On 18th of June, 2019 School of Education, Central University of Jammu under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching in collaboration with Department of Education, University of Jammu conducted a ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE, to involve all the stakeholders of J&K for building a dialogue and democratize the discourse on Draft National
Education Policy 2019 issued by the MHRD. The Central University of Jammu has been granted Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT) for organizing various academic activities by School of Education.

The activities of the School of Education as per the National Scheme (PMMMNMTT) are being conducted through various Centres which are established as arms and wings of the School of Education. The National Scheme envisages establishment of seven different Centres. However, the Central University of Jammu got sanction for following three Centres under which the Department is organizing various activities:

1. Centre for Learning and Pedagogic Studies
2. Centre for Assessment and Evaluation
3. Centre for Teacher Resource and Academic Support

The broader objective of this conference was to rethink on Education Policy and to collaborate, to take note of different views, to establish dialogue with different stakeholders on NEP and to extend recommendations to the MHRD, Govt. of India. The vision of India’s new education system has accordingly to be crafted to ensure that it touches the life of each and every citizen, consistent with their ability to contribute to many growing developmental imperatives of this country on the one hand, and towards creating a just and equitable society on the other. The conference had extensive representation of stakeholders across the State. Teacher Educators from State and Central Universities of J&K; Director, School Education, J&K; Secretary Higher Education, J&K; Joint Directors SIE, J&K and Other Administrators of the state have participated in this conference. In the inaugural session of the conference Prof. (Dr.) Renu Nanda (Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Jammu) and Dr. Dharmendra Singh (Programme Coordinator, PMMMNMTT) welcomed the guest of honour Prof. Manoj Dhar (Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu), Prof. Ashok Aima (Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu), Prof. Riyaz Punjabi, Former VC, University of Kashmir, and other esteemed guests. The conference had taken up in three technical sessions based on the themes namely technological & vocational education, higher education and school education and each session was headed by a keynote speaker and a moderator for further discussions with panelists and participants. In the first technical session of technological and vocational education, the keynote speaker Prof. Manoj Dhar, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, elaborated the recommendation of the National Education Policy Draft (2019) and also stressed on bi-directional relation between education and technology. He also laid emphasis on the integration of the vocational education with the mainstream education so that there is no need for separate vocational colleges and universities. Prof. K L Bhatia was the moderator of this session and thus the session came with valuable suggestion that there is a need for promotion of integrated and flexible approach to education. Prof. Ashok Aima, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu, was keynote speaker of the second technical sessions that based on theme of higher education, elaborated that we should make our education system knowledge oriented and make our classroom as theater of learning where child can learn in an excited manner. He also explained that there is a global demand to make this era as a collaborative effort for making better ecosystem of learning. The moderator of this session was Prof. Hemla Aggarwal who concluded with the thought that we need to
restructure our curriculum according to the need of the hour. In third technical session, the keynote speaker was Prof. Mehraj Ud Din Mir, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CU Kashmir, who elaborated the theme of school education as a base of whole education system. He also pointed out the role of teachers in the school education for making the education more relevant and effective. Prof Javed Mussarat Vice Chancellor BGSBU was the moderator of third technical session which further taken up the discussions and made concluding remarks by recommending that there should be continuously follow up programmes for the proper implementation of the such policies. Lastly the concluding session chaired by Prof. Riyaz Punjabi, Former VC, University of Kashmir, the deliberations and reflections were made on the education in India as such Prof. R.D. Sharma (Hon’ble Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu), Prof. R.R. Sharma (Hon’ble Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu Prof. Manoj Dhar (Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu), Prof. Ashok Aima (Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu), ad presented their views. The whole session was hosted by Dr. Ritu Bakshi. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. J.N. Baliya. The deliberations of the conference have been compiled as a document and sent to MHRD as a set of vital inputs for finalization of policy in days to come.