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PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL WEBINARS ON "REFLECTION ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY, 2020" ORGANISED BY THE NCTE ON 23.11.2020 AND 24.11.2020.

The National Council on Teacher Education, NCTE, organised National Webinars through the Eastern Regional Committee ERC on "REFLECTION ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY, 2020". Government College of Education, Burdwan as a recognised Teacher Education Institution, TEI, was invited to participate in the two- day programme on 23.11.2020 and 24.11.2020.

The Webinar series organised by the NCTE was as per the following schedule:

SI. No.	Sub-Themes	Date	Time
1	Teacher Education: A Pragmatic Approach towards Reforms	23.11.2020	11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
2	Reimagining Teacher Education: A Policy Perspective	23.11.2020	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
3	Integrated Teacher Education Programme: Towards Professionalism	24.11.2020	11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
4	Transforming the Regulatory System: Teacher Education	24.11.2020	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

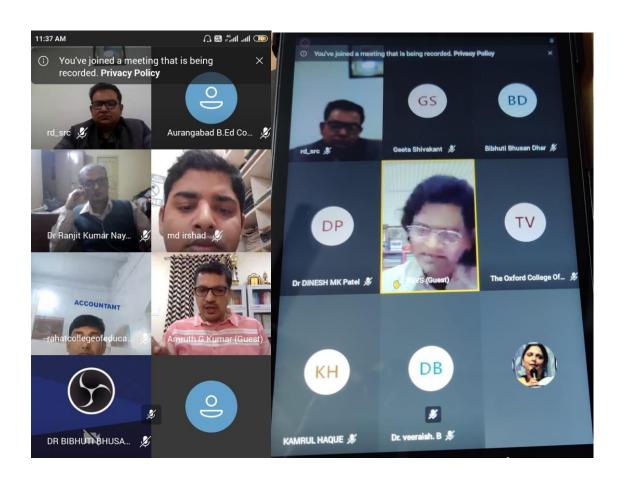
The Regional Director, Eastern Regional Committee of the NCTE, in his introductory remark stated the objectives of the webinar in the light of the National Education Policy, 2020 and welcomed the guests and the participants.

The first Guest Speaker on Teacher Education: A Pragmatic Approach towards Reforms, Prof. Amrut G Kumar, Head, Dept of Education, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Kerala, stated the aims and objectives of Teacher Education in India and stressed on constant curriculum analysis and planning. He emphasised on Performance based Appraisal and reiterated the importance of paper publication and refresher courses as performance indicators. He talked about the Massive Online Open Courseware MOOC Programme and suggested that 20% of total credit in the evaluation system should be on performance in MOOC Programme. Lastly, he opined that NCTE should have a common regulatory committee keeping in mind the diverse social, cultural, religious aspects of India.

The second guest speaker of the day, Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Dept of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, emphasised on blended learning, educational technology and a dynamic system of evaluation. She advocated for teacher education programmes based on local needs and promoting local skills. She said Composite Multidisciplinary Teacher Education Institutes are the need of the hour. There should be a National Testing Agency for admission and teacher eligibility criteria should be strengthened. To fix a National Professional Standard for teachers is a great challenge she said. She stressed on transparency of posting, job security and proper salary in private schools, a continuous and comprehensive system of professional development and many other aspects of the NEP,2020. Lastly, Prof Hangsing advocated for merging of Anganwari workers and early childhood educators in teacher education programmes.

The webinar ended with a questionnaire session followed by a vote of thanks. The webinar was attended by Dr Sujata Raha, Prof Sujit Chattopadhyay and Prof Mitali Mondal.

SOME GLIMSES OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEBINAR ON 23.11.20.



The second session on 23.11.2020. was on the sub theme "Reimagining Teacher Education: A Policy Perspective" between 03:00 P.M. to 04:30 P.M. The webinar was attended by Prof Baishali Basu and Dr Mahua Basu Mallik.

Prof Sudharkar V Dean, Dept. of English and Language Education, English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad emphasized on following points of the NEP, 2020-

- Importance of 4year Integrated Course
- > Blending Indian culture with Teacher Education
- > Adding Agriculture and such field-based course with Teacher Education
- > Dismantling age-old theory-based education and inculcating new developmental practices in curriculum
- > Inter-disciplinary knowledge
- > Research-oriented course
- > Continuous professional development
- > De-construction and re-construction of colonial type of Teacher Education
- > Danger of market-economy

Dr Praveen, K.B., Chairman, DoS in Education, University of Mysore. Mysore, Karnataka, emphasized on following points of the NEP, 2020-

- > Introduction of early childhood care and education
- > Inculcation of democratic values and constitutional messages
- Conversion of stand-alone TEIs to multi-disciplinary institutions with various degree courses
- > A team of resourceful teachers

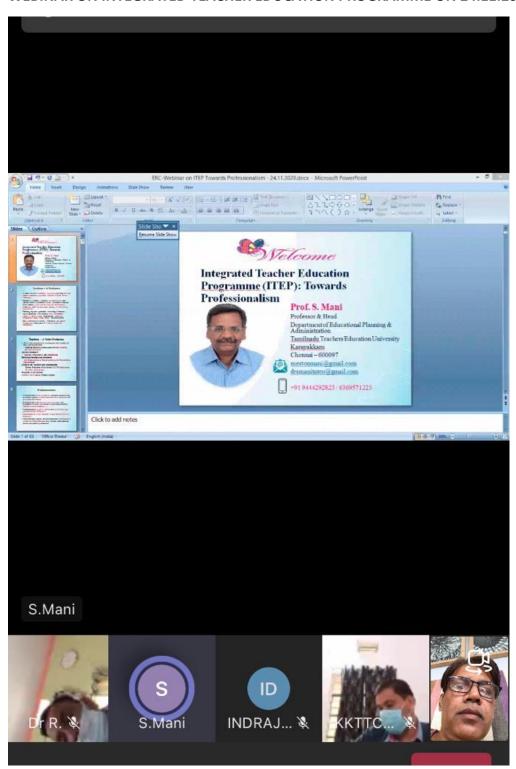
The webinar ended with a questionnaire session followed by a vote of thanks.

The second day of the programme on 24.11.2020 had two sessions. The sub theme for the morning session from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM was on "Integrated Teacher Education Programme: Towards Professionalism". The honourable speakers for the session were Prof S. Mani, Head, Dept of Educational Planning and Administration, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai and Prof Joohi Samarpita. The speakers spoke at length about the measures to make the Integrated Teacher Education system more professional. The webinar ended with a questionnaire session followed by a vote of thanks. The webinar was attended by Dr Kumar Vishwabandhu, Dr Kausik Chakrabarti and Prof Goutam Pahari.

The post lunch session started at 3:00 PM. After the welcome address and introduction, the honourable speaker Dr Mumtaz Begum, spoke on the topic "Integrated Teacher Education Programme: Towards Professionalism". She categorised the three important bases of education system, the teacher, the teacher educators and the policy makers who contribute towards the overall development of the learner. It is the learner who is at the centre of the system and therefore the need of the hour is to focus on the needs and

interests of the learner. She also emphasised on the development of a congenial and compatible classroom environment for the special children and focussed on the desirable changes for ensuring inclusiveness at all levels and in all areas. The webinar ended with a questionnaire session followed by a vote of thanks. The webinar was attended by Dr Sudakshina Kar and Prof Nilanjana Pal.

WEBINAR ON INTEGRATED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON 24.11.20.



SOME GLIMSES OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE WEBINAR ON "REFLECTION ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY, 2020" ORGANISED BY THE NCTE ON 24.11.20



