
KNOWING THE NEP: AN ONLINE QUIZ

Preamble:

Education is a dynamic process. The needs of the society change in the course of time and education must cater to those needs. In India, various Commissions have been formed to identify the status of education across the nation. They were entrusted with the task to find out the shortcomings in the existing framework and suggest remedies for improvement. The most remarkable among them are:

1. Kothari Commission
2. Sam Pitroda Commission
3. Kasturirangan Commission

The present education system has several drawbacks such as

- A) Lack of flexibility
- B) No common thread binding KG to PG
- C) Lack of administrative planning and leadership
- D) No coordination between regulatory bodies like the UGC, AICTE, ICMR, etc.
- E) Lack of multi-education system

The NEP 2020 is the brainchild of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The NEP focuses on holistic education.

The NEP covers two core areas of paramount prominence in the life of an individual –

- 1) School Education
- 2) Higher Education

The NEP 2020 promotes liberalisation of education. It aims to break the LAW OF AVERAGE by providing more freedom to the policy makers and stakeholders. The concept of liberal education has been derived from the ancient centres of education in Nalanda and Takshila.

Credit Bank is a unique feature of NEP 2020. It stores the credits earned by the students and allows them to continue their incomplete education at any point of time. Every institution will have to provide multidisciplinary education to survive in the future. Its functioning will be governed by the principle: ‘Light but Tight.’

The New Education Policy recommends 6% of GDP allocation for education. It proposes a new structure of education which is 5 + 3 + 3 + 4. It shows sensibility towards the marginalised sections in the society though there is no concrete plan of action suggested to enhance their situation. The secondary teachers will be licenced for 10 years

and their tenure will be renewed after an evaluation by an outside agency. The TET (Teacher Entrance Test) will be compulsory for entry into this field. The minimum percentage required for admission to the B. Ed. course shall be 50.00. The NEP expects global competition in the domain of education. So, it welcomes the 'Foreign Players' to invest in higher education.

The NEP will bring about drastic reforms in the setup of education in India. The Higher Education Commission will replace the UGC and AICTE. National Research Foundation (NRF) will play a major role in boosting the research. The HEI will be classified into THREE categories. M. Phil. will be discontinued. There will be an Exit Test for the students of MBBS at the end of the course. MOOC will be given special preference. The NAAC will be renamed as NAC. The practice of Gradation will be no more. The NAC will only award the statue 'Approve/ Not Approved.'

There will be universalisation of primary education. The Four Pillars of Knowledge Economy are given serious consideration to in the NEP. 'Manodarpan' is a remarkable feature of the NEP. It was launched at the hands of the Union Finance Minister on 17th May, 2020. It is an initiative to support the psychological wellbeing of students, teachers, and their families. It aims at providing counselling to the students belonging to the socially deprived classes, only 8 % of whom can afford the internet connectivity. Thus, NEP 2020 strives for creation of an ecosystem favourable to the growth of quality education.

The NEP chaired by the eminent space scientist Prof Kasturirangan is the third national policy on education which is a document comprising of around 300 pages. The main document includes 65 pages and has 4 parts. It has two major components: school education and higher education.

This policy has been framed with the following vision:

- 1) To convert India into Bharat
- 2) To curtail drop-out rate
- 3) To ensure universal access to education
- 4) To reduce curriculum content to enhance essential learning and critical thinking

The curriculum to be designed will focus on learning *how to learn*. It will give preference to the mother tongue as well as local languages. The focus will be on the Indic and non-Indic languages. It will reimagine and reinforce Vocational Education. Thus, by 2025, 50% of the total learners will have exposure to professional education. Switching from vocational to traditional education and vice versa is allowed in the new policy.

Activity:

The IQAC of Pemraj Sarda College, after a considerable brainstorming on the need to create an awareness and affinity about the new National Education Policy 2020 in the society, decided to prepare and circulate a Google Form Quiz on the social media. The Quiz consisted of 20 Multiple Choice Questions, carrying 2 marks each. To ensure transparency, the score was immediately released after submission. Moreover, the participant could view missed questions and correct answers.

Target Group:

The Quiz was targeted at the following prominent stakeholders of education –

- Principal/ Director
- Teachers (University/ College/ School)
- Parents
- Students

Outcome:

The participants, after successfully submitting the Quiz, will attain the following:

- Awareness about the earlier Education Policies framed in India
- Acquaintance with the new pedagogical structure of the NEP
- Knowledge of the abbreviations associated with the NEP
- Intimation of the possible changes in the existing education system in near future
- Cursory information about the highlights of the draft NEP

Response:

This initiative received immense response. The Quiz was enthusiastically solved by 862 persons across the nation. Each of them immediately received a Certificate of Participation. All in all, this initiative was a grand success.

IQAC Chairperson Principal Dr Rajendra Shinde, IQAC Coordinator Prof (Dr) Jyoti Bidlan and all members of the IQAC extended their wholehearted support, guidance, and cooperation for accomplishment of this academic event. Ms. Mrinmayee Gune, faculty in the Department of English, volunteered the promotion and publicity of this initiative.

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Screenshots:

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Questions Responses **862** Settings Total points: 40

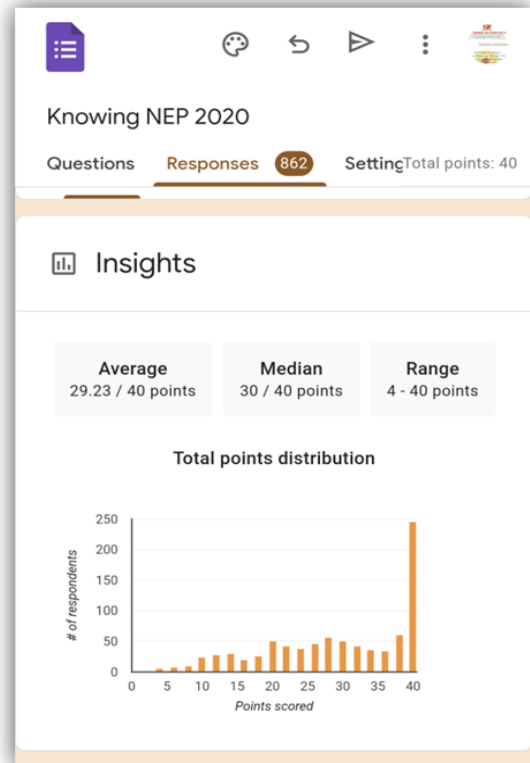
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