

## **BRIEF REPORT**

**On**

**STATE LEVEL WEBINAR ON “NEP 2020 – MAKING EDUCATION MORE INCLUSIVE”  
ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY,  
ORGANISED BY CENTRE FOR DISABILITY STUDIES AND EDUCATIONAL  
RESEARCH (CDSER), SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (SoE), NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN  
UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2021**

**Web Platform: Zoom**

**Time: 3PM-5PM**

**Participants: 200 (Rehab Professionals, Special Educators and Parents)**

The one day webinar was started in time with the welcome address by Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed. SoE, NSOU with his melodious voice.

Then, Prof. Swapan Kumar Sarkar, HOD, SoE, NSOU explained briefly the theme of the programme. He said that the present programme is a humble attempt to develop conscious awareness on roles and duties and inclusion of community participation which would minimize exclusion of students on the basis of language and disability.

In his Presidential Address, Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director and Coordinator, CDSER, SoE, NSOU said that the National Education Policy, 2020 has conveyed the structural change in the education system which aims to make India the global knowledge superpower ensuring equity and inclusion. He further added that equal respect for all religion with the idea to develop or bring back creative human endeavor required for the 21<sup>st</sup> century education system, has been the main focus of NEP 2020.

The inaugural session was ended with vote of thanks by Smt. Swapna Deb, Faculty Consultant, SoE, NSOU.

The Technical session was started by the presentation of Dr. Bishnupada Nanda, Prof. Dept. of Education, Jadavpur University. His topic of discussion was “NEP – 2020 making education more inclusive Higher Education level”.

In his nice presentation, Prof. Nanda stressed upon Research in Higher Education for persons with disabilities along with normal students. He emphasized on the role of Teachers in the education system where the Teacher should be “MANTRA DRASTA” like our Gurus in ancient system. Prof. Nanda also pointed out another important issue which was ignored in NEP 2020. It is about those children who took birth in Correction Homes for whom nothing was mentioned in NEP 2020. The listeners enjoyed the presentation and expressed their satisfaction.

The topic of final presentation of the programme was “NEP – 2020 – Making education more inclusive School Education Level” and the presenter was Dr. Aloka Guha, Former Chairperson, National Trust, Govt. of India. Aloka Madam is a living legend and an activist in the field of Disability and its Education & Rehabilitation. She explained and compared NEP 2020 with NEP 1986 elaborately following our Disability Acts as well as UNCRPD. She explained that our new RPWD Act, 2016 is nicely followed in NEP 2020 which needs proper implementation.

Dr. Guha stressed on introduction of Vocational Education after class VIII in General Education system. She also proposed that private and Govt. School should work together and special schools should work as Alternative School and should work as Capacity Building Centre and as Resource Centre.

Dr. Guha is always a very attractive and informative speaker. Her presentation was appreciated by almost all the listeners which reflect in the final question – answer session.

The entire session was moderated by Smt. Antara Choudhury, Asst Prof of Spl Education, SoE, NSOU and Dr. A. Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed. SoE, NSOU.

E-certificates were provided to all participants who had submitted feedback forms provided during the programme.

The entire programme was a very successful and relevant in the present situation.

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