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CRITICAL STUDY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020: OPPORTUNITIES AND CRITICISM

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ABSTRACT

Nicely defined and futuristic education coverage is critical for a rustic at college and college tiers due to the purpose that education leads to financial and social progress. Unique nations adopt distinctive schooling structures with the aid of thinking about the subculture and tradition and undertake one-of-a-kind ranges in the course of their life cycle at faculty and college schooling ranges to make it powerful. The national training coverage 2020 (NEP 2020), which become permitted through the Union cabinet of India on July 2020, outlines the vision of India's new training machine. The brand new policy replaces the previous national coverage on education, 1986. The policy is a complete framework for primary training to better education as well as vocational education in each rural and concrete India.

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INTRODUCTION

India, being a growing liberal country for educational reforms, currently has about 845 universities and about 40,000 higher training institutions (HIEs), reflecting the general high fragmentation and plenty of small sized HEIs within the United States of America which are affiliated to those universities. it's miles located that over 40% of those small sized institutions are jogging single software me against the predicted reform to a multidisciplinary fashion of higher education which is an crucial requirement for the educational reforms inside the country for the twenty first century. it's also cited that over 20% of the schools have annual enrolment less than one hundred college students making them nonviable to enhance the pleasant of education and most effective 4% of schools enroll more than three,000 college students yearly due to nearby imbalance as well as the pleasant of training they offer. Some of the reasons observed for the fragmentation of the better education (HE) device in India are:

It is anticipated that India may be the 0.33 largest economic systems within the world with the aid of 2030-2032 with estimated GDP of ten trillion dollars. It is glaring that the ten trillion economies might be pushed with the aid of information sources and no longer by way of the natural sources of the country. To boost the boom of the Indian training area, the prevailing government determined to redesign it by means of introducing a comprehensive national training policy 2020. That is in step with the top

Minister's recent name on leveraging the Fourth business Revolution to take India to new heights.

The presently brought country wide schooling policy 2020 envisions an India centered training device that contributes immediately to remodeling our kingdom sustainably into an equitable and colourful knowledge society, by way of supplying high quality education to all. Review of Literature

Mudzielwana et al. [2014] and Saracho et al. [2017] have made an assessment at the effect of language as a method of preparation applied in preschools. They've mentioned about the demanding situations and risks instructors need to be prepared to take and properly-trained to handle the institution of kids belonging to distinctive linguistic backgrounds [1, 2]. That is because, as in line with the coverage advice and mentioned studies [3-4], children are greater relaxed in learning through their mom language at some stage in preliminary stages (3 to six years), wherein they want

To expand their understanding abilities with efficacy to conform better preparatory for better schooling device. To overcome, this task, bilateral agreement among special states of India to hire teachers in big numbers with varied language abilities is recommended. Similarly, enormous utilization of era for mastering and coaching special local languages is likewise encouraged.

Bashtawy et al. [2015] has highlighted teaching private hygienic practices to preschoolers as a nice device to amend community strategies to address many communicable and pandemic sicknesses. It's an imperative exercise to train those abilities to kids at an early age within the current pandemic situation. Obeng et al. [2008] has stated pilot observe of fifty eight preschools incorporating 112 preschool instructors as stakeholders and determined that 32 % of the teachers gave preference to teach hand washing practices to the babies. other activities on dialogue of germs, mouth masking all through coughing and sneezing, glitter, right dental care and suitable use of washroom on occasion were given choice via 20 %, 16 %, nine %, 7% and four %, preschool instructors respectively a few of the selected instructors. Glitters, sparkles, use of poster colours, water shades, gums, paper folding colored papers and different origami merchandise utilized during play manner sports may additionally cause infections to other youngsters if now not washed nicely. In the cutting-edge pandemic scenario, teachers should be well educated and ready with all the necessary modules and protocols to preserve proper easy decorum all through preschool teaching, guide, supervise and reveal the equal amongst children at some stage in play sports.

Consequently, as according to the current pandemic scenario, initiation of NEP 2020 in beginning age of children (three-6 years) will become a great undertaking to be observed. Right instructors must be recruited and need to be properly skilled and monitored from time to time. Kerich et al. [2017] has explained the various coaching

strategies utilized by the teachers to facilitate hygienic practices and other fundamental capabilities among preschoolers.

PROBLEMS OF NEP 2020

- Early streaming of students into different disciplines.
- Lack of get right of entry to to HE, particularly in socio-economically deprived areas which resulted within the modern-day gross enrolment ratio (GER) of 25% best.
- Lack of trainer and institutional autonomy to make innovations in HE to attract many college students.
- Inadequate mechanisms for career management and progression of faculty and institutional leaders.
- The dearth of studies and improvements at maximum of the universities and colleges.
- Suboptimal ranges of governance and management at higher education establishments.
- A corrupted regulatory device allowing fake faculties to thrive even as constraining top notch, progressive institutions.

PROCESSES OF NEP 2020 CURRICULUM AND CONTENT

The NEP seeks to introduce a shift from 10+2 structure to five+3+3+4 structure, wherein early youth training may be part of formal education. In addition, the NEP 2020 focuses on lowering the curriculum content to make space for vital wondering and in flip, broaden individuals with 21st- century abilities instilled in them. Hence, all components of the curriculum and pedagogy want to be restructured to obtain those goals.

The challenges in successfully imposing those adjustments encompass modifying the curriculum according with the countrywide Curriculum Framework. Additionally, educators need to reconsider the getting to know content material rubric and modify the textbooks accordingly.

TEACHER AVAILABILITY AND SCHOOLING

The coverage envisages the redesign of the school curriculum. However, as a way to supply the curriculum efficiently, faculties and concerned government need to train teachers and apprehend the pedagogical needs to make a smooth transition to the brand new training system. Moreover, they need to shift the focal point from instructor-focused getting to know to scholar-centred getting to know to foster collaborative skills, vital questioning, and problem-fixing and selection-making abilities in the kids.

A study indicates that over 250 million college students are anticipated to sign up for k-12 colleges in India by 2030. This means that we want nearly 7 million extra instructors to deal with this burgeoning scholar populace. On the grounds that coaching is

one of the low-paid professions in India, experiential studying and concept-orientated coaching can be a hard assignment. Till the instructor remuneration is revised, the implementation of the NEP 2020 might be pretty challenging.

Generation

The NEP 2020 lays emphasis on leveraging the benefit of technology in making the youth destiny-prepared. However, developing virtual infrastructure which include virtual classrooms, faraway expertise-driven teaching fashions, AR/VR gear to bridge gaps in physical teaching and laboratory infrastructure is a awesome task due to the fact most people of the colleges don't have a right set- up to aid those gear. Also, the cost related to building digital infrastructure won't be lower priced for all faculties across the U .S.A.

Furthermore, in rural areas of the U .S. where the internet connectivity is almost absent, deploying virtual studying equipment is out of the query. Therefore, the government ought to work on improving the simple infrastructure on the way to support the digital infrastructure in all areas.

Exam structure

The NEP specializes in formative evaluation for gaining knowledge of instead of summative assessment. The primary reason of changing the assessment system is to sell non-stop monitoring of gaining knowledge of outcomes. However, continuous assessment calls for schools and teachers to apply revolutionary evaluation techniques and assignments. These methods call for technological intervention and lively involvement of instructors and students.

In line with a look at, out of the five million colleges in India, seventy five percent are run through the government. Of the closing 400,000 personal faculties, nearly 80 consistent with cent faculties are finances private colleges. For this reason, deploying a non-stop evaluation framework is a challenging venture in those schools.

Challenges of NEP 2020

1. Establishing universities every week is a herculean project
2. India nowadays has round 1,000 universities across the us of a. Doubling the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher schooling by using 2035 that's one of the said desires of the coverage will suggest that we ought to open one new university each week, for the next 15 years.
3. Commencing one college every week on an ongoing foundation is a certainly massive challenge.
4. The numbers are not any less daunting in reforms to our college machine
5. The national education policy 2020 intends to convey 2 crore youngsters who're presently no longer in faculties, lower back into the college system. Whichever

manner you take a look at it, carrying out this over 15 years calls for the putting in place of around 50 schools every week.

6. Investment is a large mission in the Covid generation
7. From an investment standpoint, this isn't always a venture for the faint-hearted. The country wide schooling policy 2020 envisages a growth in education spending from 4.6% to six% of GDP, which quantities to around INR 2.5 lakh crores in line with 12 months.
8. This cash may be nicely-spent constructing colleges and faculties throughout the USA, appointing instructors and professors, and for operational charges together with imparting unfastened breakfast to highschool children.
9. What makes matters complicated is that this coverage comes into being at a time while the financial system has been battered by way of Covid-19 related lockdowns, authorities tax collections are abysmally low, and the fiscal deficit became high even pre-Covid.
10. Modern consciousness on healthcare and economic restoration to lower the execution velocity
11. Economists were calling for huge stimulus applications amounting to double-digit possibilities of GDP, notwithstanding the stress at the exchequer.
12. Need to create a huge pool of educated teachers
13. In school education, the coverage envisages a sweeping structural re-layout of the curriculum a totally welcome step.
14. But that allows you to deliver this curriculum efficiently, we need teachers who are trained in and apprehend the pedagogical needs.
15. A number of the curricular modifications require considerable mind-set shifts on the part of instructors, as well as dad and mom.
16. Inter-disciplinary higher training demands for a cultural shift
17. In higher education, the national training coverage 2020's attention on inter-disciplinary gaining knowledge of is a completely welcome step.

Universities, particularly in India, have for many years been very silo-ed and departmentalized. The country wide schooling coverage 2020 has many initiatives to improve the exceptional and the broadness of the training machine in India. The targets of this observe on country wide schooling coverage 2020 are:

- To highlights and evaluate the rules of the newly ordinary better schooling machine (NEP 2020).
- To compare national training coverage 2020 with the currently adopted coverage in India.
- To identify the improvements in new countrywide higher training coverage 2020.
- To expect the consequences of NEP 2020 on the Indian higher education machine.
- To speak about the merits of higher education rules of NEP 2020.
- Tips for further improvements for the effective implementation of NEP 2020 to realize its purpose.

OPPORTUNITIES OF NEP 2020

New education coverage starts with the unfinished schedule of NEP — 1986. NEP — 1986 was rooted in a completely one of a kind India. Over the years, excellent strides have been made in phrases of get admission to and equity. Close to everyday tiers of enrolment at primary degrees, and next increase in enrolment at higher training tiers (GER: 26.3%) have been performed. but, there has additionally been a drop inside the fine of mastering in public faculty systems, accompanied by way of an exodus of elite and middle classes. This additionally caused the weakening of responsibility mechanisms. Regardless of bad returns on mastering, the pay- structures in public structures have visible a slow growth.

1. Faculty training

Revamping of 10+2 structure to 5+3+3+4. New pedagogical and curricular structure to include pre-number one year. It's an excellent departure as this became ignored in schooling policy files, and stated in casual sense.

NCERT will consciousness at the improvement of recent curricular and pedagogical structure for ECCE. Policy additionally delves deep into the development and schooling of Anganwadi trainers thru quick-time period and lengthy-term programs. A superb thrust toward formalisation of ECCE structure and transport.

Cognizance on accomplishing foundational numeracy and literacy with the aid of grade three. Ministry of schooling (MoE) will enhance this, and run it in a venture mode through a separate national undertaking.

Separate country wide e-book coverage to expand libraries around the U.S. and instil love of reading in youngsters. Public libraries in India are scarce. If this could be bolstered thru the general public schooling coverage, it's a plus.

Mid-day meals to see an upgradation in nutrition factor, anyplace feasible, neighborhood options to be furnished. Eggs are nevertheless a contentious coverage problem, policy plays it secure through steerage clear to avoid any needless controversy.

Layout of packages and interventions to alleviate issue of dropouts along side the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Medium of training phase for some reason has received lot of undue interest. However, the phase stays fairly flexible to keep away from all type of controversy. 1/2-baked knowledge and marketplace push closer to English and paternal perception of 'exceptional' may want to've brought about this adaptability. Coverage also doesn't thrust/force/prefer any specific language over the alternative and encourages getting to know more than one language. It also recommends teaching foreign languages at

secondary degree: Korean, Japanese, Thai, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian.

Policy inserts a brand new term referred to as SEDGs (socio-economically disadvantaged groups). This hitherto hasn't been used as a social category in technical files. Even though later sections highlight classes as caste, tribe, incapacity, transgenders and have passing references to time period minority. Technical criticism aside, policy envisages adequate projects to be centered at those corporations to increase enrolment and retention.

PARAKH, a brand new frame to recognition on assessments as NAS (countrywide achievement Survey) and SAS (country success Survey). PARAKH can be a vital tool to have a look at studying gaps and help focused on of various ministry dreams and applications.

2. Higher education

It's important to view the policy in context of what has been happening in public universities, and recent debacle of universities of eminence. There was non-stop erosion of university autonomy by means of the country. Perverse state violence unleashed upon one of the quality public universities in India didn't show up in a few distant beyond. Political appointments of college leaders who are at satisfactory the units of country, as opposed to being targeted on coaching, studying, studies or management. Even though the record highlights regulatory autonomy, it'd be worrisome if the document additionally intended economic autonomy.

This 'imagined' autonomy is envisaged thru substitute of UGC (university offers fee) and AICTE (All India Council for Technical schooling). New frame higher education fee of India is primarily based at the concept of division of features and separation of sports.

Policy additionally argues in opposition to commercialization of schooling. But, within the equal breadth allows for foreign universities to return to India. There has been significant increase in range of personal universities via Indian carriers. If the idea was to growth opposition, it makes experience, but, insertion of the assertion doesn't.

Attention on futuristic curriculum makes experience, and a separate frame committed to recognition on integrating era in institutions is an important route. National research basis is another superb concept. However, if these spaces get crammed through folks who are driven via ideological agendas, little may be predicted.

Indian Universities may be allowed to installation campuses some place else inside the international — there may be a strong capability for this to increase in gulf -markets. There may be a massive call for for best schooling by using Indian diaspora.

CONCLUSION

Better schooling is an crucial issue in finding out the financial system, social reputation, technology adoption, and wholesome human behaviour in every united states of America. Enhancing GER to consist of each citizen of the us of a in better schooling services is the responsibility of the training branch of the U.S.A. government. country wide schooling coverage of India 2020 is marching towards achieving such goal with the aid of making innovative regulations to enhance the quality, elegance, affordability, and growing the supply by means of establishing up the higher schooling for the personal zone and at the equal time with strict controls to keep best in each higher education group. by means of encouraging advantage-primarily based admissions with unfastened-ships & scholarships, merit & studies primarily based continuous performers as school contributors, and advantage based totally validated leaders in regulating bodies, and strict tracking of nice thru biennial accreditation based totally on self-statement of progress via generation-based monitoring, NEP-2020 is predicted to satisfy its objectives by 2030.

All higher education establishments with modern nomenclature of affiliated schools will amplify as multi-disciplinary self sufficient colleges with diploma giving strength of their call or will become constituent schools in their affiliated universities. An unbiased organisation country wide studies basis will fund for progressive initiatives in precedence research areas of basic sciences, applied sciences, and social sciences & humanities. HE system will transform itself as pupil centric with the liberty to pick out center and allied subjects inside a field and throughout disciplines. College contributors also get autonomy to pick out curriculum, method, pedagogy and evaluation models inside the given coverage framework. These adjustments will begin from the educational year 2021-22 and will continue till the year 2030 where the first level of transformation is anticipated too visible.

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