



**SOMAIYA**  
VIDYAVIHAR UNIVERSITY



# Driving Change: Making the NEP a Reality

Report on  
Implementation of National Education Policy - 2020





“ National Education Policy will set the foundation for 21st century India. We've given extra impetus to this national policy for ensuring that it makes Indians more empowered and easily attractive to opportunities. We're moving to an era where an individual will not be stuck to a single profession all his life. Thus, he will continuously need to re-skill and up-skill himself. We have kept this in contention while formulating the National Education Policy.

- **Shri Narendra Modi**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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“ The NEP 2020 is the future of India's education from primary to higher education levels. It aims at promoting all-round development of an individual. It aims to make education accessible to everyone.

- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt of India

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## Message from the Hon'ble Chancellor Shri Samir Somaiya

Building upon a legacy of over eight decades in educational institution management and the delivery of high-quality education, Somaiya Vidyavihar University was formed in 2019. University status gives us greater academic freedom to imagine and work towards building a world-class institution. The motto of Somaiya Vidyavihar University is ज्ञानादेव तु कैवल्यम् - 'Liberation only through knowledge.' The knowledge that we provide is meant to enable the student to pursue his or her dreams.



Our education is meant to be experiential, holistic, to be able to engage with one another and learn from each other. Our founder, my grandfather, Padma Bhushan Karamshi Jethabhai Somaiya always believed that one must learn from the best. We are jointly working in the pursuit of that goal. I believe the road is long, but we are on it. And that we must work and pursue the goal together.

It is what we do, as faculty, as students, as staff, and as alumni that will help make this happen. All of the above, have fun. We are on this journey together. To build an institution global in the reach of its ideas and universal in its service

## Message from the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai



The Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, is one among the first universities in the country to implement the National Education Policy 2020 almost fully, in letter and spirit. The NEP 2020, approved by the Government of India, has introduced several significant changes and reforms in the higher education sector. It emphasises multidisciplinary education and encourages universities to offer a wide range of subjects and promote flexibility in curriculum design. It aims to break down the traditional silos of disciplines and promote interdisciplinary research and learning.

At Somaiya Vidyavihar University, our dedication to providing an exceptional educational experience is aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP). One of our proudest accomplishments is the successful implementation of the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) under NEP 2020. Over 95% of University students have registered in ABC, and the registration number is now incorporated into their degree certificates. We offer 13 innovative four-year undergraduate programs, an integrated BS-MS program, and multidisciplinary learning opportunities, empowering students to forge their unique paths. Emphasizing global perspectives, our partnerships with international universities and Semester Exchange programs provide enriching experiences that foster a deeper understanding of global challenges and opportunities. To enhance your knowledge and expertise, we integrate Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and skill development courses into our curriculum. The establishment of the Faculty & Staff Development Centre (FSDC) ensures that our faculty & staff stay at the forefront of education, fostering a spirit of inquiry and lifelong learning.

# National Education Policy 2020 in Action: Building a Better Future

Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU) implemented NEP 2020 to enhance learning and provide diverse opportunities to its students.

- **Charting Empowering Futures: The Dynamic Four-Year Undergraduate Program**

Somaiya Vidyavihar University has offered 13 Four Year Under-Graduate programmes. Following are the list of Programmes:

1. Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance)
2. Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Markets)
3. Bachelor of Commerce (Banking & Finance)
4. Bachelor of Business Management
5. Bachelor of Business Administration
6. Bachelor of Arts (Mass Communication & Journalism)
7. Bachelor of Science (Information Technology)
8. Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
9. B.Sc (Biotechnology)
10. Bachelor of Science (Data Science)
11. Bachelor of Science (Economics)
12. Bachelor of Commerce (Data Science)
13. Bachelor of Computer Applications
14. The Integrated BS-MS Programme: In Basic Sciences

- **Converging Horizons: Exploring the Multidisciplinary/Interdisciplinary:**

The university fosters a well-rounded education through diverse programs that promote multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary learning. By 2025-26, all UG and PG programs will offer students opportunities to explore courses from different disciplines, enhancing their educational experience. Moreover, the esteemed Somaiya Institute For Research and Consultancy (SIRAC) has been selected as one of the 10 National Nodal Centers by ISRO. The START program commenced in July 2023.

- **Empowering Your Academic Journey: Unlocking the Benefits of the Academic Bank of Credit and Multiple Pathways:**

Implemented the Academic Bank of Credits, allowing students flexibility in their academic journey through lateral entry and exit options are available to SVU students.

- **Status of Registration of Student on ABC Portal**

1. Total number of who has Opened an ABC Account & updated their 12 Digit ABC Number as on 19/07/2023 is: 12609 (98.91%)
2. The remaining students are facing the problem of mobile OTP updating with Aadhar Card & Hanging up of the website frequently during working hours, which will be soon resolved so that Somaiya Vidyavihar University can achieve 100% Compliance. The university has written to UIDAI Authority requesting a special Camp to update mobile numbers with their Aadhar Card for “Mera Pehchan” Login Process to expedite the process.



Shri Chandrakant Patil, The Hon'ble Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Govt of Maharashtra

- **Navigating Excellence: Empowering Education through the OBE Framework:**

The university emphasizes the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) framework and conducts workshops and webinars to sensitize faculty members to OBE principles. All the course are aligned with Course & Program outcomes. The present UG/PG syllabus is based on the CBCS/CBGS and the students will be offered electives, multidisciplinary courses and online courses of their choices.

- **Embracing Global Tongues: A Linguistic Voyage through Indian & Foreign Languages:**

The Department of Languages and Literature offers programs in both Indian and foreign languages, including Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Urdu, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish.

- **Expanding Horizons: Unlocking Global Opportunities with Semester Exchange Programs:**

Somaiya Vidyavihar University has over 8 partnerships with International Universities across 5 countries in the world. Through the development of these partnerships, the institution provides enriching International Semester Exchange opportunities to our undergraduate and postgraduate students as a part of their programme.

- **Revolutionizing Learning: Harnessing the Power of MOOCs in Our Curriculum:**

Currently B.Sc. Biotechnology Honours And M.Sc. Environmental Studies programme have MOOCs as a part of credit requirement in the curriculum. The university integrates Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) into its curriculum, with select programs already incorporating them as credit requirements. MOOCs will become a part of the curriculum for all programs, and integrated courses will be designed accordingly.

- **Empowering Together: Building Stronger Communities through Engagement:**

SVU is actively engaged in community outreach and offers education in Pali, Buddhism, and Yoga at its outreach center near Shirdi, Ahmednagar.



- **Skills Amplified: Empowering Growth through Dynamic Enhancements:**

1. All the UG and PG programmes have Skill Development Course component as a part of their curriculum which comprises 30% of the curriculum.
2. The 4 valued added courses- Design thinking, Queering Teacher Education, School Counselling Education, and Human Rights Education to be offered are skill based.
3. A world class teacher's training programme in Yoga is planned.
4. Skill development in the form of Archiving and Museology or translation training or teacher's training will be incorporated in all UG and PG programmes.
5. The university also focuses on interfaith values and ethics by offering programs through workshops, seminars, and group discussions that utilize media such as films, art, and literature.
6. The University also facilitates faculty and staff to enhance their technical / professional skills by encouraging them to undergo faculty development programmes / skill development programmes / industrial internships.

- **Faculty & Staff Development Centre (FSDC)**

The landscape of Indian education, from primary schools to higher and technical education, is changing under the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. NEP 2020 is a holistic step toward making education more experiential, integrated, inquiry-driven, learner-oriented, flexible, and enjoyable. In order to be equipped to address the challenges of NEP 2020, SVU has established the Faculty & Staff Development Centre (FSDC) to coordinate and offer technical, behavioural and capacity-building programs to teaching faculty and other technical staff periodically. The Centre aims to train and up-skill the faculty and staff of all institutions under Somaiya Vidyavihar. The activities can be face-to-face, online/virtual modes. The Philosophy of SVU FSDC is working on strengthening the competencies of faculty and staff to make SVU an institution of excellence. It strives to develop a spirit of enquiry and lifelong learning. The Institute will be open to training faculty and staff of SVV, SVU and SAV along with schools under Somaiya Vidyavihar Trust. Dr Preeti Rawat is the Director of Faculty & Staff Development Centre. She is also the Professor of OB/HR in K J Somaiya Institute of Management, SVU.



## Pathways to Recognition: The University's Impact on NAD Portal

- The date of University registration : 09/08/2021
- Total Number of Constituent College & University Department added: 10
- Total Number of College Department added: 37
- Total Number of Programs (Degree, PG Degree, PhD, Certificate, Diploma, PG Diploma, Major & Minors) added :173
- Total Number of Area of Specialization added: 183
- Total Number of Degree Certificate & Mark sheet records uploaded: 1324
- Number of Marksheets Generated: 18 (Remaining in process)
- Number of ABC Accounts Generated: 12609

## Seamless Passage to Excellence: Unveiling the Common University Entrance Test (CUET)

The Common University Entrance Test (CUET), conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), is a standardized Common University Entrance Test that simplifies the admission process for aspiring students. By applying with a single test score, students experience streamlined application procedures and added convenience. CUET comprehensively assesses their academic abilities and skills, empowering them to showcase their potential. The university's adoption of CUET provides students with a unified platform to explore diverse educational opportunities within its campus, making the journey towards higher education more accessible and seamless. As evidence of its popularity, a total of 48560 students opted for admission to Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai after the results were declared.

## Inspiring Change: Impactful Events for National Education Policy - 2020

Empowering educational innovation and excellence, these transformative events at Somaiya Vidyavihar University foster inclusivity, interdisciplinary learning, and 21st-century skills. Through engaging workshops and interactive sessions, students, faculty, and stakeholders explore new teaching methods and research opportunities aligned with the NEP's vision. This empowers the SVU community to embrace change and create a transformative learning environment for preparing learners to excel in an ever-changing world."



## NEP 2020 Steering Committee Meeting

The "NEP 2020 Steering Committee Meeting," held on 15th and 16th June 2023 at Somaiya Vidyavihar University in Mumbai, brought together Pro Vice-Chancellors, Deans of Non-Agricultural Universities, and Principals of Autonomous Colleges from Maharashtra State. The objective of the meeting was to assess the progress of National Education Policy (NEP) implementation in the state's higher education institutions. The event involved insightful speeches by Prof. Nitin Karmalkar and Dr. Vikas Rastogi, emphasizing the importance of academic sensitization, the academic bank of credit, interdisciplinary learning, and alignment with industry needs. The participants engaged in interactive sessions, discussing parameters for NEP implementation in autonomous colleges. The Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Shri. Chandrakant Patil stressed the significance of preserving Indian knowledge systems and ensuring employability-focused curricula. The meeting concluded with announcements on cluster universities, empowered autonomous colleges, and a dedicated training program for principals, reaffirming the commitment to advancing education in Maharashtra.

## National Conference on "National Education Policy 2020 Implementation in Maharashtra: Opportunities and Challenges

The National Conference on "National Education Policy 2020 Implementation in Maharashtra: Opportunities and Challenges" held at Somaiya Vidyavihar University on March 30, 2022, was a significant event organized by the Preeminent Education and Research Association (PERA) in association with the university. The one-day conference witnessed the participation of more than 100 delegates from various universities, educationalists, policymakers, industrial experts, administrators, and students. Eminent speakers, including Padmashri Dr. G. D. Yadav and Prof. Dr. Mangesh Karad, addressed the attendees, emphasizing the need for implementing the NEP recommendations in the state. The conference featured panel discussions on topics such as liberal education, interdisciplinary approaches, the impact on professional education, and fulfilling 21st-century needs through vocational and skill education. The event concluded with inspiring reflections on the transformative potential of education and the opportunities that lie ahead for the growth and development of the education sector in Maharashtra.





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## Somaiya Vidyavihar University - At a Glance

Somaiya Vidyavihar University, with over six decades of rich experience in managing educational institutions and imparting quality education, offers numerous opportunities and multidisciplinary programmes to students worldwide.

Somaiya Vidyavihar University is located in the heart of Mumbai and nestled in a vast 50-acre green campus. The university caters to 39,000+ students in diverse fields of education including Design, Engineering, Science, Commerce & Business Studies, Humanities & Social Sciences, Library & Information Science, Management, Religion & Culture, Sports, and Music. Established in 2019, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, is a self-financed, private university recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

### Our Vision



Padmabhushan Shri K J Somaiya founded Somaiya Vidyavihar on the 9th of September 1959.

He later founded the Girivanvasi Pragati Mandal, The K J Somaiya Medical Trust, Girivanvasi Education Trust and sister institutions to make great citizens of India and the World. In the words of Swami Vivekananda, "We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet." We have now grown into a multidisciplinary and multi-campus education institution with over 1500 faculty, and 39,000 students.

Our motto is: ज्ञानादेव तु कैवल्यम् Knowledge alone liberates. Liberates from poverty, from hunger. Also to liberate one from the attachments that bind us to small-mindedness. Knowledge also provides opportunity. To make the life lived more meaningful. In the service of one's family, one's community, one's समाज, country, and indeed the world. Bearing in mind that there is no religion other than the life lived in the service of humanity.

न मानुषात् परो धर्मः : We will strive to provide access and opportunity to build a more inclusive society

Our education in any subject will reflect its timeless fundamentals, its current context, and applications. There is so much scientific discovery taking place, at the intersection of fields, of biology, computing, medicine, the social sciences and everywhere else. We will provide students and faculty with an environment to engage this world, to discover new truths, make new applications to create and share knowledge.



Our education will also be experiential. With projects that are 'real' and those that complement the learning inside the classroom. Our students and faculty will be at the cutting edge of change, to incubate companies, to create NGOs, and pursue any field of their passion.

Our education will also be holistic. Sports and physical exercise must be a firm part of the curriculum. For students to develop a love for sports, for recreation, for health, for teamwork, for competition. Our education will also instill an appreciation for art and culture.



In the Bhagavad Gita, Arjun asks Krishna how is one to control one's mind that is as fleeting as the wind. Krishna responds that it can only be done through practice and discipline. अभ्यासेन तु कौन्तेय वैराग्येण च गृह्णाते | We will strive to teach our students to learn to stay calm in our turbulent world.

And our education will also include the ancient Indian tradition, its culture, its depth, and its knowledge. We must keep the connection with our mother tongue and our languages. Languages are storehouses of culture, and the loss of a language takes with it much learning, stored through it over the ages.

Finally, our education will help students lead a full life, to fall in love with life.

Our dream, is to build a world-class research and teaching institution, that is global in the reach of its ideas, and universal in its service. Welcome to our community.

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