

Global Horizons: Foreign Collaborations Under National Education Policy (NEP), 2020

A Report

The IQAC Cell of RKMV hosted an International Workshop on ‘**Global Horizons: Foreign Collaborations Under National Education Policy (NEP), 2020,**’ in partnership with Penn State University, Pennsylvania, on 8th April 2024. On this momentous day, RKMV signed an MOU with Penn State University, Pennsylvania, which is the first international MOU signed by a Government College in the state of Himachal Pradesh. Through this project based MOU, a symbiotic relation will succeed between the two institutions, tailored to hold professional training programmes, faculty/scholar exchange, joint research and educational programmes, exchange of scientific publications/information, and developing and achieving of joint academic events in the near future.

The Chief Guest of the event was Shri Rakesh Kanwar, Secretary (Education), Government of Himachal Pradesh. In his Keynote address, he endorsed and elaborated on ‘multilingualism and cultural diversity’ as foregrounded by NEP, 2020. Shri Rakesh Kanwar also brought forth the need to break the ‘hierarchy of intelligence’ in which some subjects are favoured more than the others and also advised the educators to focus on the mental health of the students. The other dignitaries present in the International Workshop were Dr Tina Q. Richardson, Chancellor PSU, Dr Vasu Singh (Advisor on international collaborations, PSU), Dr Avnee Khosla (VP, Shoolini University) and Dr Rahul Shrivastava (JUIT, Solan). Dr Tina Q. Richardson extolled the benefits of foreign collaboration in higher education. She highlighted the role of varied ‘cultural immersions’ and embedded courses in accordance to resonant curricula in the transformation of the students.

Dr Anurita Saxena, the Patron and Principal, in her welcome address, necessitated on fostering international research collaboration in our increasingly interconnected academic world. She voiced the goal of ‘internationalization at home’ (in tune with NEP, 2020) which would enhance academic quality and lead to exchange of ideas, cultures and perspectives.

The International Workshop was also graced by the presence of the Principals of neighbouring colleges Ms Bharti Bhagra (GDC Sanjauli), Dr Manisha Kohli (OSD, Directorate), and Dr Gopal Chauhan (GDC Kotshera). IQAC teams along with their coordinators from the previously mentioned colleges along with Fine Arts College too were present showcasing a spirit of mutual affability, collaboration, and research.

Apart from the presentations, by the esteemed Resource Persons, there were also interactive sessions of the faculty and students of RKMV with PSLV team.

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