



An Analysis of Key Policy Provisions Related to Technology-Enabled Teacher Education under NEP 2020

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Abstract:

To improve teacher education in India, educational technology is acknowledged in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. In this conceptual study NEP 2020 policy provisions are analysed to understand the technology-enabled teacher education. The study illustrates how NEP 2020 will help to improve pedagogical methods, encourage professional development, and digital literacy empower teachers by looking at policy declarations, suggested reforms, and implementation tactics. This study also highlights issues such as institutional preparedness, capacity building, and infrastructure. This study provide a clear and theory-based understanding of how technology is integrated into teacher education under NEP 2020 and contributes to the ongoing discussion on education policy.

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1. Introduction

In today's world the teachers need to be technologically competent as digital technology has changed educational methods all over the world. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India identified this and gave importance to adding technology into teacher preparation. The policy point out that instructors who utilize technology effectively may increase student engagement, expand access to high-quality education, and promote inclusive practices.

The main policy provisions pertaining to technology-enabled teacher education under NEP 2020 are discussed in this paper. The policy views technology as a key part of teacher preparation and professional growth rather than as an additional component. To turn this educational policy vision into successful practices there is a requirement to understand this policy clearly.

2. Conceptual Understanding of Technology-Enabled Teacher Education

The systematic incorporation of digital tools, platforms, and pedagogical techniques into teacher preparation and professional development is known as "technology-enabled teacher education." It will help educators become more adept in using technology. It helps teacher education to provide learner-centered, interactive, and reflective learning experiences in addition to delivering material.

NEP 2020 emphasis on digital literacy, blended learning approaches, and technology-supported assessment procedures. This policy emphasizes the need for educators who are flexible, creative, and able to effectively use technology to respond to a variety of learning environments.

3. Key Policy Provisions under NEP 2020

3.1 Integration of Technology in Teacher Preparation Programmes

NEP 2020 encourages the use of technology in teacher education at all stages in pre service programmes. To strengthen instructional practices this policy supports the use of online learning platforms, virtual classrooms, and digital teaching resources. Teacher education institutions are expected to adopt blended learning models that combine face-to-face teaching with online engagement.

This provision helps the future teachers to experience the use of technology in teaching during their training and this provision will also help to shift from traditional lecture-based instruction to more interactive and flexible learning environments.

3.2 Digital Pedagogy and Innovative Teaching Practices

This policy also encourages the digital pedagogy in teacher education. NEP 2020 emphasis on using technology to enhance project-based learning, experiential learning, and teamwork. Teachers are required to create classes that include digital resources instead of just using technology for presentation purpose.

This policy have a base of constructivist and experiential learning theories, where students are actively interact, reflect, and explore the material.

3.3 Continuous Professional Development through Technology

NEP 2020 also highlights that teachers should use digital platforms for continuous professional development (CPD). The policy says teachers should be lifelong learners and promotes webinars, digital repositories, virtual communities of practice, and online modules.

Technology-enabled CPD allows teachers to access professional learning opportunities without being limited by time or location. It also supports self-directed learning and collaborative professional growth among teachers.

3.4 Use of National Digital Platforms

The policy highlights the importance of national digital platforms such as online teacher training portals and digital content repositories. These platforms aim to provide access to high-quality resources, teaching-learning materials, and professional development opportunities to the teachers of across countries.

By promoting flexible digital infrastructure, NEP 2020 ensures equal access to professional learning resources for all teachers.

3.5 Faculty Capacity Building and Institutional Support

NEP 2020 calls for successful integration of technology; it requires the readiness of teacher educators and institutions. The policy emphasis on development of faculty competence in digital pedagogy and educational technologies.

Teacher education institutions are encouraged to build digital supportive infrastructure and create an environment that promotes innovation, creativity, and thoughtful use of technology in teaching and learning.

4. Challenges Identified in Policy Implementation

NEP 2020 presents a vision for teacher education to be technology enabled. However, research shows that there are some challenges. These include differences between regions and institutions, unequal access to digital tools and infrastructure, and varying levels of digital skills among teachers.

To make sure technology is successfully adopted, the policy suggests addressing these challenges thoughtfully. This means changing gradually, providing training and support for teachers, and using strategies that are suitable as per needs of different schools and regions.

5. Discussion

According to the analysis, NEP 2020 is a smart and future-ready approach to bring technology into teacher education. The policy creates a clear framework for digital transformation by linking teacher training, professional development, and improvements in institutions. However, to be successful, schools will need steady funding, strong support from leaders, and continuous monitoring.

6. Conclusion

This study highlights that NEP 2020 provides a broad and future-ready framework for teacher education in India, with strong support for technology. The policy recognizes that technology can be a powerful teaching tool to improve teachers' skills and the quality of education. However, to make this vision a reality, schools need equal access to digital resources, proper teacher training, and readiness at the institutional level.

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