

## INTRODUCTION OF SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSES IN KONKANI LANGUAGE UNDER NEP-2020: AN OVERVIEW

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### Introduction:

The National Policy of Education 1986 was prepared during the Prime Minister ship of Shri. Rajiv Gandhi. This policy was set up with an aim to eradicate disparity and equalizes education opportunity but, with time the need to update the policy was notices and thus The National Education Policy of India (NEP 2020) was approved by Union Cabinet of India under Prime Minister ship of Shri Narendra Modi. This policy focuses on new education system in India. The National Education Policy 2020 is based on five Principles of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability.

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The aim of NEP is to prepare our youth to face the diverse national and global challenges of the present and the future. NEP has been implemented in Goa from this academic year 2024-2025 and will be completed phase wise by 2027-28. This year it has been started with IX class. The government has planned it to extend it to std VI to std XII in phase wise. This system will convert mark system/ Percentage system to grading system so for thus students will have to complete certain schooling hours.

NEP helps in all development of the personality of students. Changes have been made in school timing, lecture timings, subjects, timing, grading schemes etc. it is said that with chaining world one must continuously update himself with new skills, abilities, and competencies. This will make oneself confident and master in whatever work that he is doing which in turn will help him to achieve their dreams and professional life too. An important part of NEP is introduction of Skill Enhancement courses which aims to provide skills of industry related work which will help them to pursue their future career.

### Need for Skill Enhancement Courses:

Skill enhancement courses are training programs or classes that help individuals improve their skills and knowledge in a specific area or profession. These courses aim to enhance one's abilities, boost performance, and stay updated with industry trends and best practices. The courses listed below cover various fields, from creative arts to technology. By taking skill enhancement courses, individuals can:

- Upgrade their skills to advance in their careers
- Switch to a new career or industry
- Start their own businesses
- Enhance their personal growth and development

- Stay competitive in the job market

### **NEP-2020 & Skill Enhancement Courses:**

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to transform India's education system, and skill enhancement courses play a crucial role in achieving its goals. The policy emphasizes the importance of skills development, vocational training, and lifelong learning.

NEP 2020 focuses on:

1. Skills development: Integrating skills development into education, starting from school level.
2. Vocational training: Providing vocational training and certification in various fields.
3. Lifelong learning: Encouraging continuous learning and skill upgradation throughout life.
4. Employability: Enhancing employability skills, such as communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
5. Entrepreneurship: Promoting entrepreneurship and innovation.

Skill enhancement courses aligned with NEP 2020 goals can help:

1. Upskill: Upgrade skills to meet industry demands.
2. Reskill: Acquire new skills to adapt to changing job markets.
3. Cross-skill: Develop complementary skills to enhance versatility.

### **Objective of the study:**

To study various skill enhancement courses introduced under NEP 2020 at undergraduate programs in the state of Goa.

### **Skill Enhancement courses introduced under Konkani Language:**

#### **1. Writing for Media**

This course has been introduced with 4 credit system. The need of the course is that student should be familiar with Newspaper and Magazines in Konkani. Similarly. Objectives of this course can be defined in following terms. Firstly, Students will gain knowledge of journalism and related factors. Secondly, they will learn to write for various social media platforms. Thirdly students will become aware of different media outlets and lastly students will be able to work in media house. Bases on the objectives the outcome of this course are as follows: - Students will gain knowledge of journalism and related components. They will write for various social media platforms. Students will be exposed to various media outlets. Students will be able to work in the media.

Carrer prospect's: - Those students who Completed this four-credit course can work for different media houses. they can be a journalist, writer, animator, editor, content writer, advertising manager, reporter.

#### **2. Traditional Occupations of Goa**

This course has been introduced with 4 credit system. To learn this, course the students Must have a basic knowledge of the traditional occupations of Goa they must have read about different traditional occupations of Goa. Based on the objectives of this course. The outcome can be put up like this Students will be introduced to traditional occupations of goa. They will gather knowledge of traditional occupations of goa. they will

understand that with them traditional occupations became aware of modernity in their occupations and finally to encourage traditional occupations of goa.

Carrer prospects: - Students who have studied this course will understand which occupations are in demand and will take up the occupations, which promotes our tradition and culture.

### 3. Event Management

This is three credit course that has been introduced under NEP 202 For Konkani Language. Pre-requisites for the Course is that students should have General knowledge of event organizing. Objectives of this course are as follows. Firstly, to let them gain knowledge of Event Management. Secondly let students know about physical planning of an event and thirdly to Understand the whole process of physical management of an event. The outcome of this course are as follows firstly to understand the entire process of operational management. Secondly to learn the skills of economic planning. thirdly to understand the role of the executive manager and lastly to understand the challenges of performance management.

### 4. Journalism for electronic Media

This is a four-credit course implemented under NEP for Konkani language Pre-requisites of this course are: students should be aware of different journalism courses and secondly, they should be aware different types of print media like radio, television, and online sources. The objectives of this course are first to make students think differently. secondly to make them able to write and speak effectively and thirdly to develop confidence in the students to work in this field in the future outcomes of this course are as follows. firstly, you can develop the ability to think critically, creatively, and independently. Secondly the ability to develop oneself clearly, both in writing and orally and thirdly to the ability to carry out journalistic research and interviews and lastly the ability to prepare content for news media outlets.

Carrer prospects: -After completion of this course students will acquire knowledge how journalism works for electronic media and can take up career like news Anchor, broadcasting and production for television and radio.

### 5. Usage of computers in Konkani

This is a 4-credit course which is combination of theory and practical component. Perquisites of this course is that students should have basic knowledge about computers. They should aware of different parts of computers. The objective of this course can be listed in three categories. First it will make students computer literate. Secondly students will learn how computer is used for language learning and development. Thirdly students full be aware of different fields of Konkani Language where we can effectively use the same. The outcomes of this course are related to its objective's. students will become computer friendly. Secondly students will learn typing, editing and also contributing to online sources . thirdly will understand their field of work in which they can make their future.

Carrer prospects: - students after completion of this course will realise their strong points in computers like, Devnagari typing, editing, can also take online translator jobs, web designer, software developer etc.

### Conclusion:

Those who move on only they survive and those who choose to dwell in the past remain in the past. The world is a beautiful place to live in and to make it more beautiful we humans have added colour to it through our man-made efforts. Going with the flow is something that we have to do with changing world and by following the trends associated with it. From New policy of education which emphasizes on equal education right for all to new education policy 2020 which emphasizes on making today's generation cable to face the modern world which is full on challenges. Thus, giving more scope for interdisciplinary approach which at one time was unacceptable and now is an important part of NEP 2020. This approach gives a different view of modern education system under NEP 2020.

Goa government has introduced various Major, Minor, MC, AEC, SEC which shows how important has the multidisciplinary approach has been in modern world of education. This research study shows how the skill enhancement courses introduced at college level has been a powerful medium which is a stepping stone to their dream career. The study of objectives of these five skill-based courses and their outcome takes us to the conclusion that these courses are introduced by goa government to build a bridge between classroom teaching and different careers. Thus, giving students, the choice to select subjects that they really like to learn and which will help them to choose and decide their future career.

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