



# **National Seminar**

**on**

# **Reimagining Higher Education - Aligning with NEP 2020**

**(Hybrid Mode)**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Wednesday**

**Organized by**

**Department of Education**

**Sardar Patel University**

**(Re-accredited with 'A' grade by NAAC with CGPA 3.11)**

**Vallabh Vidyanagar**

## About the University

Sardar Patel University, celebrating its seventh decade of excellence in higher education, has consistently maintained its position as a leader in the academic world. Named after India's "Iron Man," Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the university is situated in the unique educational township of Vallabh Vidyanagar, offering a community-oriented and conducive learning environment. It comprises 27 postgraduate departments, a constituent college, and 148 affiliated colleges.

The university has been re-accredited with an 'A' grade with a 3.11 CGPA by NAAC in its 4th cycle. Offering a diverse range of courses across all major disciplines and multidisciplinary fields, from undergraduate to doctoral levels, the university's contributions to rural and sustainable development are widely recognized.

Recently, the university was nominated for the International Green University Award 2024 by the Green Mentors Institution, affiliated with ECOSOC of the United Nations. Furthermore, the university has launched a significant event, "Sardar Saga," commemorating the 150th anniversary of Bharat Ratna Shri Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel through a series of creative and vibrant programs throughout the year dedicated to his legacy.

## About the Department

Established in 1964, the Postgraduate Department of Education at Sardar Patel University stands as a beacon of excellence in teacher education and research. Offering Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Ph.D. programs, the department is committed to nurturing a new generation of proficient educators and scholars. Renowned for its rigorous academic pursuits, the department has made significant strides in the realm of reading comprehension research.

The department's legacy extends beyond its walls, with former faculty members playing instrumental roles in shaping educational policies and practices at local, state, national, and international levels. Continuing this tradition, the current faculty remains actively engaged in providing expert guidance and support to educational institutions and policymakers.

The department's research endeavours span a wide spectrum, encompassing Educational Psychology, Pedagogy of School Subjects, Technology-Integrated Learning, Indian Knowledge Systems, Inclusive Education, and Education Policies. Through dissertations and doctoral researches, the department delves into these critical areas, contributing to the advancement of educational knowledge. Moreover, the department is dedicated to spearheading initiatives that facilitate the smooth implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 across Gujarat, ensuring a seamless transition at both school and higher education levels.

## Background of the Seminar

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative framework for higher education in India, aiming to overhaul the current educational landscape to meet the needs of the 21st century. It emphasizes holistic, multidisciplinary education with a focus on critical thinking, creativity, and innovation. The policy also aims to integrate technology, promote research, and ensure equity and inclusion across all levels of education. As institutions across the country begin to implement these recommendations, it becomes crucial to facilitate dialogue and collaboration among educators, policymakers, and stakeholders to share insights and best practices.

## Rationale

The NEP 2020 represents a significant shift in India's approach to education, proposing comprehensive changes that require a coordinated effort for successful implementation. This seminar is designed to:

- Provide a platform to understand the key aspects of NEP 2020 and its impact on higher education.
- Explore innovative approaches for curriculum redesign and pedagogical improvements that align with the policy's recommendations.
- Discuss the integration of technology in higher education to enhance learning experiences and outcomes.
- Foster a culture of research and innovation in academic institutions.
- Develop strategies to promote inclusivity and equity in higher education.
- Facilitate collaboration and exchange of ideas among educators, policymakers, and stakeholders to effectively navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by NEP 2020.

By addressing these objectives, the seminar aims to support institutions in reimagining higher education in line with the transformative vision of NEP 2020.

## Themes for the Paper Presentations

- Innovations in curriculum development for multidisciplinary higher education.
- Strategies to foster a research culture among faculty and students.
- Approaches to creating inclusive learning environments for diverse student populations.
- Integrating IKS in Higher Education.
- Innovative practices in teacher training and continuous professional development of Higher Education Faculty.
- Approaches to maintaining and enhancing quality in higher education institutions.
- Impact of interdisciplinary research on solving real-world problems.
- Programmes and initiatives to support the holistic development of students.
- Digital pedagogy and Digital resources in the Higher Education classrooms and in Assessment.
- Role of AI and machine learning in transforming higher education.
- Innovative practices of evaluation in Higher Education
- Bridging Academia and Industry: Success Stories of Collaborative Innovation
- Approaches to fostering critical thinking, creativity, and emotional intelligence in students
- Holistic Development of Higher Education students

## Guidelines for Paper Submission

- The paper should be based on one the themes mentioned above. Clearly mention the theme chosen by you.
- The title should be concise and clearly reflect the content of the paper. Include an abstract of 150-200 words summarizing the main focus of the paper. Use a consistent citation style (APA-7 style) for all references. Include a cover page with the paper title, theme, author(s) name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information.
- Language of the paper can be Gujarati/ Hindi/ English. Papers should be between 3000-5000 words.
- Use Times New Roman (Size 12) for English version. For Gujarati and Hindi versions, use Unicode.
- Submit papers in PDF and Microsoft Word format on this email id [seminar.edu.spuvvn@gmail.com](mailto:seminar.edu.spuvvn@gmail.com) by **September 28, 2024**. Name the file as "AuthorLastName\_FirstName.pdf/docx". Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Each presenter will have 10 minutes for presentation followed by a 5-minute Q&A session.
- Papers must be original work and not published or submitted elsewhere. Plagiarism in any form will result in disqualification.
- Certificate of Participation/Paper Presentation will be issued only to those who attend the seminar (Offline/Online) thoroughly. Online Presenters will be provided E-Certificates.
- Authors and Co-authors have to register and pay the fees separately.

**Selected papers will be published in ISBN Book of National Level. Process for the same will be intimated later on.**

## Who Can Participate?

This seminar welcomes a diverse range of participants involved in higher education, including:

- **Faculty Members:** Higher education faculty members from various disciplines such as humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, formal sciences, engineering, business and management, law, and multidisciplinary fields who are keen to align their teaching and research practices with the NEP 2020 recommendations.
- **Research Scholars:** Ph.D. candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and other scholars focused on higher education, curriculum innovation, or educational policy.
- **Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students:** Students pursuing higher education who are eager to gain insights into the future direction of education in India and its implications for their academic and professional endeavours.

## Registration Fees

	Offline	Online
Faculty Members/ Professionals	₹ 800	₹ 1000
Research Scholars	₹ 400	₹ 600
For UG & PG students who wish to participate	₹ 200	₹ 400
Spot Registration (Only for Participation)	₹ 1200	-

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## Important Note

Accommodation will be provided on a paid basis to the delegates on prior intimation following rules and regulations of University Guest House.

No TA DA will be provided.

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