



School of Pedagogical Sciences MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

ITEP: DISCUSSION WITH DIET/PRE-PRIMARY TEACHERS FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2024, 10 AM

The School of Pedagogical Sciences at Mahatma Gandhi University is proud to host a discussion on the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). This initiative aligns with the NEP 2020, which emphasizes a holistic approach to teacher education, blending theory with practice. The discussion aims to bring together educators from DIETs and Pre-Primary Teachers to explore the structure, curriculum, and implementation strategies of ITEP. Participants will engage in meaningful dialogue, share best practices, and contribute insights that will shape the future of teacher education in Kerala.

LOCATION School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- DIET Faculty Members
- Pre-Primary Teachers
- Educational Administrators
- Teacher Educators

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduction to ITEP
- Curriculum Design & Implementation Strategies
- Interactive/ Q&A Sessions
- Panel discussion with DIET & Pre-Primary teachers on their experiences, challenges, and best practices
- Discussion on effective implementation strategies for ITEP
- Brainstorming on potential challenges and solutions

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**SPEAKERS / RESOURCE
PERSONS**

- Dr. Mohan B. Menon, Chairman, Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala
- Prof. Asha J.V., Member, Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala
- Prof. Minikutty A., Dean, Faculty of Education, MG University
- Prof. T. C. Thankachan, Member, Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala

Join us for a day of insightful discussions and collaborative learning as we work together to enhance the quality of Teacher Education in Kerala

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Friday 23rd August 2024, 10am to 01pm

- **Anchor:** Ms Divya Martin, Research Scholar, SPS MGU
- **Prayer:** Ms Dhanya R Nair, MEd 2024-26 batch Student, SPS MGU
- **Welcome Address:** Dr Ismail Thamarasseri, ITEP & FYUGP Nodal Officer, SPS MGU
- **Presidential Address & Introductory Remarks:** Prof. Asha J.V., Member, Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala & HoD, SPS MGU
- **Inaugural Address:** Dr. Mohan B. Menon, Chairman, Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala & Founding Honorary Chairperson of DISHA Global Trust, Kochi
- **Keynote Address:** Prof. Minikutty A., Dean, Faculty of Education, MGU
- **Special Address:** Prof. T. C. Thankachan, Member, Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala
- **Interaction & Discussion**
- **Vote of Thanks:** Ms Naseeha Nazeer, Junior Research Fellow, SPS MGU
- **Rapporteur:** Mr Allwin Thomas, MEd 2024-26 batch Student, SPS MGU
- **Photography:** Ms Maria Rose Varghese, MEd 2024-26 batch Student, SPS MGU
- **Reception:** Ms Anjana S, MEd 2024-26 batch Student, SPS MGU
- **Hospitality:** Ms Anjana Shaji, MEd 2024-26 batch Student, SPS MGU
- **Registration & Certification:** Dr. Muhammed K. V., Asst Professor, SPS MGU
- **Logistics:** Mr Blesson Varghese, Senior Research Fellow, SPS MGU



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Report of the *ITEP: Discussion with DIET/pre-primary teachers* dated Friday 23rd August 2024

The seminar on Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) was conducted on 23/08/2024 at Seminar Hall, School of Pedagogical Sciences (SPS), Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU), Kottayam, Kerala bringing together professors, educators, researchers and students to discuss the implementation and effectiveness of ITEP in enhancing teacher education.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri, Assistant Professor, School of Pedagogical Sciences. The anchor of the seminar was Ms. Divya Martin, Research Scholar, SPS. The programme started with a prayer song by Ms. Dhanya R. Nair, M.Ed First year student. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Ismail Thamarasseri, Assistant Professor, SPS.

The presidential address was delivered by Prof. Asha J.V., Head of the Department, SPS and member of committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala. She emphasized the need for the integration programme and presented the vision to deliver high quality teacher education and the mission to mould trained teacher educators all over the world. She also mentioned the establishment of Teacher Education Institutes and the various Teacher Education Commissions in India. She also highlighted the main points of NEP 2020 and the multidisciplinary curriculum approaches.

Dr. Mohan B. Menon, Chairman, Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala inaugurated the programme. He spotlighted real life situations to create a better understanding of multidisciplinary approaches and methodologies. He mentioned various Teacher Education Programmes introduced in Delhi University and Regional Institutes of Education. The Broad Structure and the Stages of Specialization of ITEP recommended by NEP 2020 were discussed. He pointed out the benefits of promoting SCERT to introduce in-service programmes. He included the benefits of ITEP in developing competent teachers.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Minikutty A, Dean, Faculty of Education, MGU. She stressed on the need for bringing forward various creative suggestions to overcome the challenges in implementation of ITEP.

A special address was delivered by Prof. T. C. Thankachan, Member of Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-Year ITEP in Kerala. He prioritized the possibilities, challenges and issues related to implementation of ITEP. He spoke about the updates made in various Higher Education Institutions. He also suggested the possibilities of cluster universities to transform the educational sector. He highlighted the necessity of change in attitude and mindset to accept the new changes. Moreover, he stressed on the need to analyse the challenges that students will encounter following the implementation of ITEP.

The participants left with a deeper understanding of the topic and discussed the opportunities for improving teacher quality and increasing student enrolments. Participants gave valuable recommendations and suggestions to establish a well organised teacher education programme.

Dr. R. Ravindran, UGC Emirates Professor, SN College, Kollam, enquired about the practical aspects of merging self-financing colleges on the basis NEP 2020 without affecting the in-service teachers. Dr. Mohan B. Menon suggested for a revolutionary change in attitude of the self-financing colleges in taking the emerging challenges as an opportunity towards flourishing marketing strategies. He added on considering cluster formation among their neighbouring institutions within the proximal limit.

Mrs. Sree Kumari, Senior Lecturer, DIET, Alappuzha, supported the points put forward by the dignitaries and also added a positive note on the performance ability of DIETs.

Dr. Sheeja K. Lecturer, DIET, Alappuzha, explained the historical journey behind the remarkable NEP 2020.

Mrs. Sangeetha NR, Assistant Professor, Sree Narayana Training College, Nedumkandom, expressed her concerns on existential issues discussed by Prof. T.C. Thankachan in his special address. Dr. Mohan B. Menon clarified her doubts by pointing out the importance of being flexible in accordance with the UGC guidelines.

Prof. Sheeba P, Principal, Sree Narayana Training College, Nedumkandom, sought an alternate option for merging her institutions because of the inconvenience posed on the proximal limit.

Ms. Sumani M.J., Pre-primary teacher, Cherthala, Alappuzha, put forward her grievances on the current pathetic situation of Pre-Primary Education system.

Dr. Sheeja K consoled her on the concerns.

Ms. Sindhu S, Teacher Educator, NS TTI, Mannar, shared her experiences and looked into the strategies in providing guidance to the existing teachers. Prof. T C Thankachan, in reply, instructed everyone to have a thorough look on the following documents viz Government of India Gazette, dated 26th October, 2021 and NEP 2020 guidelines.

Mr Mubarak P, second year M.Ed student, SPS, MGU questioned the contradiction on the existing rules for the eligibility criteria for the admission of teachers with Commerce discipline in NEP 2020.

Ms. Naseeha Nazeer, Research Scholar, SPS, MGU, Kottayam proposed the vote of thanks. The seminar concluded with the national anthem led by Mr. Muhammad Ashik S, first year M.Ed student, SPS, MGU, Kottayam.

Rapporteurs: Mr. Allwin Thomas, Ms. Ruth J. Thomas, Mrs. Anjana M





