



Renaissance of Indian Ethos with the Indulgence of Indian Knowledge System in Higher Education with NEP 2020

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Abstract:

Presenting research paper at conference contributes significantly to the development and inclusion of Indian Knowledge System to revive Indian Ethos and Indianness with an aim to enrich the cultural awareness and to connect as a bridge for the young minds for their holistic development. Indian knowledge system is the systematic transmission of knowledge from one generation to another. For the Renaissance and equilibrium of ancient knowledge with the modern technological knowledge system an inclusivity and promotion of Indian languages are needed approach. IKS is the reservoir of scholarly ideologies to uplift the modern world and to impart these to learners; NEP 2020 is reformed with an addition to IKS for the evolution of society. In modern time it is very important to preserve cultural values. The integration of IKS in NEP 2020 will bring immense holistic development for the nation and their individuals.

Keywords: Indian knowledge system, NEP 2020, Indian ethos, Renaissance, Holistic development

Introduction:

India is the torchbearer with the oldest heritage which upholds rich cultural values. The revival of ancient knowledge through the addition of Indian knowledge system in various branches open the new horizons of intellectual learning and imbibe deep rooted values of Indian culture



in the young minds. Furthermore learners will get enlightenment through its various subjects like Vedas, Puranas, Upanishads which are the treasure houses to understand the real essence of human birth its purpose for leaving and their continuous duties to be performed to be a better human being on earth. Indian knowledge system can be a treatise of learning due to its variants like Vedic corpus, health-wellness and Yoga, number system and units of measurements, science, engineering and technology and also for architecture and designs. Even after the Indian independence no genuine efforts were made for the improvisation of making people aware about the past glory in any curriculum but with reformation and reconstruction of NEP2020 and by adopting a change in the teaching pedagogies with the inclusions of new branches of learning will rejuvenate not only but also capture the attention of learners to grasp knowledge through wisdom by bringing the awareness about Indian ethos.

NEP 2020 is the larger step to transform the education system in India to improve the standards of education and with the expansion of literacy ration in India. With the addition through Indian knowledge system in NEP 2020 will bring evolutionary system of learning with reference to its indigenous elements and aimed at reshaping the standards of education which would be the true Renaissance for the holistic development.

There is a question ruminating over our minds, why should we bother so much about Indian Knowledge System (IKS)? A repository of knowledge accumulated in the Indian subcontinent and manifested in terms of traditions and practices. Indian knowledge system is based on Vedic literature, Upanishads and confluence of ancient knowledge, wisdom and intellectuality.

Indian Knowledge System a trajectory for intellectual minds

A nation with more than 5000 years of recorded history, abundant culture and archaeological artifacts, literature and social and community practices defining what constitutes Indian knowledge itself is a huge challenge.² IKS corpus is vast in its nature because it consists the knowledge of variety of subjects like Vedas, yoga, Vastu, Silpa Shastras, Ayurveda, Jainism and Buddhism. The interesting facts and how to make life meaningful and purposeful, these subjects provide the pathway to reflect upon the past its magnificence and to bring back our roots and culture of India. The ancient method of learning and teacher student relationship



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gurus like Chanakya and Kautilya who contributed their unique styles and philosophies through delivering lessons to their students. With the inclusion of IKS in the modern curriculum will bring drastic change and bringing students nearer to learn about gems of the past.

It encompasses a profound kinship with the intricate web of Indian customs, values, knowledge and spirituality as well as a feeling of eternal belonging. Ingrained in India is a cornerstone of NEP 2020 and will have the significant impact on the composition and design of the upcoming educational framework. with the confluence of IKS in NEP 2020 will open up new intellectual doors through digging it out historical elements, spirituality and philosophical elements to inculcate moral and ethical values for the future generations.

The new education policy has been designed after 36 years and aimed to bring close the Indian culture & its heritage through multidisciplinary programs. This policy lays focus upon the deep rootedness that can only be instilled in today's young mind not only into their actions but also to absorb the wisdom for life. Nowadays technological up gradation has already affected human relationships, so to learn about ethics and to get oneness with God Upanishad study will bring all the solutions of life. Through these native languages learning and to promote all classical languages like Sanskrit, Pali, other endangered languages, one has to dive and explore ancient knowledge. IKS will throw a light upon the Indian Art, Culture and customs & Traditions even about the tribal knowledge treasure and their developments. "World class ancient knowledge such as Takshshila, Nalanda, Vikramshila, and Vallabhi set the highest standards of multidisciplinary teaching and research and hosted scholars and students from across backgrounds and countries."(Bruchac,2014) to elevate the standards of society, it is the necessity of today's time to preserve culture and indigenous knowledge.NEP 2020 will seek to generate grassroots level changes through guiding learners about cultural legacy and transcends philosophical values.



Integration of IKS for Glorious intellectual door openings:

India is the country of oldest civilization & geographically diverse from food , culture and languages, so as an Indian it is the duty of every citizen to disseminate Indian cultural heritage through acquiring knowledge of “incorporating IKS into the education system bridges the gap between indigenous knowledge and global knowledge”(Amigos IAS 2023) also IKS offers alternative sustainable development strategies for environmental manipulation and inspires creative, teaching and learning approaches that helps Indian development in a gradual positive way.(Gumbo, 2018) To fulfill the practical and intellectual needs NEP 2020 has designed and reformed over the years.

The distinct aim of an ancient learning is to acquire knowledge beyond schooling getting sublime stage of complete realization of self and liberalization. The Indian Education System has produced many scholars like Charak, Susruta, Aaryabhata, Bhaskaracharya, Bramhagupta, Panini, Patanjali Maitreyi, Gargi and many others who have shared knowledge with the world with their diverse fields like medicine, Science, mathematics, Astronomy, art, Yoga and chess. The rich legacies of Indian Culture and philosophy always has a strong influence on the world and not only be nurtured and preserved for posterity but also researched and enhanced to make it more beneficial through our education system (Policy.N.E.2020; UGC guidelines, 2023) in the year of 2015 India has set new global standards for education with an aim to promote lifelong learning for sustainable environment.

NEP 2020 is a landmark document for the 21st century which seeks to modify cultural heritage. By prioritizing the revival of Indian languages, art, culture new policy stands out as a promising and a transformative policy (Singh, 2021) pursuing knowledge of ancient knowledge through Vedic literature incorporates harmony with oneself and the society. “This string of knowledge from different paths of life which formed a part of the earliest education system in the world was diluted to customs and now making a heroic comeback through the introduction of the IKS. “Traditional Knowledge Systems” is defined by the UN as A record of human achievement in comprehending the complexities of life and surviving in environments is as known as traditional knowledge or local knowledge.



Confluence of IKS for philosophical and spiritual development:

Traditional Knowledge System gives the reflection of human evolution through Vedanta, Upanishads which are representing the sublimity and loftiness to get oneness with God through their philosophical and spiritual elements. With the exploration of these comprehensive knowledge system India will reestablish the 'Indian Way' of doing things to the modern world. This also will bring challenges for teachers to get trained for this new pedagogical learning. In the Shrimadbhagvad Gita, 4.33, 37-38, Lord Krishna tells Arjuna that knowledge is the great purifier and liberator of the self. The NEP, 2020 recognizes this rich heritage of ancient and eternal Indian knowledge and thought as a guiding principle. The ancient knowledge system comprises Jnan, Vignan and jeevan darshan that has been evolved out of their experiences, experiments and observations to uplift the society. In the Indian context of orality, literature has been an act of public communication, a performance. The world used for literature, Vanmaya, underlines the orality of all compositions. India has the world's earliest poetry (Rig-Veda) and the earliest Prose (Bramhanas) and the largest body of literature ranging from lyrics to philosophy, astronomy and mathematic and myths. This should be the knowledge of India's scholarly past which is highly influenced from classical texts and oral texts and artistic traditions. The adoption of IKS is not only in the school curriculum but also in the higher education to crop and imbibe the rich diversity of India can be experienced by our young minds who can pass on to the next generations. "this would include tribal knowledge and indigenous and traditional ways of learning and will cover and include mathematics, astronomy , philosophy , yoga, architecture, medicine, agriculture, engineering, linguistics, literature and sports, games as well as governance with an aim of learning learners will have to explore different places to know about its historical facts for that they have to take travelling experience, this will foster tourism of India and the best places will be promoted by them. To explore cultural traditions their customs and their pedagogies and to take the zest and to develop indigenous literature their first hand experiences will allow them learning opportunities. IKS aims to prepare youth from the upcoming societal challenges and how to overcome and defeat to maintain harmonious life. India will able to generate maximum opportunities and flourish the tourism business through this skill based learning approach.



Impact of IKS curricula in NEP2020 for Socio-emotional, Physical, Psychological, intelligence taking the perspective of AYURVEDA:

Modern man is surrounded with opportunities, advancements and complexities of life. One hardly gets balanced life by adopting some techniques of meditations and yoga. To remove their stress and balancing life they have to acquire and practice of emotional intelligence. If we dig out our traditional methods and practices for mental piece it is finely narrated in the Ayurveda to get health wellness, for daily regimen along with Indian approach to psychology through nature of consciousness. The well being of humans can be reflected from their emotional and physical stability. Ayurveda often referred to as the 'science of life' is an ancient system of medicine that originated in India over 5000 years ago. By adopting the core principles of Ayurveda we may be able to stay harmoniously. According to Ayurveda, health is influenced by the balance of three doshas (Vata, Pitta, Kapha) .it also states about psychological aspects of health by adopting stress removal techniques call Asana, Pranayam and their benefits by doing daily practices will transform to achieve life goals and satisfaction. Ayurveda as a part of traditional knowledge system for maintaining sublime soul for the progress of oneself and eventually affecting to the entire nation which should be healthy and disease free.

Indian Knowledge System throws a light upon the concept of self (Atman) which is eternal and which has no connection with the body. By providing knowledge of this particular facet modern world will be enlightened for self realization to attain liberation and for the eternal bliss. This study will help to explore the deeply rooted philosophical elements and spiritual elements. the knowledge of these is finely described in our Vedic scriptures, Bhagvad Gita and Upanishads which are prominently giving oneness with God. The evolution of each human being with the context of **Karmik Philosophy**, imbibed in Bhagvad Gita.

Ancient literature is the treasure house to attain holistic approach of living life with an acceptance of all the dimensions like mental, emotional, spiritual, self awareness, ethical living practices. By adopting these principles of life individuals will have harmonious and balanced life. It encompasses the key to communicate well to maintain a harmony for societal peace along with the ability to empathize for building a good society. It equips for getting success and to navigate for healthy relationship.



IKS NEP 2020 -A revolutionary change for future generations:

NEP 2020 certainly brings revolutionary changes in the education system of India. In short the NEP 2020 reforms seek to blend modern educational practices with the essence of Indian's diverse and historically rich knowledge system. NEP 2020 will revive the ancient knowledge to understand/pursue inculcate the philosophy of life on the basis of experiences, observation and experimental learning. This new policy will be a boon for the students to take qualitative learning along with the promotion of vocational education will bring ample of opportunities to use their practical skills. In a way it will create many opportunities for the job based on their skills. It will encourage and affecting to Indian economy.

Successful implementation of NEP to ensure equitable access to IKS requires appropriate initiatives including specialized training programme. Community driven awareness campaigns and creation of safe digital space conducive to women's participation. - NEP 2020 with effect to bring revolutionary change to prepare young generation to step forward to carve their landscape for encountering future challenges. As a visionary policy, Indian knowledge systems will set a new trajectory in the field of education. Philosophical underpinning of IKS instills the values like empathy, compassion and ethical conduct, fostering a sense of social responsibility and interconnectedness. NEP 2020 heralds a paradigm shift in India's educational philosophy, recognizing the need to embrace indigenous knowledge systems for comprehensive learning. (Devi & Shreedevi) for future generation multidisciplinary approach through the diversity of subjects to foster their critical thinking to tackle obstacles for their lives.

Conclusion

NEP 2020 will bring true revolution with an inclusion of Indian Knowledge System. Promotion of Indian ancient wisdom and intellectual minds due to confluence of IKS in the curricula. The richness of India will be rooting out once again with the variants of Indian culture and society and their system of education. The enrichment of society through the revelation of old civilization is aimed with an inculcation of values and philosophy of life for societal betterment.



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