## Report of the webinar on the role of Teachers in National Education Policy Awareness, Orientation, Challenges and Responses in collaboration with Bharatiay Shiksha Mandal and Niti Ayog

More than hundred educational luminaries took part in a webinar on role of teachers in National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 was held in ICFAI University Tripura with active collaboration with Bharatiya Sikshan Mandal and NITI Aayog on March 13. Speaking as Chief Guest Professor Dilip Kumar Dey, Department of Statistics, Director - International Division, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh said that BSM had come a long way since its state unit in Tripura was set up with only 17 members and now almost hundred have joined in the Webinar today. He stressed on Education that is free from all bondages. We need knowledge for attaining Moksha, he claimed. Quoting Swami Vivekananda he said that education brings consciousness that also brings in elimination of ego, ignorance and false identification and also through meditation we can leave all the nonsense elements. He said that Akhand Bharat had the renowned Universities like Takshila, Nalanda and Vikramshila that were later destroyed by foreign invaders. Likewise in British era literacy rate that was cent percent in three Presidencies of Madras, Bengal and Mumbai in 1822 but this dropped to 15 percent in 1951. Lastly in his address he laid emphasis on skill development in Atmanirvar Bharat that will lead to a scenario where India can supply products across the globe. Professor T V Kattimani, Vice Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh who was the keynote speaker mentioned that this is the post consultation stage of NEP and explained why Universities and Higher education institutions should go for the sharing concept. This should be done across the board and besides infrastructure and faculty resources even the Intellectual Property Rights should also be shared. He also said that time has come to have textbooks either in the mother tongue or at least they should be multi lingual. Use of e platforms and skill education was also stressed by him. While presiding over this webinar Professor Biplab Halder, Pro Vice Chancellor, ICFAI University Tripura said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already stated that NEP will undertake a big change in the days to come. Speaking of attempt of IUT to cope up with the changes he divulged that NCTE has been approached for the Project lighthouse and also for starting the Four year integrated B Ed course. He claimed that teacher empowerment is need of the hour and also one should make sure that digital technology is used for creation of knowledge. Delivering the vote of thanks Dr A Ranganath, Registrar, ICFAI University Tripura mentioned how at a short notice this webinar was been organized thanks to the team effort in IUT. Biswajit Chakraborty, assistant professor, Faculty of Education, IUT started the deliberations of the webinar from the beginning and thanked all the educational luminaries for their active participation. Anindita Chowdhury, assistant professor, ICFAI Law School, while dilvering her address claimed that New Education policy drafted by former ISRO chief K Kasturirangan is all set to transform education system into vibrant knowledge society. Mentioning that teachers are facilitators of education she hoped that this Webinar will highlight about national policies and inter relationship of teachers. Other speakers in the webinar that was also graced by the participation of . Satyadeo Poddar Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Bir Bikram University included the likes of Haradhan Saha, Associate Professor, Institute of Advance Studies in Education, in his speech mentioned that BSM has a pan India presence and has been holding programs from school to higher education level.





































