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NEP 2020 - SAARTHI AUGUST 2025 ACTIVITY

Activity: Awareness Rally based on NEP 2020 to mark launch of NEP 2020

Date: 29th August 2025

Time: 12:30 P.M. – 01:00 P.M.

Duration: ½ hour

Flagged Off by: Prof. D.A. Nagdeve, Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS

Participants: IIPS Faculty Members, NEP Coordinators, NEP SAARTHIs, First Year Master's and Ph. D students

Location: IIPS Campus

Route: From Library Building to Gate No. 2 and back to the Library Building

Time	Activity
12:30 P.M.	Assemble participants at the starting point (Library Building, IIPS)
12:35 P.M.	Begin rally with slogans & banner display
12:45 P.M.	Stop at key point (Gate No. 2, IIPS)
12:50 P.M.	Commence return march
01:00 P.M.	Photo Session and Conclude at Library Building, IIPS

Report – Awareness Rally based on NEP 2020 to mark launch of NEP 2020

An awareness rally focusing on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was organized on 29th August 2025 at the IIPS campus. The rally was formally flagged off by Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS. Dr. Kunal Keshri, NEP SAARTHI Coordinator addressed the participants and highlighted the importance of NEP 2020 in transforming the Indian education system. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from IIPS Faculty Members, NEP Coordinators, NEP SAARTHIs, First Year Master's and Ph.D. students, who came together to promote awareness about the transformative goals and thrust areas of NEP 2020. The rally began from the Library Building and moved across the campus, concluding at the same point. Throughout the rally, students actively engaged in slogan-chanting and held creative posters that highlighted the key messages of the policy.

Several impactful posters were displayed during the rally, including messages such as "*Nai Shiksha Nai Niti Kare Sakar – Gyan Yogyata Rozgar*", "*NEP 2020 – Gyan Yogy Ho*", and informative lines like "*National Education Policy – The policy restructures the education system of India. A*

look at what the new education policy means for...". Some posters also directed viewers to official resources such as www.education.gov.in for further information.

Additionally, the rally prominently featured the IIPS NEP Thrust Areas, which include: Multidisciplinary and Holistic Education, Digital Empowerment and Online Education, Skill Development and Employability, Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Capacity Building of Teachers for Quality Education, Governance and Autonomy, Accreditation and Excellence, Equitable and Inclusive Education, Promotion of Indian Languages and Indian Knowledge System, and Internationalization of Education. These focal points were effectively communicated through the banners and enthusiastic participation of the students.

The event not only served as an orientation activity for new students but also fostered awareness about the NEP 2020's vision for a more inclusive, equitable and multi-disciplinary education system in India. It concluded with a group photo session, capturing the collective energy and commitment of the participants. Overall, the rally was successful in its aim to inform, engage, and inspire the academic community about the ongoing educational reforms.

Activity: NEP Help Desk

Date: 12th August 2025

Time: 09:30 A.M. onwards

Report – NEP 2020 Booth / Help Desk

IIPS welcomed its new academic cohort on August 12, 2025, inaugurating the 2025–20+26 session with around 100 students all over India in Master of Arts /Master of Science in Population Studies, Master of Science in Bio-Statistics and Demography, Master of Science in Survey Research and Data Analytics, and Ph.D. programmes. The day-long orientation featured course-wise briefings by course coordinators, an inspiring address by Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Director and Sr. Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS and sessions on anti-ragging, the POSH Act (2013), and mental-health support. The inaugural event was coordinated by Prof. Archana K. Roy. The NEP SAARTHI coordinator, Dr. Kunal Keshri, with the help of NEP SAARTHIs Mr. Ankit Gupta, Ms. Harsha Shyjilin, and Ms. Sayantani D. Majumder, organized five interactive activities at IIPS:

- Map Your Roots
- Cultural Snapshot
- NEP Theme-Based Speak Up
- Word Drop IIPS
- One-Day Memory Capsule Card

The events enhanced students' awareness of NEP 2020, fostered cultural exchange, promoted diversity, and holistic education. To further increase visibility and engagement, selfie points highlighting the thrust areas of NEP 2020 were also set up to encourage participation and promote the policy.

Activity: IKS based Panel discussion relevant to different disciplines

Date: 29th August 2025

Time: 05:00 P.M. – 06:00 P.M.

Duration: 1 hour

Participants: First Year Master's and Ph. D students

Venue: MSD Classroom, 2nd Floor, Library Building, IIPS

Discussants: NEP SAARTHI volunteers and 4th year PhD Scholars

Time	Activity
05:00 P.M.	Welcome to all dignitaries and participants by Mr. Ankit Gupta , NEP SAARTHI
	Formal opening of the session with a welcome address by Prof. D. A. Nagdeve , Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS
05:05 P.M.	Opening Remarks by Chair Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay , NEP Coordinator
05:15 P.M.	Remarks by Co-Chair Dr. Kunal Keshri , NEP SAARTHI Coordinator
05:25 P.M.	Reflections and Sharing by Discussants: 1) Ms. Harsha Shyjin , NEP SAARTHI 2) Ms. Sayantani D. Majumder , NEP SAARTHI 3) Mr. Ankit Gupta , NEP SAARTHI 4) Ms. Niharika Awasthi , Ph. D. Scholar 5) Mr. Pankaj Patel , Ph. D. Scholar
05:45 P.M.	Open Interaction with the students
05:55 P.M.	Vote of Thanks by Ms. Avni Goel , RO (NEP)
06:00 P.M.	Photo Session

Report – IKS based Panel discussion relevant to different disciplines

A student interaction session was held on 29th August 2025, from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., at the MSD Classroom, 2nd Floor, Library Building, IIPS. Organized as part of the NEP SAARTHI initiative, the session engaged First Year Master's and Ph.D. students in an in-depth discussion on the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and its integration within the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 framework. NEP Coordinators, NEP SAARTHIs, and senior research scholars participated actively, creating a vibrant academic atmosphere.

The session commenced with a warm welcome followed by an opening address by Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS, that underscored the significance of NEP 2020 in transforming India's education system. The Chair Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, NEP Coordinator and Co-Chair Dr. Kunal Keshri, NEP SAARTHI Coordinator highlighted the critical role of IKS in providing a distinctive perspective to appreciate India's heritage, culture, and collective wisdom, aligning closely with the policy's vision of a multidisciplinary and holistic education system."

Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, NEP Coordinator, conducted a comprehensive quiz on the Indian Knowledge System, encompassing a wide spectrum of topics including the history, science, culture, achievements and inventions from ancient through medieval to modern history.

During the core part of the session, discussants shared their reflections on various dimensions of IKS, covering its application across disciplines such as mathematics, geography, economics, and history. The dialogue emphasized how IKS enriches contemporary scholarship by grounding it in indigenous perspectives while fostering global relevance. The discussion also highlighted the current relevance of NEP 2020 in promoting IKS as a cornerstone for building a Viksit Bharat, fostering a Vishwa Bandhu Bharat, and aspiring towards a Vishwa Guru Bharat.

The session concluded with an open interaction where first-year students posed questions and engaged in meaningful conversations with the discussants. The event was wrapped up with a vote of thanks and a group photo, capturing the collaborative spirit and enthusiasm of all involved.

Overall, the session successfully fostered awareness of National Education Policy (NEP) and appreciation of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) within the academic community, reinforcing the transformative goals of NEP 2020.

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Activity: IKS based Panel discussion relevant to different disciplines



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Initiative
Indian Knowledge System Based Panel Discussion





Prof. D. A. Nagdeve
Director and Senior Professor
(Additional-Charge), IIPS Mumbai

Moderators



Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay
NEP Chairperson



Dr. Kunal Keshri
NEP Saarthi Coordinator



Mr. Pankaj Patel
PhD Scholar



Ms. Niharika Awasthi
PhD Scholar

Date: 29th August 2025
Time: 05:00-06:00 pm
Venue: MSD Classroom, Library Building



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