



**Report**  
**Expert Lecture on**  
**‘NEP and the need for creating Foreign Collaboration Cells in colleges’**  
**8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Dr. Rahul Shrivastava, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, was invited at Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya (RKMV), Shimla to deliver a talk on the topic ‘**NEP and the need for creating Foreign Collaboration Cells in colleges**’ in a One-Day Workshop on the theme ‘Global Horizons: Foreign Collaboration In National Education Policy, 2020’ jointly organized by RKMV, Shimla & Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA.

International collaborations support the goal of ‘Internationalization at Home’, as envisioned in NEP 2020, to address diverse global concerns. Dr. Rahul Shrivastava discussed about need for creating Foreign Collaboration Cells in colleges and other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to exchange ideas, cultures, and perspectives with foreign collaborators. Such International bonds, as also suggested in NEP-2020, will lead to academic and research collaborations through MoUs between HEIs and Foreign Universities. International research collaborations offer numerous advantages and hold great significance for institutions. It helps HEIs in attaining academic excellence and promoting global growth in the form of:

- ✓ Enhancing Academic Quality.
- ✓ Broadening Research Horizons and Resources.
- ✓ Preparing Students for a Globalized World.
- ✓ Addressing Global Challenges through United Efforts.
- ✓ Cultural Exchange and Building of International Networks.

The high profile workshop was attended by more than 200 participants including the Principals of Govt. Colleges in Himachal Pradesh and senior faculty members of various colleges. The workshop was aimed to enlighten the participants on the significance of foreign collaborations by HEIs. An MoU was also signed between RKMV, Shimla & Penn State University, Pennsylvania, USA, in presence of the Secretary Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Sh. Rakesh Kanwar ji.



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