

Short write up on the National Seminar on Strategic Implementation of NEP 2020 in Higher Education in Northeast India

The Two-Day National Seminar on Strategic Implementation of NEP 2020 in Higher Education in Northeast India was successfully conducted on 6th and 7th March 2025 at Sikkim University, Gangtok. This seminar was an integral part of a collaborative research project under the broader initiative of Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047, funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.



The lighting of the lamp and invocation song marked the formal beginning of the seminar, followed by an introduction of the seminar by Prof. Yodida Bhutia, Dean of Professional Studies, Chairperson NEPCSU, Head, Department of Education, and Project Coordinator of the Viksit Bharat Project.



The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Sherwin Sungoh, former Dean, School of Education, North-Eastern Hill University, who highlighted critical perspectives on NEP 2020's implementation challenges and opportunities. The Guest of Honor was Mr. Ujjwal Rai, Additional Secretary of Higher Education, Department of Education, Government of Sikkim, who emphasized the state government's commitment to policy implementation.



The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Shri G.T. Dhungel, Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Culture Department, Government of Sikkim, who shared insights on aligning NEP 2020 with regional educational aspirations. Prof. Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University, chaired the inaugural session and delivered an address underscoring the seminar's significance. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Euodia B. Myrthong, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, North-Eastern Hill University.



The seminar brought together academicians, policymakers, researchers, and education stakeholders to deliberate on the gaps, challenges, and strategies in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, specifically within the context of Northeast India. This seminar was a result of the collaborative efforts of four central universities, Sikkim University, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Nagaland University and Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

The Vice Chancellors of these universities played a key role in facilitating this collaboration, while the seminar was coordinated by Prof. Yodida Bhutia along with project directors Dr. Euodia B. Myrthong (NEHU, Shillong), Dr. M. Rajendra Nath Babu (Nagaland University, Kohima), Prof. B. Reena Tok (Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh).



The seminar witnessed remarkable academic engagement, with 95 abstract submissions received, out of which 44 papers were selected after a rigorous review process. A total of 13 papers were presented in offline mode and 31 papers in online mode. The sessions were meticulously organized into three technical sessions on the first day and five technical sessions on the second day, enabling in-depth discussions and expert deliberations on each sub-theme.

The organizing team expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all Vice Chancellors, resource persons, participants, and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for their invaluable support and contributions, which ensured the seminar's resounding success.