

Webinar on Examination Reforms: The Need of Higher Education

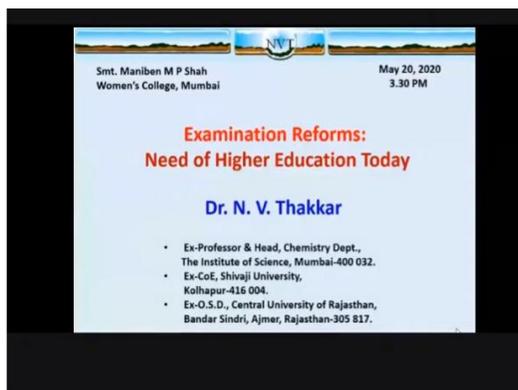
By Dr N V Thakkar on 20th May 2020

Department of Psychology organized a national webinar titled '*Examination Reforms: The Need of Higher Education*' on 20th May 2020. The resource person for the webinar was Dr N V Thakkar, former Controller of Examinations, Shivaji University, former Officer on Special Duty Central University of Rajasthan, and former Head, Department of Chemistry, Institute of Science, Mumbai. Principal Dr Leena Rajee gave the Welcome address.

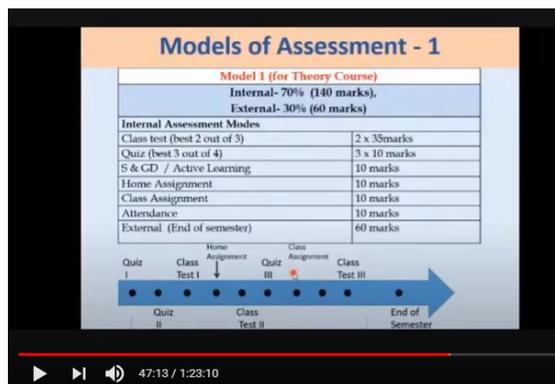
Dr Thakkar spoke on examination reforms in light of the new NEP policy. He started the webinar with a brief history of Higher Education in India. He discussed the challenges to higher education and asserted on improving quality of the current system. He spoke about evaluation reforms as the next milestone to be achieved in Higher Education and the need for these reforms. He highlighted the recommendations by UGC for the examination reforms. Dr Thakkar asked the academic community to distinguish between evaluation and examination. He emphasized on changing the current dependency on examination orientation of higher education and focus more on qualitative evaluations through innovative methods. He stressed on the importance of applying Bloom's taxonomy in student assessments to increase the quality of assessment methods used by teachers. Dr Thakkar also emphasized focus on learner attributes and customizing assessments based on measurement of these attributes. He reflected on the shortcomings of traditional examination methods and encouraged innovations in assessment methods. He also explained the various types of outcomes that need to be kept in mind while designing many assessment methods. The webinar ended with an interactive Question and Answer session with the participants and the resource person. Dr Thakkar's comprehensive

presentation as well as the insights he gave and the nuances he pointed out were appreciated by all as being very useful to them in serving the cause of Higher Education in the years to come.

The total number of participants for the webinar were 210 across 4 states in India. It included Principals and Vice Principals and faculty members representing 91 colleges. It was also attended by Registrars and Examination In charges and clerks of Universities and Colleges. The webinar was conceptualized & coordinated by Head of the Department & ably supported by the members of the Department.



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The YouTube link for webinar:

<https://youtu.be/9dBifjCy-i8>