SPEECH OF THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR FOR THE VALEDICTORY SESSION OF NORTH EAST CONCLAVE ON NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2020 ON NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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Hon'ble Education Minister Dr.Ranuj Pegu ji, President of Vidya Bharati Shri Ramakrishna Rao ji, Chairman of AICTE Prof. Anil Shahshrabudhe ji, Advisor of Education Prof.Mahanta ji, Principal Secretary, Education Dept. Dr. Chakravarthy ji. Good evening to you all and other dignitaries who have been present here for the last two days for this all important conclave. I am sure your presence in this conclave will prove to be a force-multiplier for the successful implementation of National Education Policy 2020.

Gentlemen,

It will be a repetition to reiterate before you that India, a diverse country is the most ancient civilization of the world. It is regarded by the world as a land of wealth and wisdom, which very few countries across the world can claim. Our country has the reputation of developing apart from philosophy and mathematics, science and technology of a very high order, which had attracted scholars from all over the world. Our intellectual

prowess has enabled us to establish and sustain our supremacy on different fields of our lives.

But after independence we seemed to have lost our track and our nation seemed to have digressed from its high valued mission and vision. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi after taking over the helm of affairs took very strong steps to help the country to rediscover its old glory.

It is really an un-denying fact that universal access to quality education is the key to India's leadership on the global stage in terms of economic growth, social justice and scientific advancement among others. It is true that over the next one decade or two, India will have the highest population of young people who will achieve working age and our ability to provide high-quality educational opportunities to them will determine the future of our country.

To harness the immense potential of our diverse demography and to revive our ancient prowess and glory in intellectual domain, we are happy that the Central government after many decades has adopted National Education Policy 2020. The policy is essentially based on the principle that education must develop not only cognitive capacities of higher order but

also social, ethical and emotional capacities and disposition. The rich heritage of ancient and eternal Indian knowledge and thought has been the guiding light for this Policy.

Gentlemen,

This Education Policy has been formulated after an unprecedented and extensive process of consultations. Suggestions were received from all sections of the society. Due to such a nationwide and extensive participation, this Education Policy truly embodies national expectations and solutions. This Education Policy will be able to take the countrymen, especially the youth forward in accordance with the needs and aspirations of the 21st century. It is not only a policy document, but a reflection of the aspirations of the learners and citizens of India.

After the announcement of the National Education Policy, discussions have started at various levels and areas. This policy has been welcomed by academics, parents, students and general public. It is being said that if changes are effectively brought about in accordance with this policy, India will emerge as an education superpower.

Gentlemen, it is our turn to make good use of the opportunity and contribute to the success of the policy. My state

Assam has initiated several steps for implementing National Education Policy with many key decisions. Our Government has notified a High Level Committee which has already submitted its recommendations based on NEP trackers. I am sure other states of our beautiful North East are also playing their crucial role to make National Education Policy really a game changer to shape our next generation of students.

I thank Education Department of the Government of Assam and Sankardev Education and Research Foundation for organizing this two day educational conclave on New Education Policy 2020. I really hope that the discussions and deliberations took place in the last two will really help us to draw a broad roadmap to roll out the NEP 2020 and help in transforming India into a 'knowledge hub'.

Thank you..

Jai Hind