

**Video Conference of Vice-Chancellors on Implementation Aspects and Governance
Issues of Higher Education / Institutions in Relation to National Education Policy –
2020 Guidelines by Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh.**

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Hon'ble Governor, Hon'ble Minister for Education and all other dignitaries. Good Morning.

Following are some of the initiatives taken by the University in implementing the recommendations of NEP-20 as per the directions of the Dept. of Higher Education and APSCHE. Some of the proposals are also made in tune with the objectives of NEP-20 to achieve in the short & long term.

In accordance with the State Government's policy in the light of NEP-20, the University adopted all the structural changes in the course and curriculum as suggested by APSCHE with regard to UG Courses. Accordingly, Life Skills, Skill Development and Skill Enhancement courses are incorporated at the UG level from the academic year 2020-21. On the job training / Apprenticeship / Industrial internship at UG level have been already introduced in the curricula. In tune with the NEP Policy, courses with more job potential are introduced with subjects like Data Mining, Renewable energy, Cloud Computing, Machine learning etc. in some affiliated colleges.

One of the focussed areas of NEP is to promote vocational courses with an objective of increasing employability and competencies in the chosen fields. The UGC sanctioned three vocational courses in Marine Biology and one Diploma Course in Instrumentation in Analytical Chemistry of the University under the National Skill Qualification Frame Work. UGC also sanctioned 19 courses to 3 affiliated colleges in varied fields having employment opportunities in industries in and around Nellore.

In order to enhance transparency, accountability, administrative efficiency and governance levels in the University, introduction of E-Office, Digitalization of examination system and bio-metric attendance is in progress.

In order to ensure continuous professional development objective under NEP-20, capacity building programmes for faculty for subject up-gradation and different tools of Learning Management System are to be organised to enable them to undertake online classes effectively. Three such programmes have been organised recently. Necessary efforts are being made to further strengthen the IT infrastructure for online classes and an IT cell was established for the purpose.

The University will put its best efforts in helping to achieve the targeted GER of 50 per cent by 2035.

Utilising the three skill development units sanctioned by the Skill development Corporation, Government of Andhra Pradesh, more skill development programmes will be organised both to the students on the campus and off the campus.

The University made the following proposals to achieve the objectives of NEP-20 like accessibility, equity, quality, excellence in research and University-Community engagement.

- To establish Open & Distance Learning Centre to promote Online Learning in non-conventional courses.
- A research proposal has been submitted to NITI Ayog under Atal Innovative Mission.
- Inter disciplinary and multi – disciplinary approach will be encouraged.
- A proposal was submitted for undertaking University-Community engagement activities under Unnath Bharath Abhiyan programme, Government of India.

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