in Higher Education
- Creating Global Citizens

Day 1 started with the inaugural program in the august presence of Chief Guest Dr. Jayendra Kumar Amin, Professor, Central University, Gujrat. In his Key note address, Sir explored on the overall insights of National Educational Policy focusing the structural changes, in NEP, Holistic Development, Integration of subjects, Five Pillars of policy, Sensitization of learner, Technological Integration. In the inaugural program, Dr. Sarita Verma, I/C Principal of AICESR welcomed the gathering. Dr. Pradnya Wakpainjan, Head, Department of Education, SNDT Women's University elaborated the theme and the important aspects of the conference. Dr. Rekha Chavhan, Associate Professor, Department of Education gave information about PM USHA MERU PROJECT. The inaugural program was presided by AEF'S secretary Hon'ble Mr. Shrikant Shukla Sir where he mentioned how education can empower young minds and how National Education Policy can address the needs of Gen Z and Gen Alpha.

On the same day after inaugural we had Expert session of Dr. Archana Katgeri Madam, Associate Professor, H.J. College of Education, Khar, Mumbai. Madam's Session highlighted NEP 2020 aims and objectives including IKS in Education, Integration of IKS with contemporary Knowledge System, Madam explained how teachers can incorporate IKS in the curriculum.

Day 2 started with the expert session on Diversity and Inclusion by Dr. Sunil Rajpurkar, Associate Professor, KK College of Education. Sir spoke about various aspects of Diversity. Sir also mentioned how diversity is important for growth of a society. Sir spoke about democratic values. Democratic ideals and Egalitarian society. Sir mentioned how education is taking us towards the path of inclusive society. He emphasized the need to create campuses where everyone's feel a sense of belongingness where inclusion is a way of life.

The second expert session was of Dr. Ashwini Karwande, Head, Department of Education, University of Mumbai, Mumbai. Madam provided insights into the transformative power of mentoring. Madam stressed the significance of Upskilling teachers through mentoring process. Madam also highlighted various Mentoring Models.

Valedictory Program was the key highlight of the National Conference. Dr. Sanjeev Sonawane Sir was the Chief Guest for the valedictory Program. In Sir's address he mentioned the significance of innovative pedagogies in bringing the best from the students. Sir explored how NEP is a pathway to take India towards development. In valedictory address report reading was done by Dr. Priti Sonar and Dr. Arundhati Chavan. During report reading the entire happenings of two days National Conference was shared. During the valedictory program, Dr. Narendra Telrandhe Sir, addressed the gathering being the administrator of Ashoka Education Foundation. Sir urged the participants to write down all the key take aways from the conference and how it can be implemented in their respective fields. Sir also congratulated the collaboration of Ashoka Education Foundation and Ashoka International Centre for Educational Studies and Research.

In the conference there were 159 registrations from Mumbai, Pune, Kalyan, Dhule, Sambhaji Nagar, Washim and Nashik.


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