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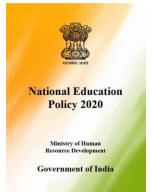
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Key Messages of National Education Policy

- Holistic & multidisciplinary education
- Credit courses on Community Engagement, Environmental & Value-Based
- Learning from life....life-long, life-wide
- Research for Innovative Solutions to Local Challenges



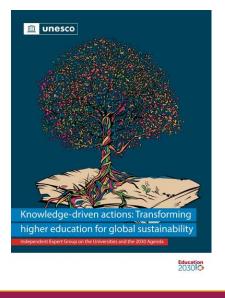
National Education Policy

https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/NEP_Final_English_0.pdf



Recommendations of UNESCO Expert Group on SDGs & HEIs

- Stronger & Continuous Engagement with Societal Actors
- Integrating Diverse Ways of Knowing, Fostering Epistemic Dialogue
- Inter & Trans-disciplinary Ways of Producing & Teaching Knowledge

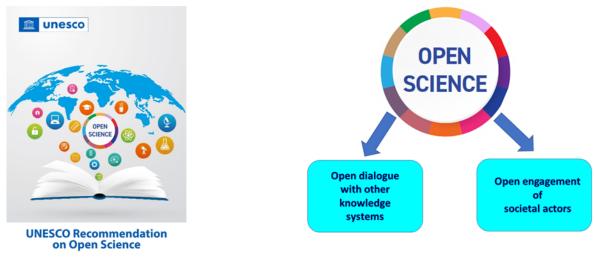


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UNESCO Recommendations on Open Science

- Open to practitioners... not just fellow 'researchers'
- Open to other methodologies... CBPR, citizen science
- Open to other knowledge systems...



UNESCO RECOMMENDATION ON OPEN SCIENCE

https://en.unesco.org/science-sustainable-future/open-science/recommendation



UGC Mandates on Social Responsibility

• Two credit course on learning from community

PRIA

- Teaching of Community-Based Participatory Research: harvest community knowledge
- Credit-based internships with local partners: citizenship immersion
- Co-design & co-teach new courses contextually and thematically appropriate









UGC Guidelines for Fostering Social Responsibility & Community Engagement in HEIs in India, 2.0

Implications for Teaching

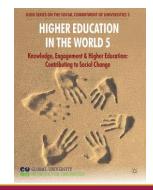
- Flexible curriculum
- Interactive learning in classroom
- Project-based practicums
- Internship with Societal Actors



UGC Guidelines for Internship/Research Internship for UG students http://tinyurl.com/3bcmv49r

Implications for Research

- Building Trusting Partnerships with local actors to identify research
- Valuing & harvesting ethically community, local, indigenous knowledge
- Multi-modal Methods....thinking, feeling & acting (participatory research)
- Engaged knowledge dissemination built into knowledge production



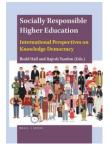
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Useful Resources



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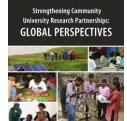
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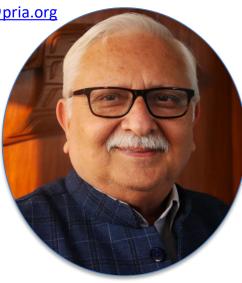
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