

## REPORT ON A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 HELD ON 3RD FEB 2023

New Alipore College in collaboration with Women's Christian College, Shree Chaitanya Mahavidyalaya, Netaji Nagar College and Behala College organized a round table discussion on National Education Policy 2020 on 3rd Feb 2023. The programme began with the introduction of the delegates from various colleges and initiation of the topic by Dr. Dhrubajyoti Banerjee, IQAC Coordinator, New Alipore College.



Dr, Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal, NAC welcomed all and extended his heartfelt gratitude to the collaborating colleges as they agreed to share their views about NEP which would be soon implemented in West Bengal.



The Chief Guest, Dr. Shyamalendu Chatterjee, Principal, Chittaranjan College and President, ABPC, CU Unit spoke very lucidly about the challenges many colleges face daily and how these could be a real impediment in instrumenting NEP.



Dr.Anupam Karmakar, Assistant Professor of Commerce, New Alipore College was the speaker. He wonderfully highlighted the various facets of the NEP 2020.



This was followed by discussions by various colleges about their preparedness for NEP 2020. Women's Christian College and Behala College discussed in detail how much they have worked to implement in spirit the issues that are central to NEP.



To make education holistic and multidisciplinary so that it augments the employability of the students they have taken up many innovative endeavours like incorporating value-based learning, language skills enhancement courses, ICT skills development courses, and various add-on courses which included

even training for civil services too. However, Shree Chaitanya Mahavidyalaya, and Netaji Nagar College shared their views about the lack of infrastructure they have for implementation in spirit of the issues central to NEP.



While Women's Christian College said that they have made great initiatives to promote the Sanskrit language which included commemorating Sanskrit Bhasa Divas and chanting Sanskrit slokas by the students, the other colleges were apprehensive about such initiatives as they lacked a Sanskrit department in their colleges. Discussion on the Academic Bank of Credit was held in detail, and it was witnessed that most of the colleges were confused about it and its functionality.

The discussion touched upon the six-cardinal points of NEP and was indeed a fruitful and enriching one. Each college shared its views and initiatives which definitely helped the others. It brought out a variety of perspectives and everyone present participated by asking questions. The discussion helped to chime in with useful questions, anecdotes, and data. The round table came to an end with a vote of thanks by Dr. Dhrubajyoti Banerjee, IQAC Coordinator, New Alipore College.