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HIGHLIGHT

Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore, regularly publishes newsletters that showcase major campus developments, academic accomplishments and significant policy updates. The 2025 edition features dedicated coverage on National Education Policy (NEP) initiatives, highlighting the university's implementation strategies, the integration of skill-based and interdisciplinary curricula and an increased student participation in NEP-driven activities across the campus.

SAARTHI ACTIVITY CALENDAR (2025)

S.N o.	Activity	Month
1	i. Quiz on NEP 2020 organised as part of the UGC initiative ii. Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav	February
2	i. Lectures held based on NEP 2020 (e.g.ABC, FYUP, NCrf, etc.) ii. Awareness through Videos: Making of a short video on any NEP 2020 based initiatives/scheme, relevant to higher education	March
3	i. NEP 2020 Booth /Help Desk at the College Fest ii. Essay Competition	April
4	i. Awareness Rally based on NEP 2020 to mark the launch of NEP 2020. ii. IKS based Panel discussion relevant to different disciplines	August
5	i. Debates / Group Discussions/ Extempore on different initiatives being undertaken through NEP 2020 ii. Poster Competition	September
6	i. Nukkad Natak/Street Play to raise awareness about NEP 2020 ii. NEP Newsletter	October

Note: No activities were scheduled for the periods of May-July and November-January in the view of student examinations and holiday breaks

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NEP 2025 ACTIVITIES AT SWAMI VIVEKANANDA UNIVERSITY

1. Quiz Based on NEP 2020 (UGC Initiative)

The UGC's NEP SAARTHI initiative was aimed at conducting nationwide quizzes throughout 2025 to promote awareness of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 among students and educators. As part of this effort, the university organised an online quiz on 19 February 2025 under UGC's directives, designed to strengthen participants' understanding of NEP 2020's holistic and inclusive vision for Indian education. The event also aimed to evaluate knowledge of the policy's key concepts, major reforms, and implementation pathways.

The quiz segments typically covered areas such as the restructured 5+3+3+4 curricular model, emphasis on experiential and vocational learning, reforms in assessment practices, and provisions related to multilingualism, flexible learning, and digital education. These quizzes serve as meaningful learning platforms, enhancing student–teacher engagement and fostering a clearer grasp of the policy's practical goals.

2. Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav

Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav is celebrated as part of the NEP SAARTHI initiative by UGC and with events held across India at various institutions in 2025 to promote and preserve mother languages and India's linguistic plurality. Featuring cultural performances, traditional art forms, speeches, and discussions about the significance of Indian languages in education and professional growth. The festival encourages appreciation for India's rich linguistic heritage, encourages a feeling of pride for local languages, and underscores NEP 2020's focus on multilingualism and regional culture in education. Universities use this event to strengthen their commitment to language diversity and cultural unity, engaging students, faculty, and the community through diverse, inclusive programming. According to the UGC framework, the university has actively contributed to this national endeavour by organising a series of events centred on linguistic pride, practice, and communication

3. Lectures based on NEP 2020 (ABC, FYUP, NCrF, etc.)

As part of NEP 2020 awareness and implementation initiatives, Indian universities have conducted lectures and workshops on key reforms such as the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP), and the National Credit Framework (NCrF). Sessions were organised to help participants understand the core features of each component.

ABC: Facilitates the accumulation and transfer of academic credits across institutions and disciplines, thereby enhancing student mobility and academic flexibility.

FYUP: Offers multidisciplinary choices, promoting research exposure and holistic development through flexible, four-year undergraduate degrees.

NCrF: Integrates academic, vocational, and experiential learning into one system, supporting lifelong learning and credit recognition.

Keynote speakers and NEP-SAARTHI ambassadors regularly address questions regarding these reforms' practical impact, institutional adoption, and student benefits. Universities document these events and encourage student-faculty interaction for deeper engagement.



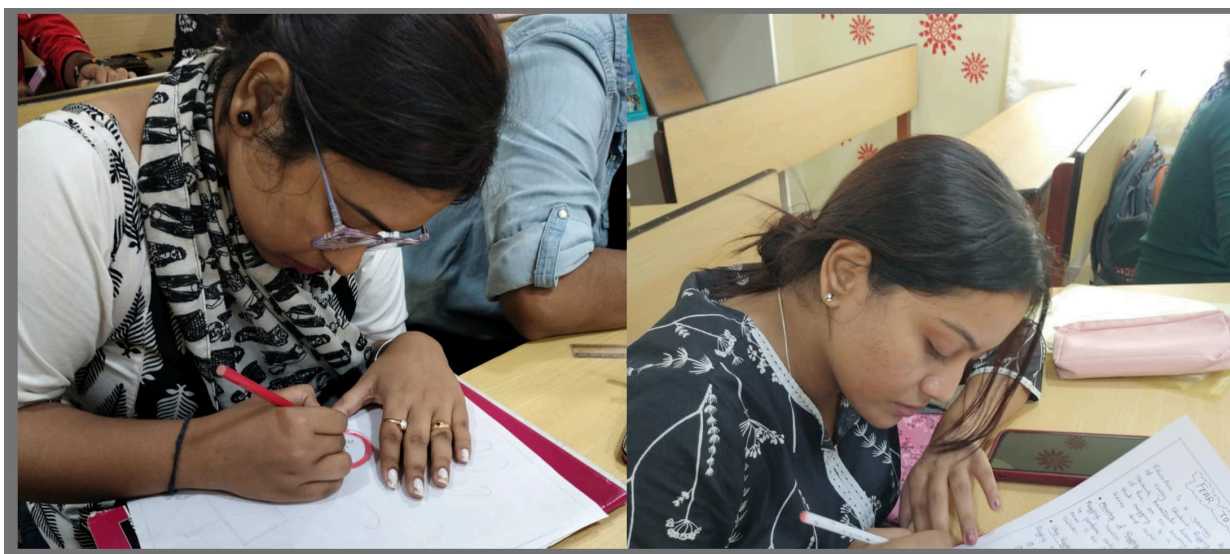
4. NEP 2020 Booth/Help Desk in College Fest

The university has successfully established NEP 2020 Help Desks and informational booths during campus festivals and events as part of the UGC's NEP-SAARTHI initiative. Staffed by trained student ambassadors (NEP-SAARTHIs) and faculty volunteers, these booths addressed student queries, and shared updates on NEP reforms, such as multidisciplinary education, the revised credit framework, and language policy provisions. The initiative aims to enhance NEP 2020 awareness among undergraduate and postgraduate students, promote active engagement with policy reforms, and gather feedback for institutional and UGC records.

5. NEP 2020 Essay Competition

Essay competitions on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 are held annually in April at the university. These events are conducted in three languages - Bengali, Hindi, and English and typically explore diverse themes related to the policy, such as holistic education, employability, language inclusivity, and higher education reforms. Separate categories are maintained for UG, PG, and Ph.D. participants.

Essays generally range between 1000 and 1500 words and is written on the spot or submitted for evaluation. Winners are awarded certificates and other recognitions. The primary objective of these competitions is to encourage critical thinking and articulate perspectives on how NEP 2020 is reshaping higher education and nurturing the skills and values essential for India's future.

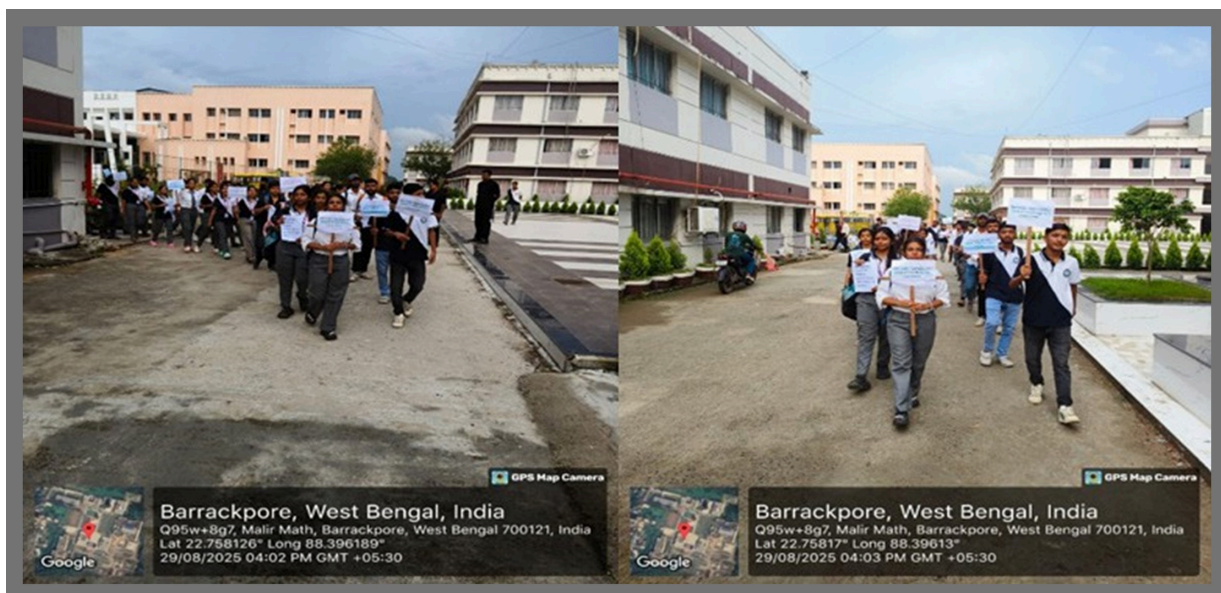


6. Awareness Rally Based on NEP 2020

Event Date & Details: Swami Vivekananda University organised a large-scale NEP 2020 Awareness Rally on 29th August 2025, at 11:00 AM on campus.

Participants: NEP-SAARTHI student ambassadors, faculty, and staff took part, carrying placards and banners, distributing information sheets, and engaging students in NEP-focused quizzes and discussions.

Objectives: The rally marked the official campus launch of NEP 2020, spreading awareness of holistic, flexible, and multidisciplinary reforms. It fostered student and faculty engagement, with a special focus on practical learning and academic credit reforms.



7. IKS-Based Panel Discussion Relevant to Different Disciplines

Panel discussions on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) were hosted at Swami Vivekananda University in August 2025 as part of the university's scheduled seminar calendar. The programme included a dedicated faculty lecture series and a set of interdisciplinary panels designed to deepen understanding of India's rich intellectual heritage. These sessions aimed to create a platform for meaningful dialogue on the relevance of IKS in contemporary academic and professional contexts.



The panels brought together academic experts, faculty members from multiple departments, and student representatives to explore how Indian philosophical, scientific, and cultural traditions can be meaningfully integrated into modern curricula. Discussions spanned a wide academic spectrum - including engineering, management, natural sciences, arts, and the humanities - and emphasised the potential of IKS to enrich disciplinary thinking, ensure holistic education, and inspire innovation rooted in indigenous knowledge.

Objectives & Outcomes:

The panels underscored the significance of Indian Knowledge Systems in shaping student projects, guiding research themes, and cultivating an education ecosystem that is culturally grounded yet globally competitive. Conducted under the NEP-SAARTHI initiative, the discussions encouraged meaningful cross-disciplinary collaboration and enhanced awareness among faculty and students about the contemporary relevance and academic value of traditional Indian knowledge.

8. Debates, Group Discussions, and Extempore Competitions

These activities included group discussions, debates, and extempore sessions where students analysed and discussed key NEP 2020 initiatives: curriculum flexibility, multidisciplinary majors/minors, language policies, vocational education, and credit reforms. Faculty and NEP-SAARTHI ambassadors facilitated sessions, encouraging diverse viewpoints and active student participation.

The aim was to deepen understanding of NEP reforms and develop communication, analytical, and teamwork skills linked to policy implementation.

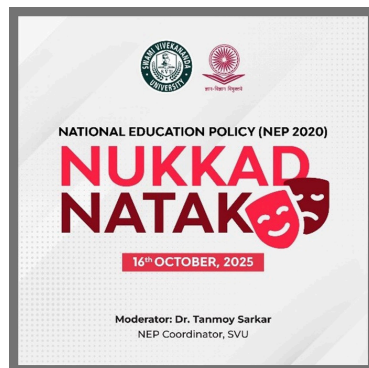
9. Poster Competition on NEP 2020

SVU arranged a Poster Making Competition in September, submissions focused on National Education Policy 2020 themes, such as holistic education, academic credit systems, inclusion, multilingualism, and skill enhancement.

Students created original posters with entries accepted in English, Hindi, and Bengali. Final submission for NEP 2020-themed poster competitions was Thursday, 18th August, 2025. The event empowered students to visually represent NEP values and reforms, with winners recognised for creativity, message clarity, and content relevance.

10. Nukkad Natak /Street Play to raise awareness about NEP 2020

Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore, successfully organised a vibrant Nukkad Natak (Street Play) on NEP 2020 on 16th October 2025 as part of the university's NEP 2020 initiative. The performance featured energetic and heartfelt student participation, drawing in the campus community and creating an open, lively atmosphere. Through humour, dialogue, and relatable storytelling, the play conveyed the key ideas and benefits of NEP 2020 in a way that was accessible to both students and visitors.



As an important component of the university's NEP SAARTHI activities, the event encouraged meaningful engagement and helped build a deeper understanding of ongoing educational reforms at the ground level. The street play was widely shared across the university's official social media pages, reflecting SVU's commitment to creative, inclusive, and participatory outreach on NEP 2020.

