

WEBINAR ON 'NEW EDUCATION POLICY - 2020'



Soon after the approval of the 'New Education Policy - 2020' (NEP 2020) by the Government of India, Amaltas College of Education invited stalwarts from academia to a webinar to discuss its implications. The webinar was conducted in the evening of 23rd August 2020. The webinar Director and the Secretary of the College, Ms. Ratna Choudhry, welcomed the speakers and the participants, and introduced the objectives of the webinar. The webinar started with the presentation of the College *kulgeet* followed by a keynote address by Sri Ranjit Sinha, the Chairman of the College, who explained the vision and the mission of the College and its commitment to principles of equity, excellence and community.

Our first guest to speak on the New Education Policy was Prof.(Dr.) Ajay Pratap (Inspector of colleges and former Registrar of Aryabhata Knowledge University). He said that the new policy will have a major impact on the 'Colleges of Education' who play a vital role in nation building. He explained the proposed 5+3+3+4 structure for school education, and its intent. He also mentioned that around 70% of the migrant labourers in the country are 12th pass but work only as unskilled labour. This is due to their lack of 'skills'. Therefore, the new policy recommends inclusion of vocational training in formal school education.

After the address of Prof.(Dr.) Ajay Pratap, our distinguished guest Prof. (Dr.) V.K.Das (Member of Bihar State University Service Commission and Ex-PRO VC Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi) welcomed the Government's initiative in putting forth a 'National Policy' for education in the country. He said there are many languages in our country which have perished or are on the verge of extinction. The new policy has provisions for their revival. Currently there are as many as 2000 languages or dialects being spoken in different parts of the country. Under the New Education Policy every child will have the privilege to study in his/her local language up to standard 5.

The next speaker was our another distinguished guest of the evening, Prof.(Dr.) Poomima Shekhar Singh, Director (Equivalent to VC) of Centre for Geographical Studies, Aryabhata Knowledge University, Patna. She spoke about the 4 year integrated course of B.Ed which may replace the 2 years B.Ed programme completely by 2030 after the implementation of the New Education Policy. The New Policy has provision of 'Continuous Professional Development' of the in-service teachers. All the teachers will have to undergo a 50 hours refresher training for enhancing professional capacity, every year. A National Mission will be constituted for the purpose of mentoring which will include senior /retired educationists and subject specialists from various disciplines. This policy will also ensure that all the female trained teachers get chance to serve in the areas closer to their house so that they can take care of their families along with their service.

Our Chief Guest Hon'ble Prof.(Dr.) R.B.P. Singh (Former VC, Patna University and Ex-VC Nalanda Open University) said, that the New Education Policy has been designed keeping the youth of 2020 in mind. In India, 69 crores of the population is less than 29 years of age and out of which 40 crores are students. The aim of the new policy is to groom them and transform them into knowledge resources. The new policy has been framed in a way to develop vocational skills and National responsibility among the youth. He had to say that only 5% of our youth are getting policy. The motive of the Government is to ensure that 100% students reach school and complete their formal basic education by 2035. Prof.(Dr.) R.B.P. Singh also took some questions from the audience before concluding his speech.

The vote of thanks was presented by our HOD, Dr. Uday Narayan Singh. He thanked all the dignitaries for sparing their valuable time with us for the webinar. He also thanked the other 130+ participants who joined the webinar from different parts of the country.

ADMISSIONS 2020-22 SESSION

The Bihar B.Ed. CET 2020 will now be conducted on 22nd September 2020. Supreme Court of India has allowed Lalit Narayan Mithila University to conduct the entrance exam for the 1.22 lakh B.Ed. aspirants, fearing the loss of the session due to COVID 19 pandemic.

Bihar School Examination Board(BSEB) has also announced the schedule of the common entrance examination for two years D.El.Ed. course admission which will start from 22nd October 2020.

UNIVERSITY & BOARD EXAMINATION

B.Ed. first year and the final year University examination for 2019-21 will start from 28th September 2020. Aryabhata Knowledge University has declared the schedule of these examinations. The admit cards are likely to be issued before 20th September.

The Bihar School Examination Board(BSEB) may also announce the D.El.Ed. examination very soon. Both first and second year D.El.Ed. examinations are expected to start before 30th September 2020.