

A Study of Impact of School Connect 2.0 On NEP 2020 Awareness Among High School Student

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Abstract-

School Connect 2.0' is a forward-thinking initiative aimed at creating a strong bridge between schools, higher education institutions, industries, and research organizations, ensuring that students are well-prepared to meet future challenges and opportunities. This program is designed to foster collaboration, promote career awareness, and provide practical exposure to help students transition smoothly from classroom learning to real-world applications. Hence this study is an attempt to find out the impact of school connects 2.0 programme on awareness of High school students. A representative sample of 200 students was selected from various high Schools in Dharashiv City and Awareness Scale and questionnaire was employed to find out the awareness of student on School connect 2.0. The Study reveals that majority of the student have satisfied with school connect 2.0 and there is no significant difference in the awareness regarding school connect 2.0 among students in relation to their gender.

Key words- School Connect 2.0, NEP2020 Awareness, High school Student.

Introduction

The Maharashtra Higher and Technical Education Department, in collaboration with state universities, is set to launch School Connect 2.0, a transformative campaign from January 1 to 15, 2025, targeting students from Standards IX to XII. This initiative aims to raise awareness about higher education opportunities, scholarships, and valuable resources like the SATHEE portal. Developed by the Ministry of Education and IIT Kanpur, SATHEE (Self-Assessment, Test, and Help for Entrance Examination) provides free guidance for competitive exams such as JEE and NEET, offering critical support to students unable to afford expensive coaching classes.

The campaign had also served as a platform to familiarize students and parents with the National Education Policy (NEP), which was implemented in Maharashtra during the 2023-24 academic years. Key features include flexible, credit-based curricula, interdisciplinary studies, and skill-based education programmes like the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme and SWAYAM.

Universities across the state had conduct workshops in partnership with affiliated junior colleges and schools. These sessions will spotlight new skill-development courses, internships, and central government initiatives such as the Vidya Lakshmi Loan Scheme, which provides educational loans for higher studies. Resource persons from universities and colleges will receive specialized training to deliver these workshops effectively. The campaign will also highlight opportunities in open and distance learning, innovative professional courses, and employment-oriented pathways after Std X.

To provide practical exposure, students will participate in campus tours to explore university infrastructure and academic programmes. According to a government resolution, this initiative aims to bridge the gap between high school education and higher studies, equipping students with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed decisions about their future.

With School Connect 2.0, the Maharashtra government aspires to build a strong foundation for students' academic and professional journeys while ensuring inclusivity and accessibility in education.

Need and Importance of Study

A key component of School Connect 2.0 is creating awareness about the National Education

Policy (NEP 2020) among school leaders, teachers, and students. The initiative highlights the transformative reforms proposed in NEP, focusing on skill development, experiential learning, multidisciplinary education, and holistic student development. By incorporating NEP guidelines, the program ensures that schools are aligned with the latest educational framework, promoting flexibility, innovation, and lifelong learning.

Through interactive sessions, workshops, industry visits, and expert talks, School Connect 2.0 offers a platform for schools to understand industry expectations, emerging careers, and the evolving role of education. The initiative also encourages schools to adopt innovative teaching practices and learner-centric approaches, in line with NEP's vision. So aim of study is to find out the effectiveness and impact of school connect2.0 programme on awareness and achievement of student.

Statement of the study

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Objectives of the Study

1. To Study the impact of School Connect 2.0 Programme on NEP 2020 awareness awareness of Students
2. To Compare the impact of school Connect 2.0 programme on NEP 2020 awareness of boys and girls students
3. To Compare the impact of school Connect 2.0 programme on NEP 2020 awareness of Urban and rural students

Hypothesis of the Study

1. There is no significant difference between NEP 2020 awareness of boys and girl due to School Connect 2.0
2. There is no significant difference between NEP 2020 awareness of Urban and rural area student due to School connect 2.0

Delimitations of the study

1. The study was conducted on impact of school connect 2.0 on NEP 2020 Awareness among student in Dharashiv City.
2. The study was conduct in 2024-25.
3. The sample was consisted of the students at 9th standard from state board.

Methodology and procedure

Sample

Purposive sampling Technique was used for the collection of data, 200 student including 100 boys and 100 girl of the IX standard student were selected from various school from Dharashiv city.

Research method

In this study descriptive survey method was used for the research

Statistical technique

Percentage, mean, Standard deviation and t value were used for analysis of data

Tools

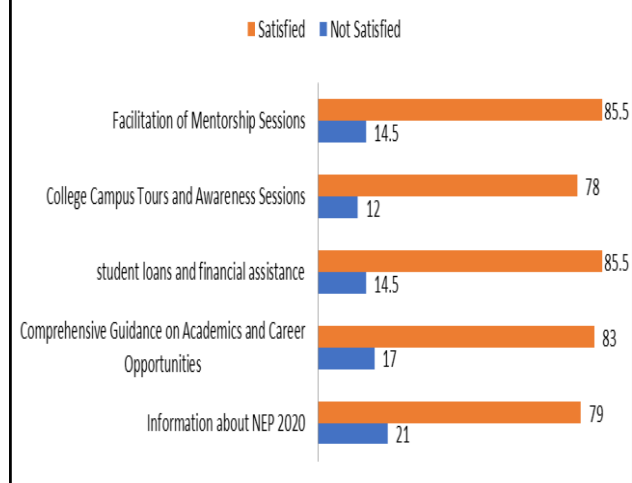
The questionnaire and awareness scale was prepared by the investigator on the basis of aspect of school connect 2.0 programme for student.

Table 1

Student opinion on school connect 2.0 Programme

Aspect of School Connect 2.0	Not Satisfactory		Satisfactory	
	No	%	No	%
Information about NEP 2020	42	21	158	79
Comprehensive Guidance on Academics and Career Opportunities	34	17	166	83
student loans and financial assistance	29	14.5	171	85.5
College Campus Tours and Awareness Sessions	44	12	156	78
Facilitation of Mentorship Sessions	29	14.5	171	85.5

Student feedback of School Connect 2.0



Above table 1 & Graph 1 is shown that, 79 % students are satisfied and 21 % students are not satisfied about information about NEP 2020. 83 % students are satisfied and 17 % students are not satisfied on guidance on academic and career opportunity. 85.5% students are satisfied and 14.5 students are not satisfied about student loans and financial assistance. 78 % students are satisfied and 12 students are not satisfied about College campus Tour and awareness. 85.5% students are satisfied and 14.5 students are not satisfied about facilitation of mentorship. The data shows that majority of the students have satisfied about School Connect 2.0 programme

Table 2

Effect of school connect 2.0 on NEP 2020 awareness of Students based on gender

Gender	No. Of Students	Mean	SD	T value	0.05 level
Male	100	15.2	5.02	0.54	significant
Female	100	15.3	5.05		

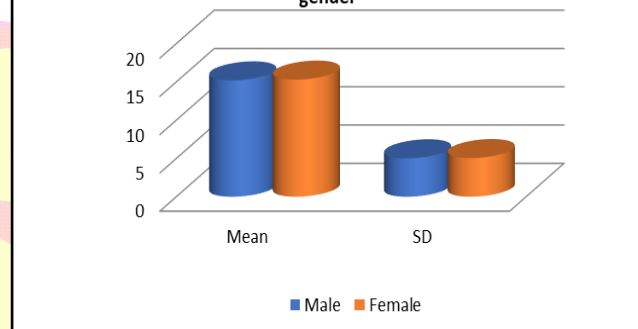
Above Table 2 shown that, the T-test score come out to be 0.54 which is significant at 0.05 levels so null hypothesis "There is no significant difference between NEP 2020 awareness of boys and girl due to School Connect 2.0" is accepted.

Table 3

Effect of school connect 2.0 on NEP 2020 awareness of Students based on area

Area	No. Of Students	Mean	SD	T value	0.05 level
Urban	110	18.3	6.05	3.14	Not significant
Rural	90	15.1	5.01		

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Above Table 3 shown that, the T-test score come out to be 3.14 which is not significant at 0.05 levels so null hypothesis "There is no significant difference between NEP 2020 awareness of Urban and rural area student due to School connect 2.0" is rejected.

Findings

1. The majority of the students from high school level have satisfied about School Connect 2.0 programme
2. There is no significant difference between NEP 2020 awareness of boys and girl about School Connect 2.0
3. There is significant difference between NEP 2020 awareness of Urban and rural area student about school connect 2.0 programme

Recommendation

1. It's essential to Focus on student from rural area. Its need to arrange Special interactive session for rural student and teacher.
2. Government need to grant for activity like workshops, field visits, and expert talks in School for more awareness about NEP 2020.
3. Encourages schools to adopt innovative

teaching practices and learner-centric approaches through Teacher education colleges.

4. School Connect 2.0 offers a platform for schools to understand industry expectations, emerging careers, and the evolving role of education. So it must more involve to professional colleges.
5. Its need to make one handbook for all high school student on the school connect 2.0
6. Its need to give more guideline to college for school connect 2.0

Conclusion

The need for bridging the gap between school education and career readiness, School Connect 2.0 provides students with a clear roadmap for their academic and professional journey. The initiative focuses on personalized career counseling, skill development, and guidance tailored to align with modern industry demands. It ensures that every student is not just academically enriched but also career-aware, empowering them to make informed decisions about their future. A unique feature of the initiative is its emphasis on comprehensive growth. Students will have access to resources and mentoring on higher education opportunities, competitive exams, and personality development. Whether it's exploring fields like engineering, medical, arts, or entrepreneurship, the program will help students identify their passions and provide them with the tools to succeed.

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