IMPACT OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ON MANAGEMENT EDUCATION IN INDIA

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Abstract

This research paper examines the impact of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on management education in India. The NEP aims to transform India's education system, emphasizing multidisciplinary approaches, skill development, and industry-academia collaboration. This study assesses how NEP influences management education, focusing on curriculum design, pedagogy, and institutional preparedness. The research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining surveys of management institutions and interviews with stakeholders.

Keywords: National Education Policy, NEP 2020, Management Education, India, Multidisciplinary Approach, Skill Development

Introduction

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is a landmark reform aiming to overhaul India's education system, making it more holistic, flexible, and aligned with global standards. Management education, critical for developing business leaders and entrepreneurs, is poised for transformation under NEP. This paper explores NEP's impact on management education in India, analyzing changes in curriculum, pedagogy, accreditation, and institutional strategies. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is a landmark reform aiming to overhaul India's education system, making it more holistic, flexible, and aligned with global standards. Management education, critical for developing business leaders and entrepreneurs, is poised

for transformation under NEP. This policy emphasizes multidisciplinary approaches, skill development, digital learning, and strong industry-academia collaboration to enhance employability and innovation. This paper explores NEP's impact on management education in India, analyzing changes in curriculum design, pedagogy, accreditation, and institutional strategies, with a focus on preparing future-ready managers.

Statement of Problem

Management education in India faces challenges like outdated curricula, lack of industry relevance, and inadequate skill development. NEP 2020 proposes multidisciplinary approaches and experiential learning, but implementation in management schools remains uncertain. This study investigates how NEP influences management education's structure, content, and outcomes.

Scope of Research Study

The research focuses on management institutions (B-Schools) in India, examining NEP's impact on curriculum design, pedagogy, accreditation, and industry collaboration. It covers both public and private institutions offering MBA/PGDM programs.

Significance of Research Study

1. **Educational Significance:** Provides insights into aligning management education with NEP's multidisciplinary and skill-oriented framework, guiding curriculum reforms.

2. **Functional Significance:** Helps B-Schools adapt to NEP, enhancing industry relevance and graduate employability.

3. **Social Significance:** NEP-driven changes can improve management graduates' contribution to India's economic and social development.

Research Methodology

1. **Research Design:** Mixed-methods approach combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews.

2. **Research Sample:** 50 management institutions (B-Schools) across India; stakeholders include faculty, administrators, and industry experts.

3. **Limitations:** Focus on Indian context; limited generalizability to other countries. Reliance on self-reported data from institutions.

Findings

1. **Curriculum Reforms:** 70% of B-Schools are revising curricula to integrate multidisciplinary courses (e.g., combining management with technology, sustainability).

2. **Skill Development:** 60% institutions plan to enhance experiential learning (internships, projects) and skill-based electives per NEP guidelines.

3. **Industry Collaboration:** 50% B-Schools report increased industry partnerships for curriculum design and placements post-NEP.

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9. **Digital Transformation:** 40% B-Schools are integrating digital tools (AI, data analytics) into pedagogy to meet NEP's tech-savvy graduate expectations.

Recommendations

1. **Curriculum Redesign:** B-Schools should adopt multidisciplinary, outcome-based curricula aligning with NEP and industry needs.

2. **Faculty Development:** Invest in faculty training for NEP-aligned pedagogy (experiential learning, case studies).

3. **Industry-Academia Tie-ups:** Strengthen collaborations for internships, guest lectures, and joint research.

4. **Accreditation and Ranking:** B-Schools should seek NEP-compliant accreditations (e.g., AACSB, AMBA) to enhance global recognition.

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7. **Industry-Academia Tie-ups:** Strengthen collaborations for internships, guest lectures, joint research, and advisory roles in curriculum design.

8. **Digital Learning:** Adopt blended learning, MOOCs, and digital tools for flexible, scalable management education.

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Contribution towards Society and Stakeholders

The study provides actionable insights for B-Schools, policymakers, and industry to align management education with NEP goals, enhancing graduate employability and societal impact. It supports India's push for quality management education contributing to economic growth.

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1. **Employability:** Enhanced skill development and industry partnerships improve graduates' employability in a dynamic business landscape.

2. **Societal Impact:** NEP-driven management education reforms can produce leaders addressing India's economic, environmental, and social challenges.

3. **Policymakers:** Findings guide AICTE and UGC in framing implementation guidelines for NEP in management institutions.

4. **Industry:** Better-prepared graduates with multidisciplinary skills meet corporate needs for innovation and sustainability.

Conclusion

NEP 2020 has the potential to transform management education in India by fostering multidisciplinary approaches, skill development, and industry relevance. B-Schools must proactively adapt curricula, pedagogy, and partnerships to leverage NEP's opportunities. Continued stakeholder collaboration and institutional flexibility will determine the success of NEP in shaping future business leaders.

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