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Speech of the Hon'ble Governor
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan
during video conference with Vice Chancellors of all State
Universities on the implementation of New Education Policy 2020
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Dr. Audimulapu Suresh, Minister of Education, Sri Satish Chandra, Special Chief Secretary, Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy, Chairman, APSCHE, Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary to Governor, Vice Chancellors of all the state Universities. A very Good morning to you all.

As you all are aware, Hon'ble President of India held a video conference with all Governors on the role of 'National Education Policy 2020 in transforming Higher Education' on 7th September, 2020, in which it was advised by Hon'ble President to continue the deliberations on the implementation of NEP 2020 and to share the suggestions that emerged, with the Ministry of Education.

Hon'ble President, while discussing about the vital recommendations of NEP-2020 had directed that immediate measures should be taken to implement the policy for the benefit of the students and for the development of education system in the country.

The present meeting is called to discuss the issues related to effective implementation of NEP-2020 in our State.

As the State government is committed to implement the National Education Policy in its true spirit, it is expected from the Vice-Chancellors as academic heads, to take leading role in a pro-active manner to ensure that the progressive measures contemplated under the policy are implemented in the higher education system in the State.

The implementation of new NEP 2020 poses a major challenge to all of all the stakeholders and to realize this dream, we must overcome the challenges involved in its implementation in a sustained manner and be a role model in the country.

The NEP-2020 clearly states that a robust public education system is the basis of a vibrant democratic society. Therefore, strengthening public educational institutions is vital for achieving the desired outcomes. A

modern education system based on Indian values and ethos needs to be developed. It is necessary to end the fragmentation of Higher Education System by transforming Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) into multi-disciplinary universities.

Students must be provided quality higher education with flexibility, accessibility and employability. There are 10 specialised universities and 12 multi-disciplinary universities in the state and necessary measures are required to be taken to convert these specialised universities into multi-disciplinary universities.

The universities and autonomous colleges shall introduce courses and curriculum in accordance with the national and global needs. All programmes, curriculum and pedagogy including the in-class, online and in ODL (Open & Distance Learning) modes as well as student support system should aim to achieve global standard of quality.

Opportunities for high quality education should be created for everyone to develop a vibrant and equitable knowledge society. We have to nurture students imbued with national pride as well as a sense of global well-being who can truly become global citizens.

All the Vice Chancellors are advised to explore possible ways to bring in changes in the system, mobilise resources and develop connectivity with industry.

To be specific I would request you all to focus on the following:

1. Introduce skill development programs and ensure that students are given adequate training on life skills, communication skills, 21st century skills and personality development.
2. The universities and colleges should be evolved as social transforming agencies and nurturing the students as value based and responsible citizens of the country.

3. Promote creativity and research skills. Transform universities as research universities and ensure research outcomes of international standards.
4. Affiliated Colleges shall be encouraged, mentored, supported, and incentivized to gradually attain the minimum benchmarks required for getting accreditation within five years.
5. Government programmes such as '*Unnat Bharat Abhiyan*', '*Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat*' shall be implemented in all institutions.
6. Promote Extra-curricular activities, community engagement programmes, cultural programmes and co-curricular activities to develop holistic personality in students.
7. Create additional capacity as per the needs of growing population. No one should be deprived of higher education due to limitations of capacity.
8. Design and develop ODL Courses and offer to the students to increase GER (Gross Enrolment Ratio).
9. Develop a plan for phasing-out the system of affiliated colleges. Strengthen colleges to acquire capabilities to become Autonomous. All eligible colleges shall be permitted to become Degree-awarding Autonomous colleges.
10. An Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) shall be established which would digitally store the academic credits earned from various recognized institutions. Therefore, credit transfer facility can be provided between universities.
11. Set up of Start-up, Incubation Centres, Technology Development Centres, Centres in frontier areas of research and focus on greater Academic-Industry linkages.
12. Develop networking with Industry, Funding agencies, Research institutions within and outside the country.

13. Promote Creativity and autonomy to innovate on matters of curriculum, pedagogy and assessment.
14. Promote Blended learning system integrating conventional classroom teaching and online teaching and develop Learning Management System (LMS) to provide access to the students all the time.
15. Develop a Performance Assessment System for all faculty members. Ensure teacher quality all the time.
16. Create strong internal systems for good governance and institutional development.
17. Develop a short, medium and long-term Institutional Development plan based on strengths of your institution and aspirations of the Society. Institutional development plans shall also include employment potential of the region and aspirations of the graduates.
18. Academic Audit shall be conducted to assess the performance of the institutions annually.
19. Establish career counselling centres and counselling centres that deals with emotional well-being of students in all universities and Colleges.
20. Strengthen student mentorship in all institution.
21. Introduce liberal arts programs in all colleges.
22. Organise teacher training programs and capacity building programs frequently.
23. Develop plans to introduce Vocational programs and to integrate vocational training with conventional programs.
24. Strengthen the system by encouraging and supporting performing colleges. There is no room for non- performing colleges in the system. Take stringent measures to ensure standards in the education institutions.

I am aware that many challenges such as financial, infrastructural, human resource, and governance problems will come up in many universities and colleges.

I assure you that the government is proactively addressing all the problems of higher education institutions.

The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education has introduced many quality initiatives and is taking all measures to strengthen the system. It has introduced model curriculum for under graduate conventional as well as professional programs incorporating many progressive changes envisaged in NEP-2020.

A state quality assurance cell has been established to support universities and colleges to promote quality and to get accredited by NAAC. A state level Research Board is also being established to promote research quality and to promote inter- institutional and multi-disciplinary research.

We have to move forward to catch up with the changing requirements of the society due to changes in the global environment.

I would like to emphasize once again that the education institutions have greater responsibility to transform the society and mould the young minds as value based global citizens. The quality in education system is the index of the development of the society. Let us dedicate ourselves for this noble cause and reap the benefits of the National Education Policy-2020.

I am confident that with your commitment and focus, our State can be in the forefront and become a role model in the country in the implementation of NEP-2020.

Thank you all

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