

Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021:

Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During November, 2021

1. Workshop on National Education Policy, 2020(NEP)

A workshop with States/UTs was organized by the Department on 12.11.2021 on implementation of National Education Policy 2020. The agenda of the workshop was to provide cross learning platform for sharing best practices and future road map, along with identification of the critical points for ensuring better implementation and to brief the States/UTs regarding Zonal and Regional level deliberations on implementation of the policy to be held in near future.

2. Meeting with Dr. K. Kasturirangan to discuss the implementation of NEP

A meeting was held to discuss the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 and other issues on 19.11.2021 at Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru. During the meeting, status of implementation of NEP 2020 was apprised and detailed discussion was held on the issues relating to multidisciplinary, reasonable correlation between subjects on humanities and technical education, setting up of MERUs, support for Research, technology and pedagogy, participation of private Higher Education Institutions and others.

3. Education Round Table on Advancing India-US Education Partnership

Hon'ble Education Minister participated in an Education Round Table on Advancing India-US Education Partnership on 10th of November 2021. The programme was organized and conducted by the Embassy of India in US. The objective was to provide a platform for interaction between Indian and US universities and also policy makers and regulators, to explore possible areas and modalities for enhancing educational partnerships between the two countries in the context of NEP 2020. All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE) has been nominated as nodal/focal point for coordinating/interacting with US Academic/Educational/Research Universities/Institutions to continue the dialogue on possible collaboration between Indian Institutes/Universities and US universities on various fronts such as joint/dual degree programmes, internships for students, research collaborations and faculty exchange, MOOC, faculty development/leadership programmes among others.

4. Visit of Education Minister to the North East

Education Minister visited Guwahati and Shillong from 19th- 21st November, 2021. He along with the Chief Minister of Assam inaugurated the North-East Education Conclave on 20.11.2021 at Guwahati Medical College & Hospital Auditorium organized by Department of Education, Government of Assam and Shankardev Education and Research Foundation (SERF). The objective of the conclave was to discuss and deliberate on various aspects of NEP-2020 which would help in creating a roadmap for the North East Region and to design strategies for its successful implementation. On 21st August, 2021 he visited IIT Guwahati where he inaugurated

the State of the Art centre for Nanotechnology and Centre for Indian knowledge system as well as two hostels at the Institute. Centre for Nanotechnology (CNT) aims at meeting future challenges and augment academic partnerships with industry in Nanotechnology. He inaugurated the newly completed building of Shillong Campus of Kendriya Hindi Sansthan at Shillong on 21st November, 2021. In the inaugural function Government's priority on promotion of Indian languages, including languages and traditional knowledge of the North Eastern region of the country, under the National Education Policy 2020 was emphasized.

5. National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF)

NEP 2020 envisions formulation of a National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF) which will be in sync with the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) to ease the integration of vocational education into higher education. The NEP further envisages that the higher education qualifications leading to a degree/ diploma/ certificate shall be described by the NHEQF in terms of such learning outcomes. In accordance with the vision of NEP, 2020, the UGC has formulated the draft NHEQF which is under discussion with Skills Ministry for alignment with the NSQF
