

PRESS REPORT

Discussion on NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2016: *INTERNATIONALISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION*

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Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra and SNDT Women's University organised one day discussion today at the Committee Room of SNDT Women's University Churchgate Campus. The New Education Policy 2016 inputs for the draft have been in public domain (<http://mhrd.gov.in/nep-new>). The Government of India aims to prepare new grounds by emphasising the instrumental value of education in building the nation and by having a dialogue on the emerging challenges in higher education in the global context. This discussion focused on on "Internationalisation of Higher Education" (Section 4.18) with speakers from Maharashtra as well as representatives of international institutions.

Dr. Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor- SNDT Women's University Mumbai inaugurated the discussion and the introductory note was given by Dr Apoorva Palkar, Convener Task Force Globalisation of Higher Education, Maharashtra. Dr K Ramchandran, International Consultant, NUEPA shared views of MHRD on NEP 2016.

The theme of Internationalisation of Higher Education has been divided into three broad sub-themes.

- Alliance with the Best Universities Worldwide: Issues and Challenges
- Proposed Changes in the Regulations for Indian Institutes/ Universities to set up Campuses Overseas and Vice-versa
- Diversity on Campus: Students, Overseas Faculty in Indian Universities, Funding Options and Regulatory Changes

Dr. Pandit Vidyasagar –Vice Chancellor- SRTM Nanded University Nanded moderated the discussion of the panel on Alliance with the Best Universities Worldwide. The discussants Sapna Sachdev, Deputy Attaché for scientific and University Cooperation, Embassy of France, Ms Manjula Rao - Asst Director British Council, Amit Dasgupta – Country Head, University of New South Whales Australia and Mr. Aditya Malkani- Country Director-Kings College University, Amruta Sadrangani, Director, India Office Edinburgh University, UK shared their activities in India and narrated supports given by Governments of France, UK, Australia and Britain.

The second panel on 'proposed Changes in the Regulations for Indian Institutes / Universities to set up Campuses Overseas and Vice-Versa' heard Dr. S.P.Kane - Vice Chancellor- RTM Nagpur University, Adv S.K.Jain - Leading Advocate and Dr. Gulab Mewani – CEO, Brazil Chamber of Commerce Mumbai. They highlighted the real challenges of implementing internationalisation in Indian contexts.

Dr.B.Chopade- Vice Chancellor- BAM University Aurangabad, Mr. Sangeeth Vergese- Ex Principal Consultant UNO & Top ten thinkers in the world in 2011, and Dr Prasad Naik, Indian faculty from California shared views on Diversity on Campus: Students, Overseas Faculty in Indian Universities, Funding Options and Regulatory Changes. Members of the panel shared their experiences and vision of diversities in Indian as well as international institutions.

The discussion saw gathering of about hundred faculty members from universities in Maharashtra, industry and overseas representatives of foreign universities and institutions.