

Webinar on 'Implication of NEP 2020 on higher education' held at SDMIMD

NEP 2020 should reduce inequality and socio-educational gap: Dr R Indira

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"The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 seeks to have a 'holistic institution' with multiple disciplines, mutual learning and respect to other disciplines. According to the All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) 2019 report, there are 993 universities, 39,931 colleges and 10,725 stand alone institutions (SAI) who are registered. It is time to unlearn and relearn among these higher educational institutions to implement NEP 2020 to reduce inequality and socio-educational gap in the country," said noted sociologist Dr R Indira during the webinar on "Implication of NEP 2020 on higher education" organised by SDM Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD) under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) banner on Wednesday (November 18).

Prof Indira said "The NEP 2020 is a vision document which details the things which can be carried out for



the betterment of Indian education system. Even though some of the initiatives in the document are already in place in many institutions, the autonomy to frame the syllabus, more focused approach towards innovation, multi-discipline universities and corporatisation of higher education are some of the core concepts which higher educational institutions should now focus upon. Further, the institutions should have clear plans for social inclusiveness and growth as research-teaching universities."

Speaking on the occasion, Dr N R Parasuraman,

Director, SDMIMD, Mysuru, emphasised the important role played by educational institutions in bringing about greater social awareness among students.

Dr B Yashoverma, Secretary of SDM Educational Trust, Ujire, graced the occasion. Dr. Sunil M V, Nodal Officer of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) at SDMIMD, coordinated the programme. Educationists, faculty members, and research scholars participated in the webinar.

Profile: Dr Ramarao Indira is an Indian sociologist. In her university career spanning more than 40 years, she was the Chair of the Depart-



Dr R Indira, noted sociologist

ment of Sociology; Director of the International Centre and Honorary Director of the Centre for Women's Studies at the University of Mysore.

Dr Indira built research culture in the department through her people-centric research projects and also trained generations of students to undertake studies on themes of social relevance. She is well known for her works on gender issues in forest management, girls' education and building capacities of women in local self-governance institutions.

The research contribution by Dr Indira to the wealth of knowledge in sociology and

social research is enormous. Translation works, research reports, journal articles, edited volumes, consultancy reports, evaluation reports, conference volumes adds to her contribution which are detailed in personal webpage of the speaker www.r-indira.com

Currently, Dr Indira is the president of Samrudhi Foundation, a civil society group that she initiated with her family and friends for building capacities of women, research students and members of civil society. She is a contributor and editor of subject encyclopaedias, dictionaries, journals, theme based books and translation projects. Prof Indira is currently heading a team that is translating Anthony Giddens' Sociology into Kannada, besides being involved in translation projects and evaluation of forestry programmes in Karnataka.

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