

**St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata**

**POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH**

**University of Calcutta**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**ORGANISES**

**NATIONAL SEMINAR**

**ON**

**RISING INDIA, NEP 2020 AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT: LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD**



**29TH FEBRUARY, 2024**



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## **ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), KOLKATA**

A Christian Minority Jesuit Higher Educational Institution, St. Xavier's was founded in 1860 by a Catholic Minority Religious body, the Society of Jesus, and was affiliated to Calcutta University in 1862. The college was granted autonomy in 2006 and was awarded the status of College with Potential for Excellence in the same year by UGC. The college received College of Excellence status in 2014 followed by the College with a Special Heritage Status in 2015. It received the highest ever NAAC rating of A++ with 3.77 CGPA. St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, has secured the 5th rank in India Ranking 2023 for colleges, conducted by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) under Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. St. Xavier's College offers UG and PG courses under five faculties: Education, Arts, Science, Commerce, and Business Administration. It also offers various professional certificate and diploma courses under Career Oriented Programmes and Computer Centre. St. Xavier's offers Ph.D. in Physics, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Commerce, English, Computer Science, Political Science and Bengali. St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) has been certified as meeting the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 on 3rd July 2019. New feathers get added year after year to the cap of this great institution whose only objective is "for the Greater Glory of God".

### **POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The Postgraduate Department of Education at St. Xavier's College has a distinguished history dating back to the year 1940. The full-fledged teacher training commenced from the session 1961-62. At present the department is offering a two-year B.Ed. course accredited by the NCTE and M.A. in Education. The department offers a comprehensive and rigorous program that prepares students for a career in teaching. The program covers a wide range of subjects, including educational theory, teaching methodology, and practical classroom experience. In 2021, the department expanded its academic horizons by introducing the M.A. in Education, showcasing adaptability to evolving educational needs. Future plans include the introduction of Ph.D. programs for advanced research, along with short-term professional courses, to address contemporary demands in the education sector, marking the department's proactive approach to expansion and diversification. Over the years, the Department of Education at St. Xavier's College has produced many successful and influential educators who have made significant contributions to the field of education in India and beyond. The department has also been at the forefront of educational research and innovation, contributing to the development of new teaching methods and pedagogical approaches.

## **UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA**

The University of Calcutta, located in Kolkata, West Bengal, is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Indian sub-continent. Established in 1857, it has a rich legacy of academic excellence, research contributions and cultural heritage. It has a major contribution in shaping the cultural and intellectual landscape of India. It is accredited with Grade 'A' and ranked 12th among the top universities in India in NIRF ranking 2023. This university has a total of 14 campuses and 151 colleges and 21 institutes are affiliated to it. It was the first university to establish a women's college in India- the Bethune college. It has over 65 departments offering a range of undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral programmes across various disciplines. The university is actively involved in research and innovation across different fields. It has numerous research centres and collaborations with national and international institutions to promote academic research and knowledge exchange. With the motto of "Advancement of learning", University of Calcutta emphasize on holistic development of personality, meaningful exposure to real world and inculcate valuable skills among students apart from ensuring academic excellence.

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA**

The Department of Education was established in 1934 where education and teacher training as a discipline is taught and widely researched upon. The teacher training in this department was recommended in Sadler Commission 1917-19. We have shaped the minds of countless teachers and students across several generations. Earlier, it was situated at Hazra Campus. Later, the Department gets relocated at Alipore Campus and continues till date. The present faculty and students are actively engaged in embracing the latest trends and methods of education to continue our rich legacy of academic excellence.

## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEMINAR**

This seminar serves as a crucial platform to retrospectively analyze the impact of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on India's educational landscape while simultaneously projecting forward into its synergies with sustainable development. Delving into the achievements and challenges since its inception, we aim to foster a dialogue on refining the alignment of education with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through collaborative discussions and expert insights, we seek to chart a course for the future, envisioning an India where the NEP 2020 becomes a cornerstone for sustainable development, shaping enlightened minds for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

## **OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR**

The primary objective of this national seminar is to retrospectively analyze India's progress, evaluate the impact of the National Education Policy 2020 on education, and explore the interplay between rising India, educational reforms, and sustainable development. It seeks to foster insights, discussions, and initiatives for a comprehensive understanding of India's trajectory.

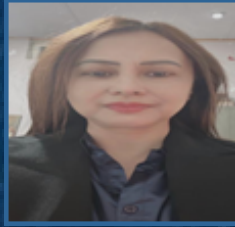
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