



Report of the Activity/Event/Celebration

Name of the Centre/Department/Branch/others	Department of Testing and Evaluation
Name of the Head of the Centre/Department/Branch/others	Dr. Minalba Jadeja
Name of the Activity/Event/Programme	National Seminar titled “Shifting Focus from Rote Learning to Conceptual Understanding: Examination Reforms as per NEP 2020”
Seminar Director/Convener	Dr. Minalba Jadeja
Coordinator of the Activity. If any	Dr. Parthvee R. Damor, Dr. Disha Nayak
Date/s and Day/s of the Activity/Event/Celebration	1st February, 2026
Duration of the Activity/Event/Programme	1 day
Venue of the Activity/Event/Programme	Seminar Hall, Children's Research University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
Beneficiaries (Teachers/Students/parents/ others...)	Students, Research Scholars, & Academicians
Total Beneficiaries/participants (where applicable or appx.)	126

Descriptive Report

The Department of Testing and Evaluation at Children's Research University, Gandhinagar, successfully organized a National Seminar titled “Shifting Focus from Rote Learning to Conceptual Understanding: Examination Reforms as per NEP 2020” on 1st February 2026. The event was supported by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG) under the Promotion of Research for Facilities scheme.

The seminar achieved a significant national reach with 126 participants representing 10 universities across major hubs including Delhi, Bangalore, and Gujarat. This diverse participation ensured a rich academic exchange and a broad perspective on evaluation reforms.

Best Child-Centric Research Award was formally announced during the Inaugural Session in the august presence of the dignitaries.

The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. T. S. Joshi, Hon. Vice-Chancellor of Children's Research University. During this session, the Guest of Hon, Prof. Sridhar Shrivastav, delivered a keynote address highlighting the urgent need to transition from rote-based examinations toward competency-based assessments. A significant highlight was the formal announcement of the Best Child-Centric Research Award.

The seminar's technical sessions were structured with well-defined sub-themes that addressed both theoretical and practical dimensions of NEP 2020 reforms. In terms of academic volume, the event received a total of 89 research papers, of which 67 were presented in parallel sessions chaired by senior faculty and subject experts. Additionally, a dedicated poster presentation session was organized to showcase field-based innovations and emerging research ideas.

A panel of eminent educationists, including Mr. Rakesh Patel (National Best Teacher Awardee), Mr. Nishchal M. Shukla (Educational Initiatives), Shri. Komal Modi (MGIS, Ahmedabad), Shree Deepabahen Patel (Daxinamurti, Bhavnagar) and Mr. Shekard Hardikar (Galaxy Educationa System) explored the practical strategies and classroom-level challenges of implementing NEP-2020 reforms. The entire session was Chaired by Prof. Sanjay Gupta.

In the Valedictory Session, Chief Guest Prof. Indrani Bhaduri, Head of the Educational Survey Division at NCERT, provided deep insights into the implementation of the new evaluation system, PARAKH. The seminar concluded with the presentation of five Best Paper Awards and five Best Poster Awards, recognizing participants for their academic rigor, originality, and relevance to educational reform.

Photographs of the event




