NAAC in collaboration with CESS organized a webinar on “National Education Policy 2020: A Way to Aatmanirbhar Bharat” on 24th August 2020, from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The program was an opportunity for academicians to understand the insights of NEP 2020 and the intended changes it would bring in Higher Education of India.

The program began with Dr. Sujata Shanbhag, Adviser, NAAC, welcoming the panelists and resource persons - Dr. M.K. Sridhar and Dr. K Ramachandran and other dignitaries and participants and briefed about the program. While expressing NAAC’s contribution to the policy she also recollected that NAAC had hosted the office of NEP on its campus and organized programmes to collect the inputs to policy.

Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director of NAAC gave an introductory speech elaborated on the significance of NEP 2020 in Indian Education that includes Primary, Secondary & Higher Education. He also expressed that the new NEP will greatly help the young generation and also to the teachers. He also gave a complete overview of the policy.

Dr. M.K. Sridhar thanked NAAC for their contribution to the NEP draft that was led by the Kasturirangan Committee. He also applauded Dr. Manjul Bhargav and Prof. Ramachandran for their full-time support and contribution to the preparation of the NEP draft. He emphasized that the third policy i.e. NEP 2020 has been prepared in a different context, in comparison to the previous scenario where the previous two policies were drafted on the education system of India. University and College will be the center of the entire theme and development will rest on the shoulder of the higher education system in which degree will be given by colleges and universities that will be free from affiliation. The emphasis is laid on a multi-disciplinary approach that will be the new identity of Universities. He opinioned that there is diversity in the education system across India and the present rigid structure of the education system will now be changed. Prof. M.K. Sridhar expressed that accreditation hitherto was on standardized criteria but in the future, it is expected to be on the uniqueness of the institution. We have right now seven criteria for accreditation. The gradation of the institution will be checked by its uniqueness. NEP 2020 will allow the institution to revamp its system. Prof. Shridhar emphasizing the policy expressed its importance for the institution for bringing the development on its own. The institution has to think in the way that learning is not only going into deep but also broad. NEP 2020 focuses manifestation of affection of education for better accreditation of institution there should be no conflict of interest. Four functions of the education system should be completely separated and operate freely without conflict of interest and they will also form four pillars.
National Accreditation Council (NAC) will be meta accreditation body. NAC will set an accreditation framework that includes what kind of accreditation, what will be the basis, how you will take autonomy, how you will take a multidisciplinary approach, and how you will incorporate diversity. He also recalled the contribution of Hon’ble PM Narendra Modi and Hon’ble HRD Minister Sri Ramesh NishankPokhriyal in bringing the NEP 2020.

Dr. K Ramachandran opined that the National Education Policy 2020 will recognize and foster the ability of each student and shall help to promote holistic development. This will help learners to choose the programme, according to their channels and interests honoring student diversity. He expressed that diversity is an asset, not a liability. The purpose of the NEP Policy is to solve the real-life problem for achieving excellence. In his words “The top-class universities around the world were set up before the 19th Century and in India, we have 6 University in the 19th century. The expansion of the education system started in 1975, we need to prepare the student to face Industries for the 4.0 version. This policy will lead to student excellence, excellence in graduation rate, excellence in the rate of entry in higher education, excellence in entry into skilled jobs, which can be done through academic excellence. This policy will support excellence in research, excellence in faculty staff and will also promote integrity. The policy talks about internationalization. This is to make India a world hub center for education. The overall outcome of the policy is to achieve student excellence in curriculum, faculty, schedule programme, and international experiences in a phased manner. The policy talks about institution restructuring and consolidation, the policy also talks about the three times of institution which includes research-intensive institutions, teaching-intensive institutions, and undergraduate college. The future of the world is a multidisciplinary approach. Single streams will expand themselves on the basic psychological perspective and philosophical perspective. The institution will focus on academic, administration, and financial autonomy”.

Dr. Ramachandran further said that this policy is not to be implemented in terms of the target because the situation varies across the region.

Questions posed by various Vice-chancellors and Academicians were appropriately answered by Dr. Ramachandran that left all the participants convincing.

Dr. Leena Gahane, Deputy Adviser, NAAC coordinated the programme voiced her profound gratitude to all the persons who were involved in making the program happen.
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