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26TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF *INDIAN COLLEGES FORUM*

***“Challenges of implementation of NEP- 2020,
and Impact of AI and Climate Change
on Institutions of Higher Education”***

19 - 21 December 2025

Daulat Ram College, DU, Delhi



NEP-2020 Implementation and Impact of AI and Climate Change

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INTRODUCTION

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 introduced a comprehensive framework for reforming India's education system through structural, curricular, managerial, and financial transformations. Its effective implementation demands coordination and support from the central and state governments, the University Grants Commission (UGC), and higher education institutions. The reforms include transforming undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, introducing multidisciplinary and flexible curricula, promoting outcome-based learning, ensuring quality assurance and internationalization, granting degree-awarding status to autonomous colleges, and strengthening financial and institutional frameworks.

As five years have passed since the policy's announcement, it is both timely and necessary to deliberate, discuss, and assess the extent of implementation and the challenges encountered at the national, state, and institutional levels — especially in colleges.

At the same time, two global developments — Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Climate Change — are profoundly influencing education, research, human resource development, and societal functioning. While NEP-2020 and AI represent constructive disruptions that are reshaping education and skill development, climate change poses a destructive challenge that threatens the sustainability of life on Earth. Together, these issues demand serious reflection, dialogue, and actionable strategies, with higher education institutions playing a central role.

The Indian Colleges Forum (ICF), a professional association of colleges across India, has consistently organized national-level conferences for principals and academic leaders on themes of contemporary relevance. So far, ICF has successfully organized 25 national conferences across India — with the 1st, 5th, and 25th held in Delhi.

To deliberate and formulate actionable policy recommendations on these crucial issues, the 26th National Conference on “Challenges of Implementation of NEP-2020 and the Impact of AI and Climate Change on Institutions of Higher Education” is being organized by the Indian Colleges Forum (ICF) in collaboration with Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, and the ICF Delhi Chapter, from 19–21 December 2025 at Conference Room, Daulat Ram College, Delhi.

CONFERENCE THEME AND SUB-THEMES

Main Theme:

“Challenges of Implementation of NEP-2020 and the Impact of AI and Climate Change on Institutions of Higher Education”

Sub-Themes:

A. NEP-2020 Implementation

- Challenges and opportunities in implementing NEP-2020 reforms: UG and PG restructuring, flexibility, multidisciplinary and outcome-based education, and the degree-granting status of autonomous colleges.

- Institutional experiences and lessons learned during five years of NEP implementation.
- Systems of coordination and support for effective implementation in the future.

B. Artificial Intelligence and Higher Education

- Impact of AI on research, teaching, learning, and institutional governance.
- Use of AI in flexible and outcome-based UG, PG, and research programmes.
- Potential adverse effects of AI on creativity, innovation, and critical thinking.

C. Climate Change and Higher Education

- Greening technology education to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- Colleges as centres for advocacy and community-level action toward sustainable campuses and neighbourhoods.
- Networking with national and global institutions for sustainable development initiatives.

PARTICIPANTS

Principals of colleges, heads of higher education institutions, policymakers, researchers, and eminent scholars are invited to participate in the conference.

HOST INSTITUTION

Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, supported by the ICF Executive Members (Delhi Chapter) and ICF member colleges.

VENUE

Conference Room, Daulat Ram College, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi.

IMPORTANT DATES

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Date</i>
Registration Opens	19 October 2025
Last Date for Registration	30 November 2025
Last Date for Submission of Papers/Posters/Action Reports	30 November 2025
Participants are invited to submit papers, posters, or reports of action projects (3,000–5,000 words) on the conference themes via email.	

REGISTRATION FEE

<i>Category</i>	<i>Fee (INR)</i>
General Participants	9,500/-
ICF Members*	7,500/-
(*Subject to payment of annual membership dues)	
Local Participants (without accommodation)	6,500/-
Accompanying Members (spouse/children above 12 years)	6,500/-
Retired College Principal	5,000/-

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Accommodation for three nights (in guest houses/hotels), meals (lunch, tea/coffee), and digital conference materials.

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Registration fees may be paid through:
Bank Transfer (RTGS/NEFT/QR Code):

- Account No.: 1484101030880
- IFSC Code: CNRB0001484
- Bank: Canara Bank, Jit Singh Marg, New Delhi

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TRAVEL AND ACCESSIBILITY:

Delhi, the capital city of India, is well connected by air, rail, and road to all major cities across the country.

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WELCOME NOTE:

The Indian Colleges Forum and Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, extend a warm welcome to all delegates and participants. We look forward to an intellectually stimulating and professionally enriching conference addressing the challenges and opportunities posed by NEP-2020, Artificial Intelligence, and Climate Change in shaping the future of higher education.



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