

TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

**NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2020, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND
NATION BUILDING: PERSPECTIVES, ISSUES, CONCERNS & CHALLENGES**

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Department of Sociology

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About the University & Department

Established in the year 1996, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University is NAAC Accredited “A” Grade Central University having NIRF Ranking '42' in the year 2023. Founded with the vision and mission to spread the ideologies, thought and thinking of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the crusader of Just and Equal Society, the University offers mostly Post Graduate, Ph.D. and a few Under-graduate and Professional programmes in many disciplines which was at the core of Dr. Ambedkar's heart. In the year 2008, Department of Sociology started which offers M.A. and Ph.D. programmes. Given its strength in post-graduate teaching and research, the UGC has sanctioned Special Assistance Programme (SAP-DRS 1) to the department.

Theme of the Seminar

New innovative thinking is essential if humanity is to survive and move toward higher levels. In the words of Albert Einstein, “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them”. Therefore, by the same logic, the present-day problems, especially those related to education and the implementation of policies related to it, cannot be solved using old policies. Therefore, with the emerging 'new' India, the policy on education is required to be reinvented and reimagined. As a result, National Education Policy 2020 has been introduced by the government to transform the Indian education system to meet the requirements of 21st-century India. Successful implementation of the policy would lead to the emergence of India as 'Vishwa Guru'- a knowledge economy with significant soft power in the emerging world order. Moreover, in 2015, India adopted the '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', under which SDG Goal 4 seeks to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities to all by 2030”. Notably, the NEP 2020 has been aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that rests on five main foundation pillars: access, equity, quality, affordability and accountability. Besides, with mounting challenges due to rising pollution, climatic change, and amidst the threat of pandemics, more jobs in physical and medical sciences, social sciences and infectious disease control in an integrated manner are required. The NEP 2020 caters to this need as it focuses on multi-disciplinary teaching/learning process that is thought provoking and based on critical analysis and problem solving. In other words, it strives to make the learner more creative, innovative, adaptive and multi-disciplinary thinker. The pedagogy focuses on making education more “experiential, holistic, integrated, discovery-oriented, inquiry-driven, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible and, of course, enjoyable”. The curriculum incorporates essential arts, crafts, games, sports, languages, literature, culture and values, in addition to science and mathematics, to nurture all faculties of the learners besides preparing them for “gainful, fulfilling employment”. However, the fundamental and paradigm shift between NEP 2020 and previous policies is 'revision and revamping' of the present educational structure, including its regulation and governance, is filled with endless potholes. Firstly, the size and diversity of India's education sector makes implementation an uphill task. Secondly, the NEP's eventual realisation is critically linked to capacity of States. Thirdly, the success of the NEP largely hinges on cooperative federalism and states taking ownership of the reforms. Fourthly, the role of the private sector, particularly in dealing with the higher education system, is extremely critical for translating the inclusionary vision of the NEP. Finally, the successful execution of key initiatives requires availability of adequate financial, technical and infrastructural resources for decades. In this regard, the NEP has stated that to realise the goals of the new policy, the country has to raise public spending on education to six percent of GDP. This is a daunting task if one considers the past promises and their actual realization and needs special impetus, focus and planning to make it a success.

On such an occasion when India is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on the commemoration of 75 years of its independence, it would be most appropriate to critically examine its education policy which promises to revive and reinstate its glorious historical past in terms of establishing her as a 'Vishwa Guru'- a knowledge power and world leader. Moreover, there can't be a better place than the **Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow** which is named after the son of the soil and crusader of equity and equality who opined that 'education is what makes a person fearless, teaches him the lesson of unity, makes him aware of his rights and inspires him to struggle for his rights'. For him, 'it is education which is the right weapon to cut the social slavery' and gain 'social status, economic betterment, and political freedom'- which are, in a way, catalyst for nation building.

Main Objectives of the Seminar

The main objective of the seminar would be to critically discuss and deliberate upon the theme 'New Education Policy 2020' and SDGs in order to develop a comprehensive understanding of the issues involved and come out with an appropriate model, strategy and policy frame of development which would facilitate educational development, nation building and eventually transform India as a 'Vishwa Guru'. To this end, the seminar will deliberate on the theoretical perspectives, varied dimensions and emerging discourse on education policy; its historical moorings and contemporary trajectory; social, cultural, economic and political dimensions of NEP; inter-linkages between SDGs and NEP; Issues of poverty, unemployment, technology, mass media, communication, infrastructure, adaptation, health, environment etc. in the context of NEP and SDGs; formidable impact of education on development and its consequences for poverty reduction and employment generation; magnitude of impact of educational development on marginalised sections such as SCs, STs, and women; the role played by government, corporate, banking and CSOs/NGOs, civil society in this context; and lastly, challenges, concerns and opportunities before higher education and nation building under NEP 2020. Given its theme, the seminar will be inter-disciplinary in nature.

Sub-Themes of the Seminar

Keeping in view the objectives of the seminar, scholars across social science disciplines are invited to submit abstract and full length paper on the following sub-themes of the Seminar –

1. NEP 2020, SDGs and Nation Building: Theoretical Perspectives and Emerging Discourse
2. NEP 2020 and SDGs: Social, Cultural, Economic and Political Dimensions
3. Sustainable Development Goals, NEP 2020 and the role of Science & Technology
4. NEP 2020, Nation Building and a Stride to transform India as 'Vishwa Guru'
5. Education Policy in India: Historical Moorings and Contemporary Trajectory in the age of Globalization and modernization
6. Equitable and Inclusive Education, its Impact on SCs, STs, Women and the Marginalized Sections and the possibility of

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7. NEP 2020, SDGs and Issues of Poverty, Unemployment, Mass Media, Communication, Infrastructure, Adaptation etc.
8. NEP 2020, Community Interventions, Sustainable Development, Health and Environment
9. Role of Government, Private Sector, CSOs/NGOs and Banking Sector, Civil Society in promoting New Education Policy 2020.
10. Challenges, Concerns & Opportunities for Higher Education and Nation Building under NEP 2020

Submission of Abstract

The theme of the seminar being inter-disciplinary in nature invites papers from scholars across all allied disciplines. Abstract of papers are invited from the interested scholars on the topic relevant to the sub-themes to present paper in the seminar. Soft copy of the abstract of the paper should be sent to the Organising Secretary of the seminar through e-mail at: nsnbbau2023@gmail.com with the subject “**Abstract of Paper for the Seminar**”. Length of abstract should be of maximum **300 words** which would be same for the article for the proposed edited book. For submission of abstract in **Hindi**, please use **Kurti Dev 10**, font size 14.

The **abstract** should mention Sub-theme for which paper is sent, Title of the Paper, Author's name and designation, institutional affiliation, e-mail address and the contact cell-phone number. (Abstract Submission would be strictly in the style: **Times New Roman/ Kurti Dev 10**, Double Line Spacing, Title of the Paper- 12 font size (14 for Hindi), in Capital Letters; remaining 11 font size in Upper/Lower case followed by 5 keywords.) **Full Paper should be within 5000-8000 words limit.**

Edited Book based on the selected papers of the seminar:

Given the great contemporary significance of the theme of seminar, based on the selected papers of the seminar, an edited book is also proposed to be published in order to make it available to the academia, policy makers and the general public.

Important Dates:

Last date for submission of Abstract of Paper	September 10, 2023
Intimation of acceptance of abstract for presentation	September 15, 2023
Last date for submission of full-length paper for the edited book	October 15, 2023
Intimation of acceptance of full-length paper for the edited book	December 15, 2023
Last date for Seminar Registration (with accommodation)	October 10, 2023
Last date for intimation of travel plan by external delegates for accommodation and travel assistance	October 10, 2023
On Spot Registration (Without Accommodation)	November 03, 2023

Online Registration Form Link : <https://forms.gle/3jNjVaPgicGineea9>

Registration fees (Non-Refundable)

Category	Registration Fee
1. Faculty Members with Accommodation	Rs. 3000/-
2. Accompanying person (with outside delegates)	Rs. 2500/-
3. Faculty Members without Accommodation	Rs. 2000/-
4. Research Scholars/ Students (from outside, with accommodation)	Rs. 2000/-
5. Research Scholar/ Students (from outside, without accommodation)	Rs. 1200/-
6. Local Faculty Members (without accommodation)	Rs. 1500/-
7. Local Research Scholars / Students (without accommodation)	Rs. 1200/-



Note:

- i) Due to severe paucity of Funds, **no TA/DA will be paid to the participants/delegates by the organizers of the seminar. The participants/delegates need to arrange their travel expenses from their respective universities/institutions. However, providing local hospitality will be our privilege.**
- ii) No accommodation will be provided to local delegates/ participants. Further, it may not be possible to provide accommodation to outside delegates who come for on spot registration.
- iii) Registration Fee covers food and seminar kit for all registered delegates and also accommodation for outside delegates. (Outside participants will be provided breakfast, lunch and dinner, but local participants only lunch besides tea, etc.).
- iv) The delegates who want more comfortable accommodation and outside delegates who register on spot may stay in nearby hotels on payment basis for which the local Organizing Committee may extend co-operation.
- v) PDF version of Registration form can be downloaded from the university website <http://bbau.ac.in>

Payment of Registration Fee

Duly Filled and signed Registration Form along with requisite fee in the form of DD or AT PAR CHEQUE or MULTI-CITY CHEQUE or CASH or by e-transfer (Canara Bank, IFSC Code: CNRB0002900, A/c No. 110130624088 BBAU, Lucknow), through QR code, drawn in favour of Organising Secretary, **NSN2023**, payable at Lucknow, should be sent at the following address:

Prof. Manish K. Verma (Organising Secretary, **NSN2023**), Dean, Ambedkar School of Social Sciences & Professor Department of Sociology, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Rae Bareilly Road, Lucknow-226025.

General Rules for Participation

- Registration is mandatory for participation at the seminar. All the registered participants will be provided participation/presentation certificate.
- One participant would normally present one paper. However, in some exceptional cases, a participant may be allowed to present maximum two papers.
- **Participants are required to produce photocopy/details of the original Demand Draft/ Multi City Cheque/ At Par cheque/RTGS/IMPS/QR code receipt, sent at the time of seminar for final registration.**
- Spot Registration through Cash payment can be done at the venue of the seminar.
- **Paper presenter will be normally given about 8 minutes for presentation and, hence are requested to organise the presentation accordingly.**

Venue of Seminar

Department of Sociology, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Vidya Vihar, Rae Bareli Road, Lucknow-226025 (U.P.).

How to Reach the University

The University is located about 9 km away (30 minutes approx.) from the Lucknow Charbagh Railway Station and about 7 km away (15 minutes approx.) from Choudhary Charan Singh Airport (Amausi) Lucknow. Taxis and auto-rickshaws are easily available there to reach the university.

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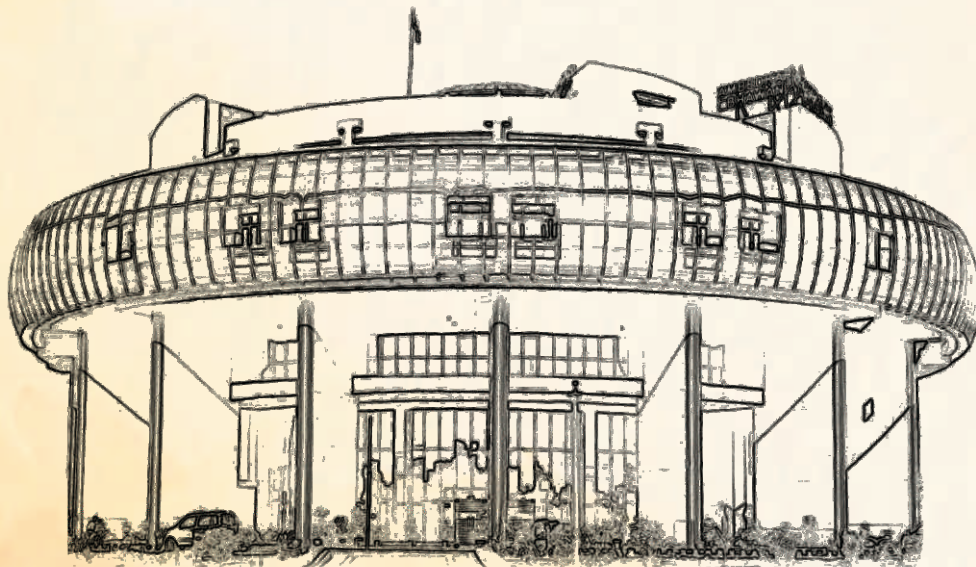
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