

**Two day conclave on NEP 2020 implementation concludes  
Make Assam a model state towards NEP implementation: Governor  
Conclave identifies obstacles and problems on implementation of NEP and gives remedial steps**

**Guwahati, June 16:** The two day conclave on the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 held at Assam Administrative Staff College concluded today where Governor Gulab Chand Kataria made a fervent appeal to all stake holders to take special steps to make Assam a model on the implementation of NEP 2020.

Speaking at the valedictory function of the conclave, the Governor said that Government of Assam has already launched this policy for higher education on June 3. Now, steps are being taken to rollout this policy comprehensively to address the needs of the students at all levels. Governor Kataria said that during the last two days, the experts present in the conclave identified the obstacles and problems in the implementation of the new education policy. Moreover they also put forward their preparedness and possible hindrances in this regard. Accordingly, steps will be taken to implement the provisions of the NEP across all sectors of education to make the state an example for others to follow.

The Governor also said that as a strategy of implementation of NEP 2020, vocational and skill education would also get the desired and deserved place in the state. Referring to earlier education policy in the country namely the Kothari Commission of 1966 and the education policy of 1986, the Governor said that both the policies failed to pay much emphasis on vocational and skill based education. He said, "It is therefore, necessary to remove the mental blockage towards vocational component of education. As such, adequate emphasis will be put in Assam to implement skill based component of NEP 2020, to transform our man power into productive and entrepreneurial resources".

The Governor also requested the heads of all institutions to ensure that vocational education has a respectable place in their core curriculum. He also asked them to impart adequate knowledge of "Lok Vidya" (Traditional Knowledge) to the students. As a part of the greater strategy for the implementation of NEP 2020, he also asked all the stakeholders of the education system of the state to ensure access, equity and inclusiveness so that even the most socially disadvantaged groups are not deprived of education namely elementary, secondary and higher.

Governor Kataria also said that as an important mandate of NEP 2020, steps will be taken to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in higher education to 50 per cent by 2035 in the state. Kataria also advocated for innovation, incubation and skill development to make the positions of the educational institutions better under National Institutional Ranking Framework. He also said that the two day conclave took objective view of all these issues and list out suggestions for the implementation of the provisions of NEP 2020 and make Assam a model state in this regard.

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Secretary Govt.of Assam Biswaranjan Samal, Commissioner and Secretary to Governor SS Meenakshi Sundaram, Vice Chancellors of different universities, academia, experts from across the country were present during the conclave.

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