

**Governor chairs first meeting of Consultative Group of higher education in Raj Bhavan  
Consultative Group to assist Governor for implementation of NEP 2020**

**Guwahati, August 25:** Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria chaired the first meeting of the consultative group constituted on Higher Education in Raj Bhavan today.

It may be mentioned that the Governor constituted the consultative group with the members namely, Advisor Education Dr. Nani Gopal Mahanta, Advisor, Chancellor's Secretariat Dr. Mihir K. Chaudhuri, Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Biswaranjan Samal as the Convenor, Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor of Assam S. S. Meenakshi Sundaram, Executive Director, AIIMS, Guwahati Prof. Ashok Puranik, Officiating Director, IIT Guwahati Prof. Parameswar K. Iyer, VC Tezpur University Dr. Shambhu Nath Singh, VC Cotton University Dr. Ramesh Ch. Deka, VC Dibrugarh University Dr. Jiten Hazarika, VC Assam Agricultural University Dr. Bidyut Ch. Deka, VC Assam Women's University Dr. Ajanta Borgohain Rajkonwar, VC The Assam Royal Global University Dr. S. P. Singh, Former VC The Assam Don Bosco University Fr. (Dr.) Stephen Mavelly, Secretary, Higher Education Narayan Konwar, Secretary to the Governor of Assam Swapna Dutta Deka, Secretary, Department of Higher Education Banashree Nath, Addl. Secretary, Higher Education Kabita Deka and Principal Arya Vidyapeeth College Dr. Pradip Kr. Bhattacharyya.

The Consultative Group will assist the Governor's Secretariat in the effective implementation of NEP 2020. The members of the Consultative Group will meet at least once in a month to take stock of implementation of NEP 2020 in Assam and make suggestions for better implementation. The Consultative Group is mandated to discuss pertinent issues of importance of Higher Education and suggest ways for betterment of higher education landscape of the state. The Consultative Group will also indulge in detailed analysis and suggest actionable points for smooth and fast implementation of the provisions of NEP 2020. The members of the group will also undertake field visits such as institutions of education within Assam and outside.

During the meeting, the Governor said that with the fast changing scenario of education, more so with the advent of the NEP 2020, extra efforts have to be taken to enable the educational institutions can impart their education for the benefit of the society. The Governor further said, "Ours is a nation of young people, and we have to impart our education to make our young generation future ready with resilience to face challenges of the new digital age."

The Governor also said that with NEP implementation, there is a greater responsibility on the part of the stakeholders to make Assam the best performing state in education. He also thanked all the members for their participation.

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