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**Minutes of Meeting**

The Ninth Meeting of the Task force on Higher Education was convened on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary to Governor at Raj Bhawan Jaipur. Sh. Subir Kumar, Chairperson Task force, Members of Task force and officers of Governor's Secretariat participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing using Microsoft Teams software. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure-'A'.

Secretary to Governor welcomed Members of Task force in the meeting and briefed them regarding the structure planned for the meeting. The agenda of the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-'B'.

Chairperson invited the views of the members on the Agenda issues.

During the discussion main observations of the Members of Task Force are as follows-

**Prof. A. K. Gahlot, Member, Advisory Committee of Hon'ble Governor** and Special invitee Task Force, made Presentation highlighting following points of NEP 2020:

- I. Policy points to be taken-up immediately by SFUs and should put an institutionalised system of continuously review.
- II. SFUs need to firm-up Strategic Plan to achieve it.

**A. Points applicable to all types of SFUs**

- Integration of vocational education by introducing skills and values
- Promotion of Indian languages, arts and culture
- ODL and online education
- Resource generation

- Increasing the GER
- Providing multidisciplinary education
- Improve learning
- Setting up of new Centres
- Student support
- Collaboration with industry
- Introduction of high quality programmes and new technologies
- Use of ICT for improving education and governance

### **B. Points applicable to only specific Professional SFUs**

- Integration of humanities and arts with STEM in Single-stream SFUs
- Preparation of professionals must involve an education in the ethic and importance of public purpose, an education in the discipline, and an education for practice.
- **Agricultural education** with allied disciplines will be revived.
- **Legal education** needs to be competitive globally, adopting best practices and embracing new technologies for wider access to and timely delivery of justice.
- **Healthcare education** needs to be re-envisioned so that the duration, structure, and design of the educational programs need to match the role requirements that graduates will play.
- **Technical education** includes degree and diploma programmes in, engineering, technology, management, architecture, town planning, pharmacy, hotel management, catering technology etc., which are critical to India's overall development.
- **Engineering institutions** will move towards multidisciplinary education with more arts and humanities.
- Besides this elaboration was made on Points applicable to SFUs involved in Adult Education, Sanskrit University and Colleges, SFUs having Affiliated Colleges, Each SFU should initiate Strategic Planning and proposals to be submitted to AD for approval of additional funding and Points related to preparation of IDP.

- SOP for Residential Universities and Hostels are still awaited, Universities should remain in touch with district administration for following the COVID guideline issued time to time.
- Initiatives of NEP like Multiple entry and exit could be achieved if Universities of similar nature will support each other with same curriculum and calendar and sharing their vision.
- For being competent at National Level and to gain advantage of NEP incentives, SFUs must take early steps for its implementation.

### **Comments/ Observations of Members of Task Force**

#### **1. Prof. R. K. S. Dhakarey, Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, Bharatpur-**

- Non-Collegiate/ private student concept should discontinue with students being enrolled in ODL, based on the model adopted in Uttar Pradesh.
- In Bihar, transfer- posting of faculty is taken care by affiliating University.
- CBCS should be mandatory in all P.G. classes for introducing Academic Bank concept.
- Concept of adult education introduced by Brij University has been found successful in rural areas of Bharatpur
- University should be able to engage guest faculty for fixed hours even if faculty does not meet UGC norms.

#### **2. Prof. R. A. Gupta, Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan Technical University, Kota-**

- RTU has constituted Committees with affiliated Colleges for effective implementation of NEP, which conducts work shop and seminars for continuous discussion on NEP.
- NEP suggested CBCS and Multiple entry and exit schemes, which has been implemented in RTU.
- Practical being important for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year technical students, opening of experimental labs with 50% student strength, may be permitted.
- As per AICTE norms, faculty recruitment is mandatory and University has forwarded sanctioned posts to DOP for

Roster. University may be allowed to fill up faculty positions with its own resources, without any exchequer burden to State Government.

- For construction of "Samvidhan Udhyan", work is in progress as per guidelines issued by Rajbhawan.
- SUMS is being partially run by the University.

**3. Dr. Dev Swarup, Vice Chancellor, B.R. Ambedkar Law University, Jaipur-**

- Universities should redefine administrative and academic process for implementation of NEP 2020.
- Governing structure of Universities must gear up.
- IDP is must for Universities with Short, Mid and Long term goals.
- Regular discourse with faculty and students are essential.
- For faculty crunch, University must find alternative solutions, which may be guest and district faculty under UGC norms.
- Remuneration for guest faculty is required to be enhanced from Rs 500 to Rs 1500 to attract talent.
- To upgrade academic quality, reformative steps should be taken by discontinuing Private students and permitting only ODL and Regular student category.

**4. Prof. P. C. Trivedi, Vice Chancellor, J. N. V. University Jodhpur-**

- Concept of Private students should be discontinued.
- For effective implementation of NEP 2020, Universities must have common curriculum, and for the same, Government must set up State level organization for finalization of Syllabus.
- Government must set up Higher Education Recruitment Board.
- JNV University has arranged for running classes for 100% final year students in place of 50% by utilizing vacant rooms in the University premises, maintaining desired social distancing.
- The University has constituted a team for continued discussions on NEP 2020.

- JNV University is presently availing automation using online management system using ITI Ltd. modules.
- JNV University has pension liability of around Rs 7.00 Cr. /month. Looking to the economic condition of the University, construction of “Samvidhan Udyan” will be difficult unless some other means of finances are made available.

**5. Prof. J. S. Sandhu, Vice Chancellor, Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner-**

- Draft State Agriculture Policy has inclusion of NEP 2020.
- Letter has been written to Administrative Department for inclusion of employment generating diploma and certificate courses and for promoting Start-ups.
- State DST is not providing Scholarships and project grants to support Research in agriculture.
- Remuneration of Guest faculty should be raised from Rs 500 to Rs 1500. Rajbhawan is requested to convey the same to the State Government.
- Permission is required from the State Government for Resource Mobilization and utilization of University’s own funds for running different University programs.
- The University, after having detailed discussion on directions and guidelines issued during “Kulpati Samvad” has prepared a Blue Print, which will be shared in the next meeting.

**6. Commissioner College Education- College Education-**

- NEP is being implemented systematically.
- Commission ‘rate has implemented “C.M. Yuva kaushal Yojana” to promote apprenticeship and promoted tie ups with the Companies having Industrial linkages.
- Around 88 new Colleges have been opened in the State with total of around 115 new Colleges in last three years.
- College education has initiated programs like Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), obtained loan from NABARD and introduced job oriented courses of Companies like Cicso, Microsoft and Oracal.

- New courses on Biodiversity and Heritage has been introduced in Government Colleges to enhance employability amongst students.
- Focus should be on intensive evaluation of students, credit based system and on Skill intensive courses like Textile, Cement and Tourism etc.
- Need of hour is to clearly define time-lines for forth coming examination and evaluation of Universities and affiliated Colleges.

**7. Based on the above deliberations, in his concluding remarks Secretary to Governor and Chairman Task Force gave following directions-**

- As per guideline issued by Department of Home, Government of Rajasthan, Medical Colleges, Nursing Colleges and Dental Colleges has already been opened on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and final year classes of SFUs shall be opened from 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. In this regard SOP has been issued, which should strictly be followed and Vice Chancellors should take all necessary steps for safety measures to be taken for social distancing and sanitization.
- Hon'ble Governor Sir, will shortly be convening "Kulpati Samvad" with Vice Chancellors of SFUs.
- SFUs should initiate the process of making changes in their Acts and Statues with due clearances from competent bodies like Syndicate or BOM/ Academic Councils as per guidelines of NEP 2020.
- In light of economic crunch of Centre and State Government, it will be difficult to get desired number of faculty positions sanctioned; therefore SFUs should shift to alternative ways of online teaching and evaluation, involving Ph.D students in teaching under graduate classes, engaging guest faculty, inculcating in-service training Programs and find other measures of resource generation, so as to be financially self reliant.
- In the prevailing situation, Vice-Chancellors besides being academicians should also act like CEOs for optimal utilization of financial resources and to cut down unnecessary University expenses.

- Vice-Chancellors should have regular interaction with the Micro-Task Force of their University, along with monitoring of Institutional Development Programs (IDP) for setting up and subsequently executing Short, Mid and Long term goals in light of NEP 2020.
- Universities should contemplate for the student attendance and devise new and innovative ways for ensuring student's footfall and their attendance in the classes.
- Commissioner College education was requested to organize Work Shop/ Seminars in Government Colleges, across the State to sensitize faculty about NEP 2020 and to enhance resource generation and attendance of students in the Colleges.
- Rajbhawan is in the process of setting up State University Management System (SUMS), where efforts are being done to standardize the application form in all SFUs, so as to enable students to fill up single data sheet/ form to get access to all Universities for admission, this will save time and will provide single platform along with possibility of creating Academic Credit Bank.
- In light of NEP, Universities should make necessary changes in their curriculum through BOM/Academic Councils to introduce Skill based and Vocational courses so as to enable class XII students to opt subject stream as per their talent, this will subsequently enhance employability.
- Universities across the State should have a uniform curriculum and Calendar to support initiatives of NEP 2020 like CBCS and Multiple Entry and Exit.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair by Member Secretary.

  
(Dr. Anuj Saxena)  
Member Secretary Task Force

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action.:

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2. Prof. A K Gahlot, Member, Governor's Advisory Committee.
3. Prof. R K S Dhakarey, Vice Chancellor, Brij University, Bharatpur
4. Prof. R A Gupta, Vice Chancellor, RTU, Kota.
5. Dr. Dev Swarup, Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Law University, Jaipur.
6. Prof. P C Trivedi, Vice Chancellor, J N V University, Jodhpur.
7. Prof. J S Sandhu, Vice Chancellor, SKN University, Jobner.
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10. PS to Secretary to Hon'ble Governor.
11. PS to Commissioner, College Education, Shiksha Sankul, Jaipur.

  
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**Annexure 'A'**

<b>S No</b>	<b>Task Force Members</b>	<b>Position</b>
1	Secretary to Governor	Chairperson
2	Prof. A. K. Gahlot Member, Governor's Advisory Board.	
3	Prof. R K S Dhakarey Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, Bharatpur	Member
4	Prof. R A Gupta Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan Technical University, Kota	Member
5	Dr. Dev Swarup Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Law University, Jaipur.	Member
6	Prof. J S Sandhu Vice Chancellor, SKN University, Jobner	Member
7	Smt. Sandhya Sharma Financial advisor, Governor's Secretariat	Member
8	Commissioner College Education	Special Invitee
9	Dr. Anuj Saxena OSD I, Higher Education	Member Secretary

**Agenda:**

1. National Education Policy-2020.
2. Precautions to be taken while opening Institution.
3. State University Management System (SUMS).
4. Online progress of various interventions as per directions from Rajbhawan.