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Report on the Elocution Competition

November 11th is celebrated as National Education Day, which commemorates the birth anniversary of independent India's first education minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. In 2008, the ministry of human resource development decided to celebrate Azad's birthday as National Education Day. Educational institutions across India mark the event with seminars, essay-writing, workshops etc to highlight the importance of education.

We, at National Institute of Technology Karnataka(NITK), celebrated National Education Day with an Elocution competition organized by the Debate Society of the Literary, Stage and Debate society at 6:00pm. The topic of the elocution was National Education Policy and its Expected Outcomes.

The competition was conducted on MS Teams. The speaking time per speaker was 3-5 minutes. Exceeding the time limit would have led to disqualification. Use of unparliamentary language was not permitted. Marks were awarded based on clarity, content, expression and relevance. The decisions of the judges were final.

The speakers briefly touched upon the various key aspects of the NEP like the restructuring of the school curriculum, steps towards ensuring universal coverage and inclusivity,the changes in medium of instruction and assessment of students and the focus on achieving foundational literacy and numeracy.The speakers also talked about the difference of experience between their personal school education and the upcoming batches and the consequent impact this might have on entrance examinations like JEE and NEET.





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The consensus of the speakers was that the NEP is not an antidote in itself. Under the policy's guiding force, a lot of legislation would be required to overhaul the existing system - many acts would have to be scrapped, and new ones be created. Only the future will tell whether we are able to transform our education system. But the direction of the policy is revolutionary. If implemented in its true sense, it will change the entire mindset towards Indian education.

The speakers were thanked for their participation. The judges enjoyed hearing their views on the topic. Rehan Nasar, a second year BTech student from the EEE department was adjudged as the winner of the competition. Rashmitha Vallabha, a final year BTech student, also from the EEE department was appreciated as well as her performance was commendable.

