

Empowering Creativity: The Role of New Education Policy 2020 in enhancing Art Education

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Abstract: *The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 brings new ideas to improve education in India, focusing on boosting creativity and critical thinking. It emphasizes the importance of including arts in schools to support overall growth. The policy aims to empower teachers, students, and schools to foster creative expression and innovation. By encouraging learning across different subjects and hands-on experiences, New Education Policy 2020 wants to change the education system and make creativity a central part of learning. New Education Policy 2020 also encourages students to explore their artistic skills and think outside the box. By offering a flexible and inclusive curriculum, it allows learners to combine subjects like art, science, and technology, helping them develop a broad range of skills. The policy supports a shift from traditional rote learning to more creative and practical ways of teaching, where students actively participate in their learning. This approach aims to prepare students not just academically, but also creatively, for the future. One of the central goals of the New Education Policy 2020 is to shift from a rote-learning approach to a more experiential, skill-based education system, where art and creative practices play an essential role. The policy promotes interdisciplinary learning, encouraging students to engage with diverse forms of art, including visual arts, performing arts, and traditional crafts, to help nurture a well-rounded individual. Furthermore, the New Education Policy 2020 calls for the integration of creative subjects with other academic disciplines to make learning more relevant, engaging, and enjoyable. This cross-disciplinary approach allows students to explore various dimensions of creativity and provides opportunities for them to express themselves in unique ways. By embedding art education in all aspects of learning, the policy aims to enhance the aesthetic sensibilities of students and prepare them for a world that values innovation and creative problem-solving. In addition, the New Education Policy 2020 envisions the use of digital technologies and contemporary methods to enrich art education, making it more accessible and interactive. This ensures that students can connect with global artistic movements and practices, broadening their creative horizons. Teachers are encouraged to adopt flexible and diverse pedagogies to cater to the individual needs of students, creating an inclusive environment where creativity can flourish. Ultimately, the New Education Policy 2020's focus on empowering creativity through art education is a transformative step in reshaping the education system, making it more dynamic, inclusive, and capable of nurturing future generations of innovative thinkers and artists.*

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