



A Brief Note On Roundtable Consultation

on

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The Department of Education CIE Alumni Association (hereafter alumni association) organized a roundtable consultation on the Draft of the National Education Policy 2019 (hereafter NEP2019) on 29 June 2019 at the Conference room, Department of Education, University of Delhi. The CIE alumni working in various educational institutions, students and scholars as well as a couple of professionals from the Directorate of Education, Delhi Government, and a student intern from the US working in a development sector organisation attended the consultation (a list of participants is appended at the end of this note). The format of the roundtable invited comments from each of the participants on the opportunities and challenges in the policy mandate as reflected in the document from the vantage point of their professional practice and research. The participants shared their views and suggested recommendations on different topics of the NEP2019 draft document.

The consultation commenced with a brief introduction to the alumni association and its new team by Dr. Anupam Pachauri, President, Department of Education, CIE Alumni Association. The government's invitation to the public to discuss the NEP2019 provides an opportunity to the alumni association to bring together the wide network of alumni to discuss the policy document, interpret the implications and submit recommendations to the government. Each participant was given about 3-5 minutes time to share their views on the draft of NEP2019. During this process, many insightful as well as critical points emerged.

The participants commented on the effect of suggested changes on curriculum including teacher education, expansion of private sector, existing institutions and institutional structures, governance of education and provision of public funding for education sector. Language policy, examination, assessment and evaluation, use and role of data as well as privacy issues around data transparency were also raised as impending concerns as emerging from the NEP2019. The participants also pointed towards glaring absences in the NEP2019 such as lack of any discussion on environmental studies, insufficient emphasis on education of SCs and STs, no mention of geographically peculiar regions such as hilly areas, and no references to previous policies on education. Vocationalisation of education and use of technology in education were seen as opportunities for new initiatives by some participants. However, discussions on these aspects as well as on Right to Education (RTE) Act and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) could not be ensued due to the paucity of time.

The discussions on various aspects of the NEP2019 triggered interest amongst the participants to read the NEP2019 document with more detail and seeing linkage across different sections of the policy before making final recommendations to be sent to the government. Therefore, the participants recommended that a second round of consultation be organised on 13th July 2019. The second consultation would also give opportunity to many alumni working in the Delhi government schools to participate. A proposed format of consultation could be chapter-wise discussion on the draft NEP2019. The organising team agreed to the suggestion from the

participants that the next round of consultation would begin with a presentation of the first roundtable consultation.

The participants expressed that this event has raised the bar and therefore set very high expectations from the alumni association. More of such intellectually stimulating events may be organized in the future. The participants also shared many ways to energize the activities of the association. Dr. Pachauri acknowledged the alumni who submitted their comments on the draft through email and could not attend the discussion.

The consultation concluded at 01:30 pm with a formal thanks to all the participants and the Department of Education, followed by a group photo.





List of Participants

1. Priya Wadhwa, Mayo College, Ajmer
2. Tarun Bhasin, Directorate of Education, Government of Delhi
3. Pradeep Kumar, Worldreader
4. Kapila Parashar, Directorate of Education, Government of Delhi
5. Manisha Yadav, University of Delhi
6. Varish, MEd Programme, CIE, University of Delhi
7. Shweta Sharma, BEd Programme, CIE, University of Delhi
8. Anita Sharma, Guru Ramdas College of Education, GGSIP University
9. Deepti Chawla, Mentor Teacher, Government of Delhi
10. Ashwini Kumar, Assistant Professor, MVCOE, Delhi
11. Firoz Ahmad, Teacher, MCD School, Delhi
12. Parveen Kaur, BEd Programme, CIE, University of Delhi
13. Sudhir Kumar Yadav, BEd Programme, CIE, University of Delhi
14. Adrian Glover, Student Intern from Emory University (Atlanta, USA) at Worldreader
15. Prabha Uniyal, Mentor Teacher, Government of Delhi
16. Harshwardhan Kumar, PhD, CIE, University of Delhi
17. Isha, Teacher, Delhi
18. Samaresh Bharaty, PhD, CIE, University of Delhi
19. Nadeem Ahmed, Political Analyst and Commentator
20. Lalit Kumar, PhD Scholar, CIE, University of Delhi
21. Sunita Singh, Assistant Professor, CIE, University of Delhi
22. Ram Murti Sharma, Faculty, CIE, University of Delhi
23. Chandan Srivastava,* ICSSR Fellow
24. Savitri Singh,* Faculty of Education, Jamila Millia Islamia, New Delhi
25. Vijender S. Chauhan,* Zakir Hussain Delhi College, University of Delhi
26. Anupam Pachauri,* Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education, NIEPA, New Delhi

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27. Dhananjay Joshi, Professor, GGSIP University, New Delhi
28. Prem Singh Bisht, (Retd.) IPS Officer
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