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Speech of the Hon'ble Governor
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during the Video conference with
Hon'ble President of India
Shri Ram Nath Kovindji
on '*The Role of National Education Policy 2020
in Transforming Higher Education*'

Respected President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovindji, Respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji, Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' ji, Minister of State for Education Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotreji, Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman, Committee for draft NEP, Members of the Committee my Co-Governors and Lt. Governors, Education Ministers of States and UTs and other dignitaries, I extend my warm greetings to all the dignitaries participating in today's conference.

The Role of Higher Education and Higher Educational institutions in the contemporary world is immense, significant and vital. A wide range of challenges and opportunities are emerging with numerous political and socio-economic implications.

Higher Educational institutions reinforce the relevance of imparting knowledge, identification of gaps in skills and help the country to improve the economic prosperity and well being of the society and to encourage innovation with the aim of finding solutions to global challenges that the mankind is facing.

The National Education Policy-2020 announced by the Government of India is a progressive and future oriented initiative and addresses critical issues such as equitable access to Higher Education, bridging the gap between current and desirable learning outcomes, higher education needs of 21st Century, with more impetus on cognitive skills, social and emotional skills.

We welcome the National Education Policy-2020 and Andhra Pradesh is planning to implement the policy in its true spirit duly considering the specific needs with an aim to achieve quality standards in the higher education system.

The National Education Policy-2020 recommends an innovative and flexible curricular structure with creative combination of disciplines for study by offering multiple entry and exit points. The State Council of Higher Education

has designed and implemented new curriculum complying with the true spirit of CBCS (choice based credit system). This outcome-based curriculum for all undergraduate and professional programmes provides for life skills, skill development courses and skill enhancement courses, besides a 10-month mandatory internship. Undergraduate degree will be either of 3 or 4-year duration, with multiple exit options within this period, with appropriate certifications.

The Council along with all State Universities has entered into a MoU with National Research Development Corporation to promote quality in research and to encourage patent-oriented research and Intellectual Property Rights. It is also planning to establish a State-level Research Board to promote multi-discipline and multi-institutional research in the state apart from connecting industry and national and international funding institutions to the research teams drawn from different institutions.

In line with the recommendations of National Education Policy-2020 to give importance to Online and Digital Education, State is developing a Learning Management System to promote blended learning with 24/7 access to learning resources. To provide access to Online Education to the rural and disadvantaged students, it is planned to set up eLearning Communities to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural and remote areas.

The government has constituted a Committee to study recommendations of NEP-2020 and to suggest policy measures and guidelines for implementation of the policy keeping in view the specific needs of the state.

I would like to assure that Andhra Pradesh is ready to take all possible measures proactively to promote quality and standards in the higher education system and implement the National Education Policy 2020 in its entirety with an aim to transform Higher Education in the State.

Jai Hind