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**A BRIEF REPORT ON**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY – 2020**

A brief report on the workshop held on 20th August 2021 at Crawford Hall, University of Mysore.

Prof. B.Thimmegowda, Vice-Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council and Former Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University gave a presentation on Implementation of NEP -2020 in Higher Education.

Prof.B.Thimmegowda explained General aspects of NEP. Structure, challenges and benefits etc.,

* NEP 2020 is bringing drastic changes in the higher education system.
* 3 years v/s 4 years Bachelor’s degree with exit options.
* 1 year Master’s degree, revised eligibility criteria for Ph.D.
* NEP-2020 does not make 4 year degree program mandatory. But these programs will be preferable options for students to gain a degree with ‘Research’.
* The graduates should posses the knowledge, skills and values to enable them to cope with dynamic employment opportunities.
* At present students studying 3 subject combination oriented discipline.
* NEP is giving freedom to students to choose multidisciplinary education system and exit option.
* Candidate who exit after the 1st year course will be awarded a ‘CERTIFICATE’ in the field of study.
* After 2nd year course will be awarded ‘DIPLOMA’ in the field of study.
* If candidates complete 3 years course will be awarded a DEGREE.
* If candidates complete 4 years course will be awarded Bachelor Degree with Honors’
* Candidates who do not wish to continue with 4th year will have to complete the ‘Research Project’ in 2 years of Master’s program. It is mandatory.
* Candidates, who wish to continue after 3rd year, can specialize in a different field apart from the mandatory Major or Minor subject.
* Candidates who complete 4 years degree programs will also get ‘DEGREE WITH RESEARCH’ if he/she completes research project. Master’s degree is only for one year and research is not mandatory.
* Candidates who have completed 4 years Bachelor degree with research are eligible to take up Ph.D directly.
* 3 years degree holders should complete 2 years master degree after that they are eligible to take up Ph.D.
* M.Phil course has been discontinued.
* NEP introducing imaginative and flexible curricular structure creative combinations.
* NEP integrating Arts with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
* Students can choose single discipline. One major and one minor, one major and one vocation discipline along with languages, open electives skill development and vocational courses including co-curricular activities.
* Students shall be provided internship opportunities in local business/industry artists etc., students can take up research internships with faculty and researchers. This activity will improve students practical knowledge and also employability.
* There is flexibility in choosing subjects. A student can choose ‘Physics’ as Major subject and ‘History’or ‘Music’ or ‘Sports’ as Minor subject.

NEP is very effective, but implementation of the policy will require multiple initiatives and actions. It will need careful planning, joint monitoring at National, State, Institutional and Individual levels. In Karnataka High Education Sector is facing a lot of problems. In each Education Institution teachers role is very important. All over Karnataka 80% of the teachers are working temporary/contract basis in Higher Education Institutions including in Universities. Each education institution is having its own specific problem. Government and University should take initiative to solve the problems.

In this regard, the Government and the University role is very important.

* No. of workshops and conferences to be conducted to Principals and Teachers of all autonomous and affiliated colleges.
* Workshops to be conducted subject wise implementation.
* College – level orientation programs/ awareness programs to be conducted for students and parents.
* Awareness materials / guidelines should be prepared and sent to all Institutions.
* Provision should be made to change University Act towards policy matters.