

# **DETAILED REPORT OF ONE DAY SEMINAR ON NEP 2020: "Transforming Higher Education for a Knowledge Society"**

**Organised by the Department of Education & IQAC  
Government Degree College Shopian**

**Date: 08 December 2025 | Venue: Conference Hall**

## **1. Introduction**

The Department of Education in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Government Degree College Shopian, organised a **One-Day Seminar on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** on **08 December 2025**. The seminar was held under the patronage of **Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Shafiq, Principal GDC Shopian**, and coordinated by **Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat (HoD Education & Coordinator IQAC)**.

The seminar aimed to provide a structured academic platform to deliberate upon the transformative reforms envisaged in NEP-2020, especially in the context of higher education, curriculum restructuring, teacher education, technology integration, and institutional preparedness.

## **2. Organising Structure**

### **Patron:**

- Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Shafiq, Principal

### **Program Coordinator:**

- Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat



### Organising Secretary:

- Prof. Iftikar Ahmad Pall

### Joint Organising Secretary:

- Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Lone

### Rapporteur:

- Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Lone

### Moderators:

- Ms. Seerat Jan (7th Semester)
- Ms. Mehreen Javaid (7th Semester)

### Technical Support:

- Mr. Gh. Mohi-ud-din  
(Technical In-charge,  
Conference Hall)
- Mr. Rahil Hussain  
(Certificate Preparation)

### Organising Committee:

- Department of Education & IQAC



## 3. Proceedings of the Seminar

### 3.1 Inaugural Session

The program commenced with the **Recitation of the Holy Qur'an** by **Mr. Mohsin Khursheed**, followed by **Naat** presented by **Mr. Tajid Nazir**, creating a serene and reflective academic ambience.

The **Welcome Address** was delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Shafiq, Principal**, who appreciated the Department of Education for its consistent academic initiatives. He highlighted the integral importance of NEP–2020 and its transformative potential for the educational landscape of India, emphasising the policy's focus on quality enhancement, flexibility, research orientation, and holistic development.

### 3.2 Keynote Address

**Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat**, Program Coordinator and Coordinator IQAC, delivered the keynote address on the thematic concerns, vision, and rationale of NEP–2020.

Key highlights included:

- NEP–2020 as a **blueprint for national development** rather than just an educational policy.
- Shift from rote learning to **experiential and competency-based learning**.
- Need for cultivating **critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving**.
- Balanced integration of technology—“Use technology, but do not become dependent on it.”
- Importance of knowledge creation, dissemination, and sustained academic engagement.
- Contextual opportunities and challenges for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), particularly in J&K.



## 4. Technical Sessions

### 4.1 Technical Session I

**Speaker:** *Prof. Iftikar Ahmad Pall*

**Topic:** “*Vision and Framework of NEP–2020*”

Prof. Pall discussed:

- The 2040 Vision of NEP–2020
- India’s aspiration to become a **Global Knowledge Superpower**
- Fundamental principles of the policy
- The shift towards **multidisciplinary and holistic education**
- Integration of Foundational Literacy & Numeracy (FLN)
- Digital empowerment and 21st-century readiness

- The urgency to upgrade outdated structures in Indian education

## 4.2 Technical Session II

**Speaker:** *Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat*

**Topic:** “*NEP–2020: Transforming Higher Education for a Knowledge Society*”

Dr. Bhat expanded on:

- NEP–2020 as a long-term structural transformation, likening it to the “*Bamboo Seed*” analogy that requires patience before exponential growth.
- Quality-based education and academic excellence
- Role of HEIs in developing competencies, skills, and critical thinking
- Multiple Entry–Exit System (MEES), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), and FYUP reforms
- Strengthening research culture in HEIs

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Organizing One Day Seminar on  
**National Education Policy (NEP) 2020-**  
**“Transforming Higher Education for a Knowledge Society”**

**DATE: 08 DECEMBER, 2025**  
**Venue: Conference Hall, Administrative Block**

**Patron**  
*Prof. (Dr.) Mahid Shafiq*  
Principal GDC Shopian

**Program Coordinator**  
*Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat*  
HoD Education/Coordinator IQAC

**BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE OF THE SEMINAR**

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 marks a historic reform in the Indian education system, aiming to make learning more holistic, multidisciplinary, flexible, skill-oriented, and technology-enabled. Given its far-reaching implications for curriculum, pedagogy, assessment, teacher education, research, governance, and institutional autonomy, there is a strong need to orient faculty, research scholars, and students toward its core principles.

*A one-day seminar will provide an opportunity to:*

- Understand the policy’s vision and reforms.
- Discuss challenges and strategies for effective institutional implementation.
- Explore the implications for higher education institutions in J& K.

## 5. Student Presentations

Three students from the 7th Semester presented brief reflections and analyses on NEP–2020:

1. **Ms. Suby Jan**
2. **Ms. Mehreen Javaid**
3. **Mr. Sheikh Iqbal Ashraf**

## 6. Certificate Distribution

### Student Awards

- **1st Position:** Mr. Sheikh Iqbal Ashraf
- **2nd Position:** Ms. Suby Jan
- **3rd Position:** Ms. Mehreen Javaid

## Certificates of Appreciation

Awarded to:

- Mohsin Khursheed
- Tajid Nazir
- Seerat Jan

## Certificates to Organisers

- Dr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat
- Prof. Iftikar Ahmad Pall
- Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Lone

## 7. Vote of Thanks

The Vote of Thanks was presented by

**Prof. Iftikar Ahmad Pall**, who

acknowledged:

- The Patron, **Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Shafiq**
- Keynote speaker and resource persons
- Program Coordinator and Co-coordinators
- Organising committee
- Student presenters and moderators
- Technical and support staff

The seminar concluded with appreciation for the collaborative efforts of faculty, students, and support personnel.

## 8. Conclusion

The One-Day Seminar on NEP–2020 successfully achieved its objectives by providing a comprehensive platform for academic discussion, policy analysis, and strategic introspection.

*Submitted by:*

**Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Lone**

*Joint Organising Secretary & Rapporteur*

