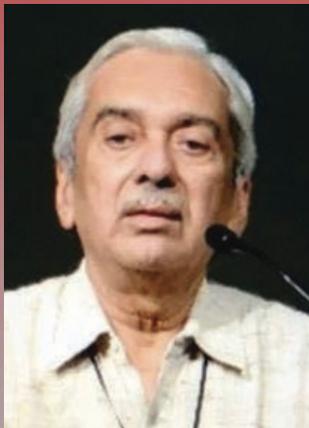


A  
Report on  
Education That Empowers  
(Interaction Programme)  
November 30, 2021



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First we would like to thank, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono-Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh for providing us an opportunity to organise this wonderful interaction programme with Prof. J S Rajput, Padma Shri, Former Director NCERT, New Delhi over the topic **“Education That Empowers”** and acknowledge Sir's support and help in making it happen on the day of XIX Convocation of the university, despite the busy and tiresome schedule. It was really a pleasure to organise an interaction programme with the eminent educationist on the most pertinent topic that is supposed to shape the future of education in India.

We are sincerely grateful to Prof. J S Rajput, Padma Shri, Former Director NCERT, New Delhi to accept our invitation as Chief Guest and interacting with faculty and research scholars over the topic “Education that Empowers”.

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## **Executive Summary**

Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh is known for its adherence to standard practices. During Covid-19 pandemic university performed all its activities as usual and did not let Covid Pandemic win over the day to day affairs of the university. To continue the practice, under able guidance of Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice –chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University celebrated its XIX convocation programme on schedule date i.e. November 30. 2021. Eminent Educationist Professor J.S. Rajput, Padma Shri awardee, former director NCERT, New Delhi graced the occasion as chief guest. To gain from expertise and contribution of Professor J. S Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee, in the field of education; department of education organised an interactive session with Prof. J. S. Rajput over the theme “ Education that Empowers” in the evening on the same day of university’s XIX Convocation function. Overwhelming response of the participants compelled the department to organise the interactive session in blended mode.

### **Objectives of the Interactive Programme**

The main objectives to organise the programme were to:

- Interact with Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri awardee, and gain from his vast experience in the field of education
- Discuss about NEP 2020
- Ponder over issues of Teacher Training Programmes
- Provide an exposure and opportunity to teachers, students and research scholars to interact with Prof. J. S. Rajput over various issues related with teacher education

### **Outcome**

Teachers, students and research scholars put forward their queries, both in national and international perspectives, and learned from vast experience of Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri awardee. Prof. J. S. Rajput addressed concerns of both offline and online participants.

### **Guest and Speakers**

1. Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri, Former Director, NCERT, New Delhi
2. Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble , Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh
3. Prof. A. Mitra , Pro Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh
4. Dr. N. T. Rikam, Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh

## **Target Population**

The interactive session was aimed to aware and enrich the knowledge of faculty members of Universities/Colleges/ Institutes of University, Teacher Educators, Trainers, Course Designers, Researchers, Higher education administrators and other stakeholders, School education administrators, school teachers , Academic training professionals and policy makers.

**Modus Operandi** : Blended Mode

## **Participants**

Total Participants : Above 300

Participants who used Google Meet Platform: 238

## **Date and Time**

The interactive programme was organised on November 30, 2021 from 4:00 pm onwards

## **Venue**

Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi University.

## **Budget**

The programme was fully funded by the University

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## Preface

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### **1.1. Rajiv Gandhi University**

The foundation of the Rajiv Gandhi University (Formerly Arunachal University) was laid on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1984 by Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India. The University is located atop Rono Hills on a picturesque tableland of 302 acres overlooking the river Dikrong. The University was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April 2007 as per notification of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Since then Rajiv Gandhi University (Formerly Arunachal University) has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country. University has Nine (09) Academic Faculties running Twenty six (26) Departments and Two (02) Institutes.

### **1.2. Education Department**

The Department of Education was established in 1988 with an objective to train the untrained teachers working in secondary and senior secondary schools of Arunachal Pradesh and to produce quality teachers for colleges and university at graduation and post graduation level. Presently the department of Education is running three programmes, Ph.D in Education, M.A. (Education), and B.Ed. There are twenty one (21) faculty members catering to the need of B.Ed., M.A. (Education) students and research scholars. Theoretical knowledge is imparted through classroom based lectures and for practical parts there are labs; and students are also taken to field trips, community engagement and social awareness campaign as per the requirements. Alumni of the department have been serving in various departments of Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, in other states and at national level.

### **1.3. Scope of the Interaction Programme**

Interaction programme with Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee was organised to gain from expertise and contribution in the field of education and teacher education. Prof. J. S. Rajput had headed both apex bodies NCERT and NCTE that are known for regulating and contributing in the field of school and teacher education. Prof. J. S. Raput, Padma Shri Awardee graced the XIX Convocation programme as a chief guest.

Department of Education under the leadership of Prof. T. Lhungdim, dean faculty of education and headship of Prof. Kesang Degi approached Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University and requested to organise the interactive session with Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee so that whole of the university fraternity and students can benefit from his expertise. It aimed to boost the morale of both teachers and students.

#### **1.4. Objectives**

The main objectives to organise the programme were to :

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- Discuss about NEP- 2020
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#### **1.5. Outcomes**

Teachers, students and research scholars put forward their queries, both in national and international perspectives, and learned from vast experience of Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee. Prof. J. S. Rajput addressed concerns of both offline and online participants.

#### **1.6. Theme**

The main theme of the interactive session was “Education that Empowers”.

#### **1.7. Chief Guest**



Prof. J. S. Rajput (born 13 July 1943, Hardoi), UP is known for his contribution in reforms in school education and teacher education. His research publications in Physics earned him a Professorship at the age of 31 years in the NCERT. The assignments held by him includes assignments, Principal at the Regional Institute of Education, Bhopal 1977-88, Joint Educational Adviser, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India, 1989-94; Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), 1994-99 and the Director of the NCERT, 1999-2004. He has recently completed the project aimed at achieving religious amity through education and his edited

book “Education of Muslims in India” was released by The Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on June 15, 2015. Prof. Rajput is recipient of the Jan Amos Comenius Medal of UNESCO, Maharishi Veda Vyas National Award from Government of M.P., and Pundit Madan Mohan Malviya award from the Kenderiya Hindi Sanasthan, GOI, Agra . He received Padma Shri in 2015.

Presently, he is India representative on the Executive Board of the UNESCO in March 2018 for a four-year term. In November 2018, he was elected Chairman, Board of Governors of the ‘Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development’ (MGIEP), a grade one UNESCO Institute.

### **1.8. Speakers**

Our eminent speakers who enlightened the participants with their reflective thoughts were:

1. Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee, Former Director, NCERT, New Delhi
2. Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon’ble , Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh
3. Prof. A. Mitra , Pro Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh
4. Dr. N. T. Rikam, Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh

### **1.9. Target Population**

The interactive session was aimed to aware and enrich the knowledge of faculty members of Universities/Colleges/ Institutes of RGU, Teacher Educators, Trainers, Course Designers, Researchers, Higher education administrators and other stakeholders, School education administrators, school teachers , Academic training professionals and policy makers.

### **1.10. Budget**

The Interactive Session Programme was organized by Dept. of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University and was fully funded by the university itself.

### **1.11. Modus Operandi**

To Organize the Blended Mode Interactive session with Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee on the theme “ Education That Empowers” the organizing team under the leadership of Prof. T. Lhungdim, Dean Faculty of Education and Prof. Kesang Degi , Head, Department of Education and Coordinators decided to use Google Meet Platform for online participants and Conference Theatre, Department of Computer Science and Engineering for offline participants.

## 2.0. Interactive Session (Discourse and Interaction)

The interactive session was organised in a formal way. The sequence of events were as follows:



Dr. Anga Padu, Associate Professor, Department of Education moderated the session and welcomed all informally and invited Prof. T. Lhungdim to formally welcome all the dignitaries gracing the occasion and participants attending the programme offline and online.



At the very outset Prof. T. Lhungdim, Dean, Faculty of Education welcomed all the dignitaries present on the dais and off the dais and all teachers, students and research scholars participating in the interactive programme with Prof. J. S. Rajput on the topic Education That Empowers.



Felicitation: After welcome address, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor honoured Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee by presenting him a traditional Jacket. Pro Vice-chancellor, Prof. A. Mitra and Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar welcomed the chief guest and speaker of the programme by presenting a bouquet.



Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar welcomed the chief Guest and shared the experiences that he had with him during and before the start of the XIX Convocation function. Dr. Rikam said that who is in school, reads NCERT books all are familiar with his name, and need no introduction of him. Dr. Rikam highlighted the works and contribution of Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee 2015 in the field of education and teacher education.



Prof. Amitava Mitra congratulated department of education for organising the programme and welcomed all dignitaries. Prof. Mitra expressed his happiness that renowned educationist, Prof. Rajput is with us to deliberate on a universal theme “Education That Empowers” and wished all present there to benefit from the treasure of knowledge of Prof. Rajput.



Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University greeted all participants and chief guest Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee and former director NCERT, New Delhi. Hon'ble Vice-chancellor congratulated the department of education and praised to utilise and gain from the opportunity of presence of chief guest of the XIX Convocation programme.



Prof. Elizabeth Hangsing, Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University gave a brief introduction of Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Awardee and former director NCERT, New Delhi.



.Prof. J.S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee, Former director NCERT, New Delhi thanked Hon'ble Vice-chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha and university fraternity to extent him an invitation to be the chief guest of the XIX convocation programme of the university and Prof. Rajput started his lecture with a letter that Gandhi Ji wrote in

1922 to the then secretary UNESCO and stated that four things will be heavy on people of India and these are: Facts of election, Injustice, Burden of administration and Treachery of rich. Prof. Rajput wondered how prophetic Gandhi Ji was about India 100 years ago and the same things that are haunting us today. About Education Gandhi Ji stated that if education reaches every home and hearth we must awaken people not only to their right but also to their duty as well. Education must be a ray of hope for the last men in the line. Whatever we do, whatever we plan and execute must benefit the last men in the line and mentioned about Gandhi Ji Ka Jantar given at the beginning of all NCERT text books. Prof. Rajput gave an account of the book "Asian Drama" written by Milner-Gulland, an economist, who stated that Teacher training Institutes are the power plants ( they provide knowledge not electricity) of the nation. If these developing countries wish to progress in real sense will have to focus on teacher education of their nation. Further, Prof. Rajput highlighted the importance of the Teacher Educators in transforming the nation. He stated that a teacher is always an icon for the students, if an Acharya is aware that his Aachran (Conduct) is being watched by everyone and how

he teaches, how he talks, how he behaves and how he enriches his knowledge is under scanner; that awakened teacher shall produce awakened citizens and the path to progress, peace and harmony is not far away from the Society. To point out the importance of mother tongue at primary level of learning he mentioned UNESCO Commission (J. Delor's Commission) report published in 1996 that puts forth that education of a nation must be rooted in its culture and committed to progress. If education is not rooted in the culture, it might not be fruitful or productive. Education system of any nation cannot be copied and transplanted in another nation. To raise quality of education, Prof. Rajput, quoted statement of JRD Tata, who said that aim at perfection you shall achieve excellence. Talking about inculcation of values in society Prof. Rajput said that it is the collective responsibility of the society. People were highly cultured and living value based life when there was no Radio, TV, Newspaper and Internet. Now these media are available to communicate information but we are lacking values in our present life style. He concluded that we had an excellent education system, we had best epistemology in the ancient era still we have good system but we need to believe upon us to lead towards excellence.

**Interaction with Participants:** Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee interacted with the participants after the discourse. Faculty members, students and research scholars present both online and offline raised their concerns about:

- Introduction of three language formula at primary level
- NEP 2020 and resource generation for higher education
- Quality and standard of teacher education institutes
- Quantity of teacher education institutes (against demand supply rule)
- Why there is no institute of teacher education of national standard like IITs and IIMs?
- Online Education and problems of poor
- How and when to go to class?
- Different state education boards of education and central board of Education
- Teacher Autonomy and Teacher Accountability



Prof. Kesang Degi, head of Department of Education, RGU presented vote of thanks. Prof. Degi extended her heartfelt thanks to Prof. J. S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee to accept their request to interact with faculty members, students and research scholars, to Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, Prof. Saket Kushwaha ji for his kind support and motivation, Pro Vice-chancellor, Prof. A. Mitra for his guidance and encouragement, Dr. N. T. Rikam, Registrar, Deans of various faculties, Heads of departments, professor, faculty members, students, research scholars, technical team and others present in the meeting for their participation and make the event successful.

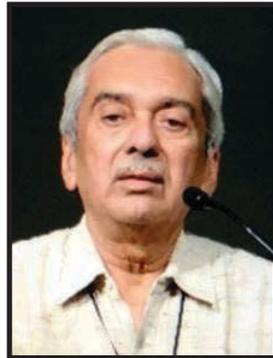


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**Tuesday, 30th November 2021, 4:00 PM onwards**  
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## **Annexure-II**

### **Programme Agenda**

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**4:00 - 4:05PM**    **Welcome note by Dean, Faculty of Education,  
RGU- Prof. T. Lhungdim**

**4:05 - 4:10 PM**    **Felicitation of Dignitaries**

**4:10 - 4:15 PM**    **Address by the Registrar, RGU – Dr. N.T. Rikam**

**4:15 – 4:20 PM**    **Address by the Pro Vice-chancellor – Prof. A. Mitra**

**4:20 – 4:25 PM**    **Address by the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor – Prof. Saket Kushwaha**

**4:25 – 4:30 PM**    **Introduction of the Speaker by Prof. E. Hangsing, RGU.**

**4:30 – 5:00 PM**    **Address by the Speaker - Prof. J.S. Rajput, Padma Shri Awardee  
Former Director, NCERT, New Delhi**

**5:00 – 5:10 PM**    **Open Forum**

**5:10- 5:15 PM**    **Vote of Thanks – Head, Dept. of Education, RGU- Prof. K. Degi**

**5:15 PM**            **High Tea**

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### Annexure-III

