

National consultation on Draft Educational Policy -2019

Bhubaneswar(28/06/2019); A-day long national consultation of the Draft National Education Policy 2019 which was held at Bhubaneswar on Friday ended with a clarion call to the Government of India for focusing of the overall well being of the child and upholding all rights due to them and address the issues of safety and security in schools and related institutions in policy framework.

Participants stressed on quality, inclusive & safe education for every child.

The consultation organised by the National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India[NACG India] in association with PECUC was inaugurated by Professor Mohammad Fakiruddin, Former Vice Chairman CHSE.

Niranjan Sahoo, Director Higher Education and Labour Commissioner also spoke on the opening session.

The inaugural session was chaired by Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Chairperson NACG India & D.Roshan Kumar,Vice Chairperson gave vote of thanks. Experts on the field of child Rights and education from across the country took part in the deliberations.

Dr Amiya Kuma Mohanty, former Additional Director, Higher Education, Odisha & National Convenor of Joint Forum for movement on Education, Ambarish Rai, National Convenor, RTE Forum, P.Victor Raj, National Convenor, CACL.

During the session, Y.Rajendra Prashad, Coordinator, MV Foundation and Razia Ismail of the India Alliance for Child Rights deliberated on the Draft National Education Policy 2019.

The various nuances of the policy were discussed in the plenary.

In the second plenary on Addressing Safety and Security of Children in Schools within New Education Policy, the discussants highlighted the need of measures which ensures overall security and safety of children in the education system.

Kasturi Mohapatra, former Chairperson, OSCPCR, Sanjay Misra, Former Member, Jharkhand SCPCR, Dr.P.C.Mohapatra, former Director, SCERT, Ruby Rout, Country Director, Adoptions Centrum and Suryakant Kulkarni, former member of the Maharashtra SCPCR made their presentation on the need for strengthening this component in the new Education Policy. This session was presided by Mr.Mikhael Pradhan ,National Head, Advocacy World Vision of India.

Parallel sessions on School Education led by Dr Chiranjeeb Kakoty, Higher Education led by Prof.Mohammad Fakiruddin and Manabendra Nath Mandal, Technology in Education, Vocational Education led by Bibekananda Das and Anil Pradhan and Transforming Education led by C.J.George and Ruby Rout came out with detailed recommendations for onward forwarding to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.Ms Aditi P.Kaur, MCF, Uttarakhand and Parul Seth, Shaishav, Gujarat facilitated different sessions.

Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights graced the concluding session of the consultation as chief guest.

Ms Ratna Dash, Jyoti Shankar Mohanty, Sumitra Mohanty, Sushree Shailani Suman of PECUC supported for organising the National consultation.