

A multi-pronged approach has been adopted leveraging technology to reach the students. Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA), Study Webs of Active-learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), SWAYAM PRABHA, MANODARPAN for psychological support, PRAGYATA Guidelines on Digital Education, e-textbooks etc. are used by schools, colleges and universities to provide learning facilities. Where the internet facility is not available, SWAYAM PRABHA is being used to impart education through TV. Community Radio Stations and a podcast called Shiksha Vani of CBSE is also effectively used in remote areas where online classes are difficult.

The Ministry has also issued the guidelines dated 13th July, 2020 for continuing education of children of migrant labourers to prevent loss of learning or academic year. Further, for Rationalisation of Syllabus for Summative Examinations, CBSE has reduced the syllabi only for the purpose of examinations to the extent of thirty percent. This has been done in view of change in the mode of conduct of classroom transaction which is new both for parents and teachers.

#### **Inclusive and equitable features of the NEP**

1312. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved/ implemented the new National Education Policy (NEP) with the Sustainable Development Goal of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for all in the next twenty years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and targets set/ achieved so far, State-wise; and

(c) whether the States have accepted/ rejected the new policies, including three-language formula?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'):  
(a) and (b) Ministry of Education has announced the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) on 29.07.2020 after obtaining approval of Cabinet which is available at Ministry of Education's website at [https://www.mhid.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/NEP\\_English\\_0.pdf](https://www.mhid.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/NEP_English_0.pdf). NEP 2020 is the first education policy of the 21st century and aims to address the many growing developmental imperatives of our country. This Policy proposes the revision and revamping of all aspects of the education structure, including its regulation and governance, to create a new system that is aligned with the aspirational

goals of 21st century education, including Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 of ensuring free, equitable, and quality primary and secondary education for all children, while building upon India's traditions and value systems.

(c) The NEP 2020 has been finalised after detailed consultation process with all stakeholders including State/UT Governments. This Ministry has communicated to all States/UT Governments for implementation of NEP 2020 in letter and spirit. Ministry of Education is also organising 'Shikshak Parv' from 8th September to 25th September, 2020 to deliberate on various themes and implementation of NEP 2020 aimed at eliciting suggestions. Ministry has also organised a Conference of Governors on "Role of National Education Policy in Transforming Higher Education". In the conference, Governors and Lt. Governors of State and Union Territories, Education Minister of State and UTs, Vice Chancellors of State Universities and other dignitaries participated. There has been wide publicity with a positive and overwhelming response from stakeholders on NEP 2020.

#### **MANODARPAN initiative to improve mental health**

1313. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government rolled out a mental health initiative named MANODARPAN keeping in mind the stress faced by students and their families especially during the COVID-19 pandemic with the platform including a national toll free helpline for students of schools, universities and colleges, manned by a pool of experienced counsellors, psychologists and mental health professionals for help during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and beyond; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and implementation status thereof and if not, by when such helpline will be set up to help students?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'):

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Education has undertaken an initiative, named, 'Manodarpan', covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing during the COVID outbreak and beyond. A Working Group, having experts from the fields of education, mental health and psychosocial issues as its members, has been set up to monitor and