

Libraries and National Education Policy NEP 2020 of India in Higher Education

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Abstract: *With its aim of a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, and research-driven system, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 signifies a paradigm shift in India's higher education environment. As the traditional knowledge repository, libraries are in a position to play a crucial role in achieving the policy's lofty objectives. In the context of Indian higher education, this abstract examines the complex relationship between libraries and NEP 2020, looking at how they might support academic performance, encourage diversity, and develop a knowledge-driven society. NEP 2020 places less emphasis on memorization and more on the development of critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving abilities. Libraries today are dynamic learning centers that encourage active involvement with information rather than just being repositories of books. They give instructors and students access to a wide variety of resources, such as open educational resources (OER), digital databases, e-journals, and multimedia content, enabling them to investigate other viewpoints and pursue independent study. The policy's emphasis on interdisciplinary education fits in well with the library's role as a hub for knowledge across all subject areas. Libraries promote the growth of well-rounded people who can tackle difficult societal issues by giving people access to multidisciplinary resources and creating collaborative learning environments. Moreover, NEP 2020 promotes the use of technology in instruction and learning. Libraries can successfully serve this goal if they are outfitted with cutting-edge digital infrastructure and information technology tools. They can offer instruction in digital resource management, information literacy, and the use of technology in research and education. Libraries are well-positioned to offer the strong research support services that the policy's emphasis on innovation and research demands. They can help with access to specialist research resources, data management, citation management, and literature reviews. Libraries support the development of new knowledge and the enhancement of research excellence by making academic resources more accessible and encouraging a research culture. A key component of NEP 2020 is inclusivity, which seeks to close the digital divide and guarantee fair access to high-quality education. As public places, libraries may be extremely important in fostering inclusion by giving underserved areas access to technology and knowledge. They can provide resources in regional languages, assistive technology for people with disabilities, and digital literacy programs. Libraries help to build a more inclusive and equitable higher education system by meeting the information demands of different students.*

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