



NEP SAARTHI Newsletter

2025

WHO ARE NEP SAARTHI?

NEP Saarthi is a student-led initiative launched by the Ministry of Education (MoE) and UGC to promote awareness and implementation of the NEP 2020 across colleges and universities.

NEP Saarthis are student ambassadors chosen from different institutions to act as change-makers and bridge the gap between policy and practice.

NEP, IT'S SAARTHIS AND THEIR MISSION.

The National Education Policy 2020 aims to make India's education system more flexible, inclusive, and skill-oriented. It focuses on holistic learning, critical thinking, and creativity through reforms like the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), and National Credit Framework (NCrF). NEP 2020 envisions an education model that blends traditional values with modern knowledge, preparing students for global opportunities.

APPOINTMENT OF NEP SAARTHIS 2025 AT HNB GARHWAL UNIVERSITY

In line with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has appointed seven students from Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar (Garhwal) as NEP SAARTHIS – Student Ambassadors for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India.



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Prof. Manish R. Joshi
Secretary



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प्रिय विद्यार्थी,

To enhance students' participation and create awareness of the various reforms in higher education, the University Grants Commission (UGC) launched an initiative, 'NEP SAARTHI- Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India'. Through NEP SAARTHI, the UGC aims to foster an environment where students can engage the students' community as active participants in effectively implementing the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

UGC had invited nominations from universities, colleges, and institutions for NEP SAARTHI, who have an outstanding personality, excellent communication skills, organizational capabilities, creativity, a sense of responsibility and being a team leader for conducting outreach programmes.

As per Clause 3, 4 & 5 of UGC NEP SAARTHI Guidelines; undertaking submitted by Higher Education Institutions (HEIs); and approval of the Competent Authority of UGC; you have been nominated as NEP SAARTHI. The details of the roles and responsibilities of NEP SAARTHI are enclosed herewith for your ready reference (also available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdf/news/992_1_822_Updated-SAARTHI-guidelines-2024.pdf). UGC encourages you to make excellent use of this opportunity with great enthusiasm and dedication.

We believe that your involvement in this initiative will not only be personally enriching but will also significantly contribute to shaping the future of Indian Higher Education. We feel happy to showcase the list of NEP SAARTHIS at https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdf/news/6992968_List-of-NEP-SAARTHIS-as-per-Revised-Guideline-of-NEP-SAARTHIS.pdf.

You may reach out at sarthi-nep@ugc.gov.in & nepbureau@ugc.gov.in for additional information, if any.

Looking forward to your active involvement and contribution to the UGC's initiatives as a NEP SAARTHI.

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To:

1. SAARTHIS (as per the list-attached)
2. The Vice-Chancellor/Registrar/Director/Principal of concerned Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with a request to provide necessary support to the SAARTHIS to ensure effective implementation of the initiative.

The selected student ambassadors are: Riya Karan, Anupam C., Arpit, Abhishek Jha, Alapini J. P., Akhilesh Prasad, and Lakshmi Narayan. (Ayush Singh was also nominated as per the UGC record for AY 2025.) These students, currently pursuing their undergraduate programmes, have been appointed for a period of one year and will serve actively during the calendar year 2025. They will act as change agents to promote awareness and implementation of NEP 2020 reforms through outreach, peer engagement, and innovation activities on campus.

The NEP SAARTHIS were selected after a round of interviews and interaction sessions conducted by the NEP Implementation and Coordination Committee of the University, headed by Prof. Prashant Kandari, NEP Coordinator. The selection emphasized leadership qualities, creativity, communication skills, and commitment to academic transformation.

Throughout 2025, the NEP SAARTHIS will undertake monthly activities prescribed by the UGC, including campus orientation sessions, NEP awareness campaigns, multidisciplinary learning drives, innovation projects, and community outreach programmes designed to strengthen NEP 2020 implementation.

The appointments were made under UGC communication (D.O. No. F. 1-30/2023 (NEP), dated 1 January 2025), which encourages student ambassadors to lead transformative academic initiatives in higher education institutions.



HEMVATI NANDAN BAHUGUNA GARHWAL UNIVERSITY



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions transforming India's higher education landscape through flexibility, multidisciplinary learning, research orientation, and holistic student development. At Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, we are deeply committed to realizing this vision through innovative curricula, experiential learning, and multidisciplinary education.



Vice Chancellor
Prof. Shri Prakash Singh

I am pleased to note that HNB Garhwal University has once again been part of the UGC initiative –NEP SAARTHI, the “Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India”, for the year 2025. The student ambassadors of our University have done the commendable work of shouldering the responsibility of disseminating awareness about the NEP 2020 and encouraging student participation in educational reforms.

It gives me immense pleasure to acknowledge the remarkable initiatives undertaken by the NEP SAARTHIs of our University during 2025. Through a diverse range of activities—including quiz, essay, and poster competitions, the Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav, expert lectures, awareness rallies, and the innovative NEP Help Desk—the team has successfully translated the ideals of NEP 2020 into meaningful student engagement. These initiatives have strengthened awareness of the policy's emphasis on flexibility, skill development, multidisciplinary learning, and holistic education.

Such participatory efforts not only enhance academic understanding but also foster leadership, creativity, and collaboration among students. I sincerely congratulate the editorial board of this NEP SAARTHI newsletter-2025 for their hard work and dedication in documenting and showcasing these achievements. Their collective effort truly reflects our university's commitment to promoting a more inclusive, innovative, and learner-centric higher education system.

Vice-Chancellor
Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University

MEET THE SAARTHIS OF HNB GARHWAL UNIVERSITY



RIYA KARAN

Bachelors of Arts in [Defence, Strategic, and Geopolitical Studies].

In the seventh semester of her Honours degree, she is a happy-go-lucky woman who finds her meaning of life in culture, human emotions, women's upliftment and Military Theories. She wishes to write about them through her academic and creative pursuits. She is also the editor of SAARTHI Newsletter 2025.



Arpit Verma

Bachelors of Arts in [Political Science].

Arpit is pursuing a B.A. (Hons with Research) in Political Science from Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University. He is an innovative and expressive learner with a flair for creative coordination and impactful participation in academic and cultural pursuits. He also serves as the Social Media Head in NEP Saarthi.



Akhilesh Prasad

Bachelors of Science in [Physics].

In the seventh semester of his B.Sc. Honours Physics degree, he is a highly focused student whose interests bridge ancient wisdom and modern science; he explores the Indian Knowledge System and philosophy while channeling his core research in Astronomy and Nuclear Physics toward contributing to the social wellbeing of the world.



Abhishek Jha

Bachelors of Science in [Life Sciences].

He has completed his Bachelor's Degree in Life Sciences from Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar (Garhwal). He also serves as an NEP SAARTHI, promoting awareness of the National Education Policy.

MEET THE SAARTHIS OF HNB GARHWAL UNIVERSITY



Alapini J P

Bachelors of Arts in [Sociology].

Alapini is pursuing B.A. Sociology at HNBGU, Uttarakhand (7th semester), and currently serving as an NEP Saarthi, striving to foster collaboration, learning, and constructive participation in academic environments.



Anupam C

Bachelors of Arts .

Anupam is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree. He is in the 5th semester of my graduation. I'm excited to continue learning, exploring new ideas, and gaining meaningful experiences during my time here.



Lakshmi Narayan

Bachelor of Technology

At HNB, I am a final year student of B.Tech Mechanical engineering Dept. As a NEP SAARTHI, I learnt the multidisciplinary approach for problem solving. I with my Team and under the Mentorship of Dr. Prashant Kandari and Dr. Chandra Shekhar Joshi Sir, successfully organized all 12 NEP awareness activities, through the Year, which taught me the value of subject flexibility and necessity of holistic education.

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✳️ QUIZ BASED ON NEP 2020 INITIATIVE TAKEN BY UGC ✳️



Student Spotlight

Key Highlights of the event;

- The event was skillfully anchored by Riya Karan and Anupam C, engaging participants and the audience.
- The competition had three levels, including an online preliminary round via Quizziz, followed by two interactive rounds and the final.
- The quiz aimed to enhance understanding of NEP 2020, promoting critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving.
- **Winners were:**
1st place – Akshay Kumar Chauhan, Raja Kumar Mandal, Satyam Sahu.
2nd place – Saksham Rathore, Prince Verma, Prakhar Mishra.
3rd place – Lata Sati, Himani Panwar, Madhu.

बिड़ला परिसर में एनईपी 2020 क्विज प्रतियोगिता का सफल आयोजन

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श्रीनगर। गढ़वाल विश्वविद्यालय के
बिड़ला परिसर में राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति 2020
पर आधारित एक महत्वपूर्ण क्विज

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साहू और अक्षय की
टीम रही प्रथम**

प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया।
विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के एनईपी
सार्वभौमिक द्वारा आयोजित इस प्रतियोगिता
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उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया। प्रतियोगिता का
मुख्य उद्देश्य छात्रों में नई शिक्षा नीति के
प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाना और इसके विभिन्न
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सिंह और प्रखर मिश्रा की टीम को मिला।
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और मधु की टीम रही। कार्यक्रम का
आयोजन गढ़वाल विश्वविद्यालय के एनईपी
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में किया गया। प्रतियोगिता के सफल
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रिया करन, अर्पित वर्मा, लक्ष्मी नारायण,
अलापनी जेपी, अनुपम आर्युप और
अखिलेश प्रसाद ने महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका
निभाई। आयोजन समिति में अर्थशास्त्र
विभाग के डॉ. ठाकुर देव पांडे और डॉ.
चंद्रशेखर जोशी ने विशेष योगदान दिया।
कार्यक्रम के समापन पर विजेता टीमों को
पुरस्कार और प्रमाण पत्र वितरित किए गए।
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योगदान दिया।

Academic Spotlight

The NEP SAARTHIs of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwali University kick-started their series of initiatives under the UGC NEP framework with an inter-departmental quiz competition on 24 February 2025. The event saw overwhelming participation, with 30 teams and 110 students showcasing their knowledge and enthusiasm. The quiz was designed in a progressive format with three stages. The first round, held online via the Quizziz platform, filtered the top 10 teams. The second stage comprised two rounds of intense on-campus quizzing, selecting the top 5 teams. The final stage, also consisting of two rounds, determined the top three winning teams.

The team of Akshay Kumar Chauhan, Raja Kumar Mandal, and Satyam Sahu from the 3rd-year BA program secured the first position. The second place went to Saksham Rathore, Prince Verma, and Prakhar Mishra (2nd-year students), while the third place was won by Lata Sati, Himani Panwar, and Madhu from the ITEP program. All winners were felicitated with certificates and mementos by Dr. Prashant Kandari, under the guidance of Dr. Chandrashekhhar Joshi and Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey.

The competition aimed to deepen students' understanding of NEP 2020, particularly its emphasis on flexibility, skill-based learning, technology integration, and the multidisciplinary approach. It successfully promoted critical thinking, collaborative learning, and healthy academic competition. By addressing key components of the NEP, such as holistic development and outcome-based education, the quiz served as an informative and interactive learning experience. Students walked away not only with accolades but also with a renewed understanding of the reforms shaping India's higher education system. The event laid a solid foundation for future NEP-driven activities at the university.

BHARTIYA BHASHA UTSAV

Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav – 28 February 2025

On 28 February 2025, the NEP SAARTHIs of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University organized Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav under the UGC NEP 2020 framework. The event was conducted at the ACL auditorium and aimed to highlight the richness and diversity of Indian languages while promoting linguistic skills among students, in line with NEP's vision of multilingualism and cultural preservation

"If culture was a house, then language was the key to the front door, [and] to all rooms inside."

— Khaled Hosseini, *And the Mountains Echoed*

A total of 33 students from various departments enthusiastically participated in competitions such as poetry recitation, storytelling, singing, and speech delivery in multiple Indian languages. These activities provided a vibrant platform for students to express their creativity and linguistic talents, aligning with NEP 2020's emphasis on mother tongue and regional languages in education.

Neeraj Bathwal, a B.Sc. student, emerged as the winner for his captivating performance. The second position was jointly awarded to Ridhama Rawat and Tanmay Sarkar, while Kavalya A. Nayak secured the third position. Participants who placed from fourth to seventh were acknowledged with consolation certificates, encouraging continued efforts in linguistic expression.



Team NEP SAARTHI, guided by NEP Coordinator Dr. Prashant Kandari and NEP SAARTHI Coordinator Dr. Chandrashekar Joshi, successfully organized the event with support from Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey and Dr. Rukmini. Their efforts helped promote the NEP 2020 objectives and inspired active student participation.

About the event;

The event was conducted under the guidance of NEP coordinator Prof. Prashant Kandari, Dr. Chandra Shekhar Joshi, Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey, and Dr. Rukmani. The Head of the Hindi Department, Prof. Guddi Bisht, graced the event as the chief guest. She honored the winners and spoke on the significance of preserving linguistic diversity in the era of globalization.

The Utsav was marked by enthusiasm, cultural pride, and creative energy. It not only enhanced awareness of India's linguistic heritage but also demonstrated how NEP 2020 promotes inclusive education through cultural expression. The program successfully fostered student engagement with languages and literature, contributing to the holistic educational approach envisioned by the NEP.



LECTURES BASED ON NEP 2020 (E.G.ABC, FYUP, NCRF, ETC.)



Date: 26 March 2025 | Venue: Department of Economics, HNBGU

Bridging Policy and Practice: NEP 2020 Lecture Series.

On 26 March 2025, the NEP SAARTHIs of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University organized an expert lecture titled "Understanding National Education Policy and its Role in Empowering Higher Education Students." Held at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Economics, Birla Campus, the session aimed to demystify core components of NEP 2020 and bridge the knowledge gap among students regarding its implementation and implications.

The lecture focused on major pillars of NEP 2020, including the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), and National Credit Framework (NCrF). These aspects were explained in a comprehensive and interactive manner to help students understand how NEP 2020 is reshaping Indian higher education.

The session featured prominent speakers including Dr. Hiranmoy Roy, Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey, and Dr. Chandrashekhar Joshi. Dr. Roy emphasized the transformative nature of NEP 2020, particularly its flexibility, multidisciplinary approach, and emphasis on vocational integration. He highlighted how these reforms could especially benefit students from Himalayan regions like Garhwal.

Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey addressed the significance of research and innovation in NEP 2020, linking it to sustainable development and local socio-economic challenges. He encouraged alignment of academic programmes with regional needs and stressed the importance of initiatives like the Indian Himalayan Central Universities' Consortium for collaborative research.

The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session where students clarified their doubts regarding credit systems, exit options, and the future scope of higher education under the new policy. The session proved highly impactful in raising awareness and preparedness among students to navigate the reformed education landscape.

This expert lecture effectively empowered the academic community with knowledge and clarity about NEP 2020, making it a significant step in the university's mission to align with national education reforms.

HELP DESK IN COLLEGE FEST

On 22 April 2025, during the Inter-Faculty/Inter-College Cultural and Educational Competition 2024–25, the NEP SAARTHIs of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University organized an NEP Help Desk to raise awareness about the National Education Policy 2020. This initiative was designed as an open, student-friendly space where attendees could seek guidance and clarity on NEP-related topics.

The Help Desk attracted high footfall from students across different departments, thanks to its strategic timing during a major university-wide event. Curious and concerned students approached the desk with a variety of questions on the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme, the Academic Bank of Credits, multiple entry-exit options, and the overall changes brought by NEP 2020. NEP SAARTHIs responded to these queries by offering detailed explanations and sharing relevant materials, enabling students to grasp how these changes affect their academic journey and future prospects.

Photograph taken on 22 April 2025.



Under the guidance of Dr. Chandrashekhar Joshi and Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey, the event was smoothly conducted with the active involvement of all NEP SAARTHIs. The team played an essential role in simplifying complex policy concepts and making them accessible to a broader student audience. Posters, brochures, and handouts were also distributed to reinforce the information shared.

The Help Desk succeeded in promoting awareness and engagement with NEP reforms. Many students expressed appreciation for the initiative, noting that it helped them understand the practical relevance of the policy in their day-to-day academic experiences. It also served as a forum for identifying common concerns and addressing misconceptions.

Overall, the Help Desk was a valuable outreach initiative that contributed significantly to NEP 2020 awareness, fostering informed participation and proactive adaptation among students. It demonstrated how peer-led initiatives can effectively support policy dissemination and student empowerment.

ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION



Date: April 16, 2025.

On 16 April 2025, the NEP SAARTHIs of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University organized an essay competition on the topic “The Role of the New National Education Policy 2020 in the Development of Higher Education.” The event witnessed participation from students across various departments, all of whom explored the transformative potential of NEP 2020 through analytical and critical writing.

The event commenced with a briefing on competition rules and the essay topic. Students were encouraged to write from their unique perspectives, focusing on NEP’s key aspects like the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), National Credit Framework (NCrF), and emphasis on skill-based and research-oriented learning. The competition provided a platform for students to reflect on the policy's vision for creating a learner-centric, flexible, and inclusive higher education system.

Among the participants, Ambika Rawat, a student of M.A. Economics, secured the first position. Snigdha Shukla was awarded second place, and Aastha Singh took third

Consolation prizes were given to Sadhana, Nabin, Arpit, Nidhi, and Pratishtha for their thoughtful contributions. All winners were felicitated with certificates and mementos by NEP coordinator Prof. Prashant Kandari, Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey, and Dr. Chandra Shekhar Joshi.

The essay competition enabled students to not only engage intellectually with educational reforms but also develop their writing and analytical skills. It encouraged deeper understanding of how NEP 2020 is set to redefine Indian higher education by fostering critical thinking, interdisciplinarity, and global relevance. Events like this help students internalize policy changes and align their academic aspirations with the evolving educational framework.

AWARENESS RALLY BASED ON NEP 2020 TO MARK LAUNCH OF NEP 2020

Walking the Path of Change: NEP 2020 at HNBGU.

The morning of 28th August 2025 dawned bright with excitement and purpose at Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, as students, faculty members, and NEP Saarthis came together to celebrate five years of the transformative National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The campus brimmed with life – banners waved in the breeze, slogans filled the air, and the spirit of progress echoed in every corner.

The Awareness Rally began at 11:00 AM, flagged off by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, who addressed the gathering before the march. In his motivating speech, he spoke about how NEP 2020 is reshaping education in India, making it more innovative, skill-oriented, and student-centered. He also highlighted the university's commitment to implementing NEP-aligned initiatives and praised the NEP Saarthis team for their tireless efforts in spreading awareness among students.

The rally witnessed the gracious presence of several eminent dignitaries, including Prof. M.S. Panwar (Dean, Recruitment and Promotion), Prof. O.P. Gusain (Dean, Students' Welfare), and Prof. H.B.S. Chauhan (Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences), whose encouragement inspired the participants.

Distinguished faculty members such as Prof. Guddi Bisht, Prof. M.C. Sati, Prof. Rashmi Dyudi, Dr. H. Roy, Dr. Rukmani, Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey, Dr. Surendra Singh, Dr. Gandhi Singh Chauhan, Dr. Nitin Bisht, Dr. Anup Semwal, and Dr. Anurag Goyal also joined the rally, standing in solidarity with the mission of educational transformation. The event was jointly coordinated under the guidance of Prof. Prashant Kandari (University NEP Coordinator), Dr. Rakesh Negi (NSS Programme Officer), and Dr. Chandrashekar Joshi (UGC-NEP Saarthis Coordinator).

Special contributions by the NEP Saarthis – Riya, Anupam, Lakshmi Narayan, Arpit, Akhilesh Prasad along with NSS volunteers and students from various departments, brought energy and vibrance to the rally. Participants carried placards and shared messages highlighting the key principles of NEP 2020 – Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education, Multiple Entry and Exit System, Promotion of Mother Tongue in Early Learning, Research and Innovation, and Strengthening of Vocational Education.

As the rally progressed across the campus, it became more than a march; it was a celebration of ideas and a collective step toward shaping the future of education. By the end of the day, the event had successfully inspired students, fostering awareness, enthusiasm, and a shared belief in the transformative vision of NEP 2020 for a creative, self-reliant, and globally confident India.

March on. Do not tarry. To go forward is to grow.



IKS BASED PANEL DISCUSSION RELEVANT TO DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES

On 30th August 2025, the Conference Hall of the Department of Economics, Birla Campus, HNBGU buzzed with intellectual energy as a panel discussion on “Integration of Indian Knowledge System in Higher Education: A Roadmap for Viksit Bharat 2047” took center stage. Organized in collaboration with UGC NEP Saarathi, the event was hosted and coordinated by NEP Saarthis Riya Karan and Akhilesh Prasad, whose dynamic presence and seamless management brought the session to life.

The discussion featured distinguished scholars who shared diverse perspectives. Prof. R.K. Maikhuri highlighted the value of indigenous knowledge embedded in rural and regional communities, stressing the link between biodiversity, culture, and education, and encouraging students to embrace sustainable practices.



Dr. Hirenmoy Roy concluded the session with a vote of thanks that was beyond beautiful, eloquently explaining the significance of language in the growth and preservation of Indian Knowledge Systems.

The event concluded as more than a discussion it became a celebration of India’s knowledge heritage and a step toward a holistic, tradition-rooted, and future-ready education, paving the way for a Viksit Bharat 2047. The session was anchored by NEP Saarthis Riya Karan and Akhilesh Prasad, who guided the program with enthusiasm and precision.

The audience left inspired, carrying forward ideas, insights, and a renewed appreciation for integrating India’s traditional knowledge into modern education.



Dr. Kavita Bhatt traced the philosophical foundations of Indian Knowledge Systems from the Vedic period to the modern era, discussing the contributions of the Vedas, Upavedas, Vedangas, Shad Darshanas, and Upanishads. She emphasized the oral tradition (Shruti) as a unique strength, illustrating the vital role of philosophy in preserving India’s intellectual heritage.

Dr. Amarjeet Singh addressed the contemporary relevance of these systems, advocating for the integration of indigenous knowledge into modern curricula. According to him, this approach nurtures cultural pride, strengthens student identity, and supports India’s aspiration to become a Vishwaguru – a global teacher.

The interactive session that followed saw students pose thoughtful questions, while faculty and research scholars, including Dr. Thakur Dev Pandey, Dr. Rukmini, Dr. Tsering Dolkar, and Dr. Hirenmoy Roy, contributed to a lively academic exchange.



DEBATE COMPETITION INITIATIVES BEING UNDERTAKEN THROUGH NEP 2020.

Debates are essential for developing analytical thinking, effective communication, and persuasive skills. They provide a forum to evaluate diverse perspectives, construct coherent arguments, and engage in reasoned dialogue, fostering both intellectual rigor and professional confidence.



Dated in 17 September 2025

Srinagar Garhwal, 17 September 2025: The NEP SAARTHI team of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU) successfully organized a debate competition on the theme “Implementing NEP 2020 in Higher Education: Balancing Tradition, Innovation, and Global Competitiveness” at the Department of Economics, Birla Campus. The event, which commenced at 11:00 AM, provided a dynamic platform for undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students to voice their perspectives on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The winners of the debate competition were Aprajita Ghildiyal (1st Prize), Shreya Purohit (2nd Prize), Shree Joshi (3rd Prize), and Tanaaz Khan, who received a consolation prize.

Professor M.C. Sati, Department of Economics, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he appreciated the efforts of the NEP SAARTHI team for organizing a thought-provoking competition and encouraged students to actively participate in academic events that promote NEP awareness.



The competition was adjudicated by Dr. Nitin Bisht, Dr. Kavita Bhatt, and Dr. Kapil Dev Pawar. Participants critically analyzed how NEP 2020 can balance tradition, innovation, and global competitiveness, presenting their arguments in English or Hindi within two to three minutes.

The debate showcased diverse perspectives, from NEP’s focus on multidisciplinary education and global outreach to challenges in rural and public institutions. Judges appreciated the clarity, confidence, and ability of students to connect traditional Indian knowledge with modern educational practices.

The event was anchored by NEP Saarthis Riya Karan and Akhilesh Prasad, while the rest of the team—Arpit Verma, Anupam Chandran, and Lakshminarayan Singh—ensured seamless coordination. The competition concluded with words of appreciation from judges and coordinators, highlighting HNBGU’s commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and academic excellence, in line with India’s vision of a knowledge-driven Viksit Bharat 2047.



POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

17 September 2025



WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?

The NEP SAARTHI team at HNB Garhwal University brought colors to ideas through a Poster Design Competition under UGC. Guided by Dr. Chandrashekhhar Joshi and Dr. Neha Martolia, students painted their vision of "Reshaping Higher Education through NEP 2020." The workshop buzzed with creativity, ending on an inspiring note as Prof. Dhan Singh Bisht applauded the young artists' imagination and spirit.



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WINNERS WERE:

- 1st Prize: Prachi Kandwal (ITEP, Department of Education)
- 2nd Prize: Shivi Pal (B.A.)
- 3rd Prize: Vansudhara Chamoli (M.A., Department of Drawing & Painting)



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NUKKAD NATAK ON AWARENESS ABOUT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020



What made the play remarkable was its simplicity and connection with the audience. Students and faculty gathered in large numbers, applauding as the performers turned policy ideas into relatable moments of campus life. The performance not only spread awareness but also encouraged conversations about the importance of skill development, innovation, and the preservation of India's knowledge heritage.

The event was organized by the NEP Saarthi Team — Riya Karan, Akhilesh Prasad, Arpit, Lakshmi Narayan, and Anupam Chandran, under the guidance of Dr. Chandrashekhar Joshi, Saarthi Coordinator. Their collaborative effort showcased how creativity and education can intersect to make learning more engaging and impactful.

In the end, the Nukkad Natak stood as more than a performance — it became a celebration of learning, imagination, and India's educational future. It proved that when art meets purpose, even a street can become a classroom, and every onlooker, a student of change.

On 14th October 2025, the familiar buzz around Birla Canteen at Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University turned into a burst of voices, rhythm, and applause. The NEP Saarthi Team of HNBGU, under the UGC initiative, in collaboration with Team Taal, brought the essence of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to life through a Nukkad Natak (street play) performed first at Birla Canteen and later at Chauras Parking Area.

Led by Sneha Thapwal, Team Taal — including Priti Tiwari, Anshuman Sajwan, Anup Aswal, Paarth Rawat, Ashok Kumar, Neeraj, Ankita Bhardwaj, Manshi Nautiyal, Ayush Kothari, Ankit Kumar, and Vishal Bhardwaj — delivered a powerful and entertaining performance that blended humor, emotion, and awareness. Through lively dialogue and expressive acting, they depicted the transformation that NEP 2020 envisions — from rigid learning structures to flexible, multidisciplinary, and inclusive education rooted in Indian values.



Team Taal Team Leader: Sneha Thapwal Team Members: Priti Tiwari, Anshuman Sajwan, Anup Aswal, Paarth Rawat, Ashok Kumar, Neeraj, Ankita Bhardwaj, Manshi Nautiyal, Ayush Kothari, Ankit Kumar, Vishal Bhardwaj

PHOTO GALLERY



Dr. Dev Thakur Pandey sharing his insights with students on NEP structure.



Dr. Rukmini presenting a plant sapling as gesture of gratitude to Dr. Kavita Bhatt for her sharp witted presentation on IKS shaping our education system.



Team Taal posing after they captured the attention and gave a word out for NEP and the benefits it offers.



NEP SAARTHI Riya Karan briefing the Vice Chancellor Prof. Shri Prakash Singh on the activities conducted by SAARTHIS of HNB Garhwal University.



Team Taal with NEP SAARTHIS in Chauras Campus.

PHOTO GALLERY



NEP SAARTI Arpit Verma anchoring for Bhartiye Bhasa Ustav.



Participants of Poster making competition showcasing their art.



A sight to behold as we see the participants of quiz competition on their toes to answer the next question.



Dr. Amarjeet Singh emphasized the contemporary relevance of Indian Knowledge Systems, advocating their integration into modern curricula to nurture cultural pride and strengthen student identity.



Participants of Essay Writing competition engrossed in creative pursuit.