

Webinar – “New National Education Policy – Game-changer for the Future”

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Panelists: Eminent educationists Dr. Vilas Sapkal, Ex- Vice chancellor, RTMNU and Atul Kulkarni, Management & Strategy Consultant from Industry.

Under discussion were the impacts of the new National Education Policy (NEP) on higher education, a holistic, multi-disciplinary, transformational, digital learning, aimed at creating the job-readiness of a student. Dr. Sapkal said the NEP is to impart high quality education which would link school education with higher education in its 5 years (Foundational) + 3 years (Preparatory) + 3 years (middle) + 4 years (Secondary) stages of an integrated manner of education, 3-4 years of bachelor's and 1-2 years of master's programmes.

Kulkarni said, no more rote-learning, the NEP would match interest and ability of every student, and include skills, sensitivity to societal challenges and values, empathy, preservation of culture, all necessary for the progress of the organization. Integration would happen with a choice-based education where a person can learn a subject of his choice and a cross-cultural, multi-disciplinary set-up would make a person seen as a package, and not as a robot. Teachers are going to be acknowledged for their work and flexibility given to them, and have sound knowledge of subject, communication, and teaching skills, be updated, and technologically and scientifically developed to help learners become good human beings.

Placements/internships must be connected. The concept of vocational education introduced at an early age would definitely ensure a vocationally-skilled manpower for the industry. The holistic and seamless, synchronized, hand-holding at every stage, would ensure the product would be good too.