

SALIENT FEATURES OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (2020)

The National Education Policy (2020) proposes various reforms in school education as well as revising and revamping every aspect of the education structure, like its governance and regulation. A number of action points/activities for implementation in school education are mentioned in the National Education Policy 2020. Some of salient features of NEP 2020 are as follows -

1. Ensuring Universal Access at All Levels of schooling from pre-primary school to Grade 12;
2. Ensuring quality early childhood care and education for all children between 3-6 years;
3. New Curricular and Pedagogical Structure (5+3+3+4);
4. Establishing National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy;
5. Emphasis on promoting multilingualism and Indian languages; The medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond, will be the home language/mother tongue/local language/regional language.
6. Assessment reforms - Board Exams on up to two occasions during any given school year, one main examination and one for improvement, if desired;
7. Setting up of a new National Assessment Centre, PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development);
8. Equitable and inclusive education - Special emphasis given on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs);
9. A separate Gender Inclusion fund and Special Education Zones for disadvantaged regions and groups;
10. Ensuring availability of all resources through school complexes and clusters;
11. Setting up of State School Standards Authority (SSSA)

National Education Policy 2020 is the 21st Century's first education policy in India to address various increasing developmental aspects and to make a new system aligned with the goals of a 21st-century learning system.
