

## MINUTES OF THE WEBINAR

### GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON

*The 7<sup>th</sup> webinar in the series, of #GPSC WEBINARS, was conducted on 07th August 2020 by Gurgaon Sahodaya under the aegis of the Gurgaon Progressive School Council, on “Decoding the new education policy”. The panelists were Ms. Arti Chopra, Principal, Amity International School, Sec 46, Gurugram and Ms. Dhriti Malhotra, Director Principal, MRIS Sec-46, Gurugram. Ms. Aparna Erry, Principal, DAV Public School, Sec-14, Gurugram, moderated the session. The Principals, Vice Principals, Headmistresses and teachers of all the GPSC school attended the webinar held on the Zoom virtual platform.*

The minutes of the webinar held are as follows:

1. The session started with a Welcome Note by Ms. Aparna Erry, Chairperson GPSC., who introduced the panelists to an enthusiastic group of participants.
2. Ms. Arti Chopra introducing the topic asserted that the NEP 2020 came in as a breath of fresh air liberating students from the traditional clutches of rote learning and reproducing content. Introducing it as a well-articulated policy that aims to hone critical thinking and creativity among the students, the speaker said that it also gave them enough freedom to design their career trajectory through a vast menu available to them in stream selection at the senior secondary level. The crowning glory is the emphasis on 5+3+3+4 design model of pedagogy, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy and Skill Development by removing rigid separation between academic streams, extracurricular and vocational streams in schools.
3. She added that the NEP 2020 is a long-awaited document coming almost 34 years after the NEP 1986. It is expected to pave the way for transformational reforms to develop the Indian human resource to their optimum potential and reap the demographic dividend by making the current lot of school students productive, enlightened and empowered contributors to the Indian economy.
4. Reducing the curriculum content to enhance essential learning & critical thinking, the policy aims to usher in bagless days, internship opportunities and 360-degree report cards for the middle and secondary school students.
5. In order to create a holistic learning experience, NEP also recommends adoption of art-integrated model that incorporates fine and performing arts, culture and heritage of India in the teaching-learning process to bring fun, joy and creativity and also imbibe Indian ethos in the learners.
6. NEP 2020 shows strong intention and commitment to rationalize the system of Board Examinations that has been a bane for the schools and students for a long time now.
7. Ms. Arti Chopra also went on to highlight the early childhood care, the curtailment of dropout rates at all levels, promotion of Multilingualism in both schools and HEIs and 50 hours of CPD's for teachers and principals.

8. Ms. Dhriti Malhotra, reiterating many of the points threw light on a few more important aspects. The new Pedagogical restructuring introduced by NEP2020 is aimed at grouping classes with similar pedagogical and curricular requirements into the Key-Stages.
9. She went on to add that the NEP2020 shares a number of tentative ideas such as annual/semester/modular board examination with reduced curriculum load, it authorizes the NCERT to include guidelines for these in the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 20-21.
10. Ms Malhotra added that the NEP 2020 recommends a number of active learning approaches such as discovery approach, inquiry-based learning, discussion and analysis based approach that create a scope for critical thinking, collaborative learning and hands-on experiential learning for the learners and allow them to think, discuss, debate and collaborate to construct their knowledge.
11. Cognizant of the fact that sports-integration positively impacts the psychological and cognitive achievements of the learner, NEP2020 strongly recommends its expounding major benefits.
12. Emphasising the significance of Vocational skill education, she informed that, every child will have to learn at least one vocation and will be exposed to several more. The NEP has laid emphasis on increased use of technology with equity and a National Educational Technology Forum is all set to be created.
13. She said that the NEP recommends schools and teachers to use ongoing formative assessments over one-time summative assessment for measuring the learning outcomes and also talks of a shift in design of Board exams from testing rote memory to concepts and application of conceptual understanding in a real-life context.
14. The audience was enthused with the clarity and proficiency with which the entire NEP was presented. The Chairperson and Moderator for the session, Ms Aparna Erry summed up the session by quoting PM Narendra Modi's statement that based on the pillars of "access, equity, quality, affordability and accountability" it is a much awaited reform in education sector and will transform millions of lives. Reiterating the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', she thanked all the members for joining the session.
15. The members were quite thankful to the speakers for such an invigorating session.

The next general body meeting of GPSC shall be held on the Zoom Virtual platform on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August '20 at 3 pm. The members are requested to join through the link given here:

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All the members are cordially invited to discuss the forthcoming Nursery Admissions, topics of the next webinar, GPSC Calendar and any other points with the permission of the chair.

Warm regards,



Arti Chopra  
Secretary, GPSC