

## **Report on Resource Person Training Programme for School Connect 2.0**

*Organized by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University (SGBAU), Amravati*

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University (SGBAU) successfully hosted a comprehensive *Resource Person Training Programme* on December 25, 2024, as part of the *School Connect 2.0* initiative under the transformative National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The session aimed at empowering educators and experts with essential skills and insights to conduct impactful workshops for students in classes 9–12 and junior colleges, slated for January 1–15, 2025.

The event was chaired by the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Milind Barhate, and witnessed the presence of distinguished leaders such as Hon. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mahendra Dhole; Dr. H.R. Deshmukh, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology; Dr. Keshav Tupe, Joint Director, Higher Education, Amravati Division; and Dr. Sandeep Waghuley, Director of IQAC.

Dr. H.R. Deshmukh, the Dean of the Science and Technology Faculty, delivered an insightful presentation and addressed various queries raised by the Resource Persons. The training meticulously aligned with the Government Circular (Ref: Sankirn-2024/Pra.Kr.01/Tatva-3) to ensure seamless implementation of NEP 2020 reforms across multiple facets of education.

### **Key Areas Covered in the Training Programme:**

1. **Student-Centric Policies:**  
Focused on promoting learner autonomy through apprenticeship programs (AEDP), internships, and credit-based systems.
2. **Multidisciplinary Courses:**  
Guided participants on how to integrate a variety of academic disciplines into curricula, encouraging well-rounded student development.
3. **Assessment Reforms:**  
Introduction to competency-based grading and holistic progress cards aimed at evaluating a student's overall growth beyond traditional exams.
4. **Skill Development:**  
Emphasized embedding vocational training, entrepreneurship, and skill development in educational frameworks to foster career readiness.
5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid:**  
Detailed discussions on initiatives like Vidyalaxmi Loan and PM-USP, enabling students to access financial support for their educational pursuits.
6. **Digital Education:**  
Leveraged platforms such as SWAYAM, Mahaswayam, and SATHEE to enhance digital learning and online resources for students.
7. **Career Guidance:**  
Equipped Resource Persons with the tools to guide students in making informed decisions regarding higher education and career opportunities.
8. **Flexible Curriculum Choices:**  
Empowered students with the freedom to select courses that align with their interests and career aspirations.

**9. Inclusive Education:**

Highlighted strategies to address the educational needs of marginalized groups, ensuring equitable opportunities for all.

**10. School-to-University Transition:**

Focused on strategies to attract and support school students in transitioning seamlessly to higher education programs.

Dr. Sandeep Waghuley, Director of IQAC, further emphasized the objectives of *School Connect 2.0*, underscoring SGBAU's commitment to NEP 2020. Resource Persons were provided with in-depth training on creating dynamic workshops, using digital tools effectively, and addressing the diverse queries of students.

A total of 139 Resource Persons from affiliated colleges, junior colleges, and university faculties participated, each receiving tailored training to prepare them for the upcoming workshops. Action plans for the workshops, which are set to reach over 15,000 students between January 1–15, 2025, were finalized. The university pledged unwavering support through standardized materials, monitoring systems, and follow-up sessions to ensure the programme's success.

This training programme marked a significant milestone in bridging school education with higher education under the NEP 2020. The enthusiastic participation of the Resource Persons and the carefully structured agenda has ensured that they are well-prepared for the upcoming workshops. SGBAU continues to affirm its dedication to fostering academic excellence and empowering students, paving the way for a brighter future through collaborative efforts.

The session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by the Director of IQAC, Dr. Sandeep Waghuley, acknowledging the invaluable contributions of all attendees.

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