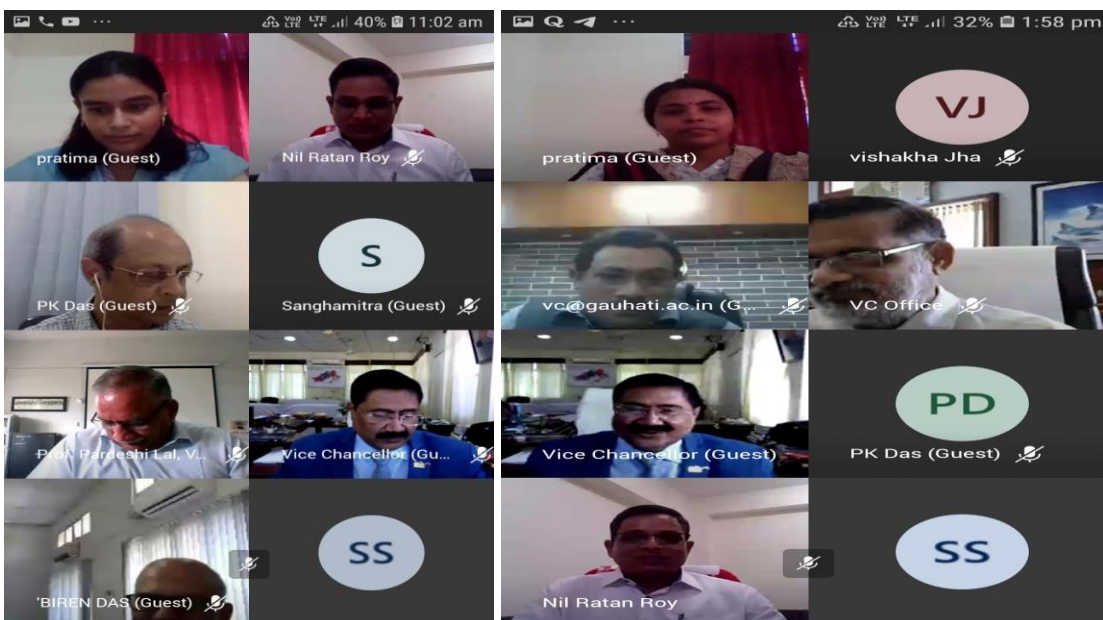


A Report on

**Panel Discussion on “New Education Policy and North East India:
Exploring the Roadmap”**

The program started with the opening remarks by the Program Convenor Dr. Yeasmin Sultana, Assistant Professor, department of Education, Tezpur University while the Welcome address was delivered by Professor Nil Ratan Roy, Program Director & Head, and Department of Education Tezpur University. The entire program was moderated by Professor Prashant K Das, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University.



The panellists of the program were the Hon'ble Vice Chancellors from different universities of North East region. They were Professor Vinod Kumar Jain, Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor Tezpur University, Professor Saket Kushwaha Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University Arunachal Pradesh, Professor Pratap Jyoti Handique Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor of Guwahati University, Professor Alok Kumar Buragohain former Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, and Professor Paradesi Lal Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor of Nagaland University.

Professor Jain has emphasized on the core values of the new education policy 2020. He stressed upon specifically on the GER (gross enrolment ratio) of the north-eastern states. He mentioned that to increase GER we have to increase the number of institutes and we have to expand the existing intuitions by creating new departments. He further mentioned about the role of the state government in increasing and developing the human resources in the universities and colleges. He further added that introduction of four year programs, skill based programs and e-content development can be done at the earliest.

Prof. Kushwaha talked about the importance of co-curricular activities stressed by new education policy. He also highlighted on democratic rights as well as duties of the students as a citizen and moral aspect of education which is being emphasized by the New Education Policy. He added about the developing of scripts of the various spoken languages in north eastern states.

Professor Handique in his speech mentioned appreciation of NEP with special reference to restructuring of higher educational institutions and how this would help for students and scholars. He also talked about optimal learning environment and support for students as stressed by NEP. He further added that coordination of stakeholders, massive consultation and designing of doable work plan are necessary to create the road maps for implementation of NEP 2020.

Professor Buragohain highlighted some of the important issues of NEP. He stressed upon the vision of NEP 2020. In his speech he has given emphasis on the Indianisation of the new education policy that is on the value part of the new education policy which is a significant aspect of the whole education system. He also talked about the importance of ECCE and teacher education Program for strengthening the overall Education system.

Professor Lal has highlighted the fact that for developing a roadmap we have to take care of the specific needs and requirements of the region. He has also mentioned about the development and promotion of research activities in northeast region. Further added that close association among the universities in the region is a must for the optimal utilization of the existing resources of the region.

During the interaction session, questions from different stakeholders came up and there was a healthy interaction between the panellists and the participants.

The program ended with the vote of thanks being proposed by the co-convenor of the program Dr. Pratima Pallai, Assistant Professor Department of Education Tezpur University.

(Prof Nil Ratan Roy)
Programme Director & Head
Department of Education

.....

PHOTOGRAPHS

