A REPORT ON THE TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON
"NEP 2020: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION FOR A VIKSIT BHARAT"
Organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Shillong College
On the 29th & 30th of October, 2026
and Sponsored by the Chief Minister Special Grant, Government of Meghalaya

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Shillong College, organised a Two-Day National Seminar on *"NEP 2020: Transforming Education for a Viksit Bharat"* on the 29th and 30th October 2026. The seminar brought together academicians, researchers, faculty members and students from different institutions to deliberate on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its role in shaping the future of higher education in India.

Day One: 29th October 2026

The seminar commenced with the inaugural function, which began with the felicitation of the dignitaries. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. S. Khongwir, Principal, Shillong College, followed by an introduction to the seminar theme by Dr. S. Sarma, IQAC Coordinator and Convener.

Prof. G. Bez, Professor, Department of Chemistry, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, addressed the gathering as the Guest of Honour. The inaugural address was delivered by Shri Sanbor Shullai, Hon'ble Minister, Government of Meghalaya, who formally inaugurated the seminar. The inaugural programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. B. Wahlang, Joint Convener, followed by the National Anthem.

The inaugural function was followed by a plenary session moderated by Prof. A. Pati, Professor, Department of Commerce, NEHU, Shillong. The session featured two keynote addresses. Prof. P. Bezborah, Retired Professor, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University, spoke on *"Viksit Bharat, NEP 2020"*, while Dr. (CA) S. K. Basu, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce (Accounting and Finance), St. Xavier's Deemed University (Autonomous), Kolkata, delivered a talk on *"Overview and Concept of NEP 2020"*.

The first day also featured four technical sessions, including parallel paper presentation sessions. Technical Session I focused on the challenges and implementation of NEP 2020 and research and innovation in higher education. Resource persons included Prof. Rajkumar Giridhari Singh, Head, Department of Commerce, NEHU, Shillong, and Dr. Q. Kharbuli, Associate Professor, UGC-MMTTC, NEHU, Shillong.

Technical Session II explored the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in teaching and the role of online and distance education in India. Dr. A. K. Maji, Associate Professor, School of Technology, NEHU, Shillong.

In the parallel sessions, Technical Session III chaired by Dr. Dipankar Malakar, Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Tezpur University, examined student readiness for the

Four-Year Undergraduate Programme, AI integration in teaching, experiential learning, inclusive education, challenges faced by rural colleges in implementing NEP 2020 and skill development.

Technical Session IV was chaired by Prof. K. C. Kabra, Professor, Department of Commerce, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong focused on inclusive education for children with special needs, student entrepreneurship, employability, sustainable development and the recognition of skills beyond conventional academic qualifications.

Day Two: 30th October 2026

The second day commenced with Technical Session V, which focused on *"Assessment and Accreditation in Higher Educational Institutions"* and *"Indian Knowledge System (IKS), Community Participation and Industry-Academia Linkage"*. The session was chaired by Prof. S. S. Mahapatra, Professor, Department of Commerce, Sikkim University. Prof. G. Bez, Professor, Department of Chemistry, NEHU, Shillong, and Dr. P. Bezborah, Retired Professor, Department of Commerce, Dibrugarh University, served as resource persons.

Technical Session VI centred on *"Sustainability and Environmental Awareness"*. The session was chaired by Dr. Ranjit Sil, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, NEHU, Shillong, with Prof. S. S. Mahapatra as the resource person.

Valedictory Programme

The two-day seminar concluded with a valedictory programme held on 30th October 2026 at 02:00 PM. The welcome address was delivered by Smt. E. N. Dkhar, Vice-Principal, Shillong College, followed by the presentation of the seminar report by Dr. R. V. Diengdoh, Joint Convener. Participants also shared their experiences and reflections on the seminar.

The Principal, Dr. S. Khongwir, addressed the gathering and acknowledged the contributions of the resource persons, delegates, participants and organising committee. An important highlight of the programme was the release of the book *"Ki Khana Lyngkot"*, authored by Shri Aiborlang Sylliang, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Shillong College.

The Chief Guest, Prof. Debabrata Das, Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University, Agartala, delivered the valedictory address, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in transforming higher education and advancing the objectives of NEP 2020. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S. Sarma, Convener and IQAC Coordinator, followed by the National Anthem.

LIST OF PAPER PRESENTERS
Day 1 – 29th October 2026

Technical Session I

Theme: Challenges and Implementation of NEP 2020; Research Innovation in Higher Education

1. Dr. N. A. Reddy and Dr. Tabassum Rizvi – "NEP 2020 in the Colleges of Meghalaya: Issues, Challenges, Ground Realities, and Institutional Expectations for Effective Implementation".
2. Prof. I. Syiem and Mrs. C. Laloo – "NEP 2020: Teachers' Readiness and Workload Challenges in Colleges of Meghalaya".
3. Prof. I. Syiem and Dr. S. Sen – "Challenges in Implementing Multidisciplinary Holistic Education through ITEP in the Context of NEP 2020".
4. Ms. Ibanphyrnai L. Mawnai and Dr. Rihunlang Rymbai – "Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and NEP 2020: Challenges in Enhancing and Demonstrating Professional Competence".

Technical Session II

Theme: Integration of AI in Teaching; Online and Distance Education in India – Promise, Practice and Participation

1. Arpita Das – "Research and Innovation in Higher Education".
2. Jyotismoy Kalita – "Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Transforming Pedagogical Practices and Addressing Emerging Challenges".
3. Debojit Chakraborty – "Study on Synthesizing Ancient Pedagogical Heritage with Online and Digital Education in India".
4. Inrilin Marwein, Genifa Kharbani and Prof. Brinda Bazeley Kharbirymbai – "A Study on the Use of ICT in Making Classroom Learning Interactive and Experiential in the Department of Education, St. Edmund's College, Shillong".

Technical Session III (Parallel Session – B)

1. Prof. I. Syiem and Aijingshai Mawpat – "Student Readiness and Adaptation to the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme: Perspectives under NEP 2020".
2. Prof. I. Syiem and Dr. Saidalavi Kundupuzhakkal – "Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Teaching in the Context of NEP 2020 and Viksit Bharat 2047: Perceptions of M.Ed. Students".
3. Srabani Paul – "Beyond the Classroom: Exploring BBA Students' Experiences of Academic Field Visits".
4. Dr. Lamshailang G. Blah – "Café in the Dark as Experiential Learning: Understanding Visual Impairment and Inclusive Education".
5. Wanbha Khongsdam and Tngenhun Thabah – "Challenges in Implementing NEP 2020: A Study of Five Rural Colleges in Meghalaya".
6. Sushmita Deb – "Skill Development and Employability: A Vision for Viksit Bharat 2047".

Technical Session IV (Parallel Session – B)

1. Dr. Kathleen Geoginia Nengnong and Dr. Reema Vareen Diengdoh – "Inclusive Education: An Overview of the Policy Implementation for Children With Special Needs in Relation to NEP, 2020".
2. Dushyant Kharel, Prof. S. S. Mahapatra and Prof. Abhijit Dutta – "From NEP 2020 to Viksit Bharat: Institutional Pathways to Student Entrepreneurship in Higher Education".
3. Tngenhun Thabah – "Skill Development and Employability under NEP 2020: A Case Study of Riwar College".
4. Badahunlang Khongsdam – "The Role of Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS) in Advancing Sustainable Development Goals and Bridging Economic Inequality in Old Age under Pynursla C&RD Block".
5. Anupam Acharjee – "Skill Development and Employability for a Future-Ready Workforce in Viksit Bharat @2047".
6. Dibbajyoti Sarkar and Anjali Dey – "Beyond Degrees: Recognizing Skills and Talent to Bridge the Gap Between Academic Qualifications and Real-World Competencies".

Day 2 – 30th October 2026

Technical Session V

Theme: Assessment and Accreditation in Higher Educational Institutions; Indian Knowledge System (IKS), Community Participation and Industry-Academia Linkage

1. Krishna Chauhan and Iasuklang Kharumnuid – "Indian Knowledge Systems under NEP 2020: Socio-Economic and Political Perspectives from Meghalaya".
2. Pulokita Dutta – "Community Engagement in Higher Education: Perspectives from Assam and Meghalaya".
3. Ashmita Paul and Banasree Sharma – "Skilled for Where? India's Employability Gap and a Region-Specific Skilling Agenda for the North-East under NEP 2020".

Technical Session VI

Theme: Sustainability and Environmental Awareness

1. Geetashree Sarma, Jayanta Kumar Pathak et al. – "Traditional Ecological Knowledge of Plants Documented within School Premises in Guwahati, Assam".
2. Rinki Borah and Joydev Gogoi – "Commercial Drivers of Occupational Stress and Barriers to Sustainable Agriculture: A Study of Farmers in Dibrugarh District, Assam".
3. Silkam N. Sangma – "NEP 2020: Transforming Education for Sustainable Development and Environmental Awareness towards Viksit Bharat".

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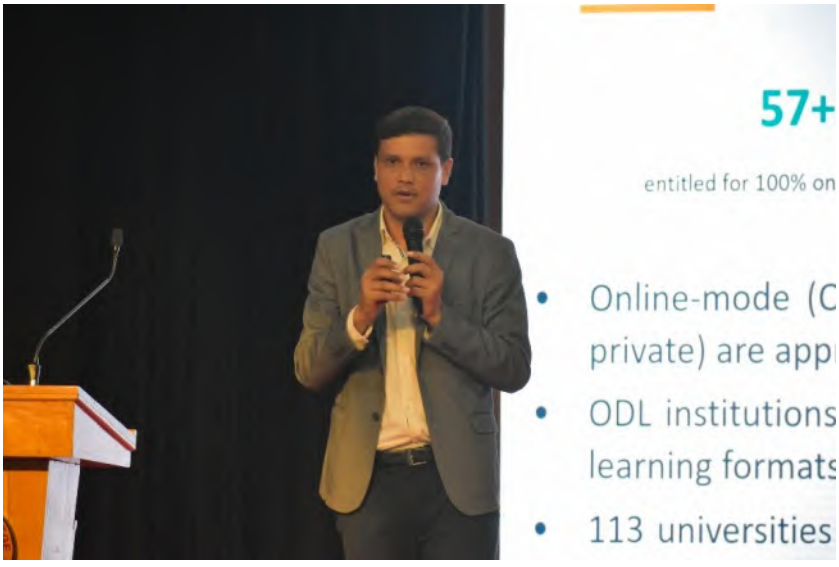



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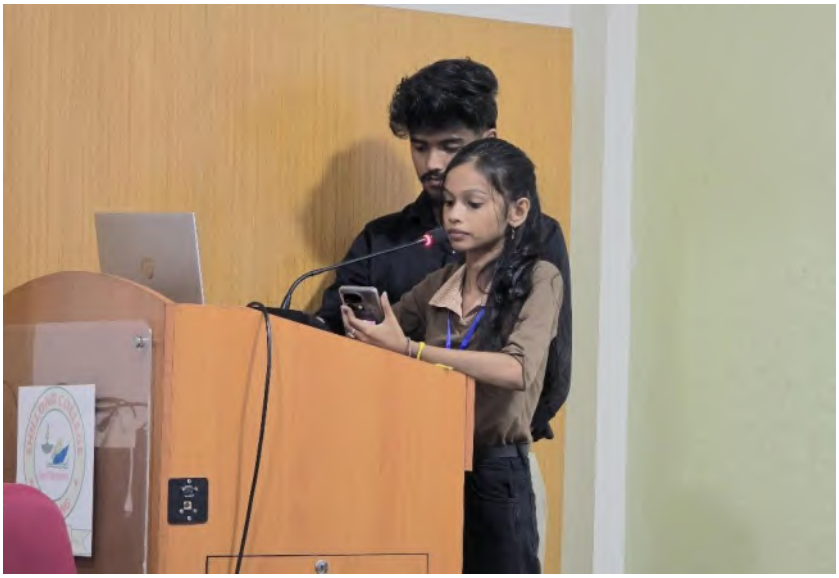












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