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**CM attends North East Education Conclave**

**NEP 2020 will inculcate creative and innovative thinking among students: CM**

**Dispur, November 20:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the new national education policy 2020 has been adapted to the times by incorporating the new scientific thinking of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This policy is also synchronized with the basic tenets of India's civilization which is based on the foundation of knowledge and wisdom.

The Chief Minister said this while taking part at the North East Education Summit organized by the Department of Education, Government of India and Sankardeva Education and Research Institute at Guwahati Medical College Hospital Auditorium today.

While beginning his speech with a Sanskrit sloka "□□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□", the Chief Minister also quoted Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who said, "The end-product of education should be a free creative man, who can battle against historical circumstances and adversities of nature".

Chief Minister Sarma further said that the NEP 2020 gives the students an opportunity to go beyond mark-sheets to strive for knowledge. He said that NEP 2020 will help to make India more powerful, take the country to greater heights, empower students and afford them opportunities to grow. He also viewed that this will free the student community from the rat race and inculcate creative and innovative thinking in them.

The Chief Minister also hoped that the conclave would result in finalizing a roadmap for implementation of NEP in the region to convert the policy into action and set timelines to realize the dream of a new India.

Dr. Sarma also highlighted the progress made by the State Education Department in the implementation of NEP 2020. He informed about various steps taken including constitution of High level Committee, implementation plan for NEP, process undertaken for upgrading North Lakhimpur College, Nagaon College, JB College, Sibsagar College and Handique Girls College to the level of a university.

Addressing the conclave as chief guest, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan highlighted various aspects of the new education policy.

While Advisor to the Education Department Prof. Dr. Nanigopal Mahanta delivered the welcome speech, Principal Secretary of the State Education Department Dr. B Kalyan Chakraborty offered vote of thanks. Education Minister Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Vice Chancellor of Choudhury Charan Singh University of Meerut Prof. Narendra Kumar Taneja, Chairman of University Grants Commission Professor DP Singh also spoke on various aspects of the new education policy.

Handloom & Textiles Minister UG Brahma, Tea Tribe Welfare Minister Sanjay Kishan, Education Minister of the north eastern states, principal of Sankardeva Education and Research Institute Prof. Ramananda Das, principals of various educational institutions, academicians and other dignitaries were present in the conclave.

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