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From Classrooms to Society: The Role of Social Scientists in the NEP Implementation

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Abstract: The New Education Policy (NEP) in India represents a transformative shift in the education landscape. This policy not only aims to overhaul the structure of education but also has far-reaching implications for social science research. The NEP brings about a lot of changes, and this paper looks at the future of the social sciences within that framework. It also looks at how the role of social scientists changes as the NEP takes effect and shapes the future of education. The NEP's emphasis on multidisciplinarity, flexibility, and research-oriented education provides a promising platform for the growth and evolution of the social sciences. It analyses the potential of social sciences research, the integration of technology, and the interdisciplinary approach to contribute to India's educational and societal development. By highlighting the significance of the NEP in the future of social sciences and the pivotal role of social scientists, this paper aims to provide insights and guidance for scholars, policymakers, and educators as they navigate the changing landscape of education in India.

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Introduction:

The New Education Policy (NEP) unveiled by the Government of India in 2020 represents a groundbreaking reform in the Indian education system. A dynamic shift is happening in education, and it has significant effects on the social sciences as well. This shift is reflected in its focus on multidisciplinarity, flexibility, and research-based education. The objectives of the paper are:

- To investigate how the NEP will affect the social sciences, emphasizing the opportunities it brings for research in these fields.
- To examine how the NEP affects and reshapes the future of education and how social scientists' roles change accordingly.
- To analyse the effects of NEP on the students to bring positive changes from classrooms to society.
- To help academics, decision-makers, and teachers navigate the evolving Indian education system by offering advice and insights.

The Future of Social Sciences in the NEP Era:

Interdisciplinary Approach: The NEP promotes a multidisciplinary approach to learning, breaking down the barriers between traditional disciplines. Social scientists now have the opportunity to collaborate with scholars from diverse fields, enriching their research and contributing to holistic problem-solving.

Research-Oriented Education: The NEP encourages research and critical thinking, providing social scientists with a conducive environment for groundbreaking research. The policy aims to increase funding for research and innovation, thereby facilitating the development of innovative solutions to societal challenges.

Technology Integration: The NEP places a strong emphasis on the use of technology in education, creating a wealth of data that social scientists can use. Data analytics, artificial intelligence, and digital platforms offer new avenues for research in the social sciences, enabling data-driven insights into complex societal issues.

Education serves as a powerful bridge between the confines of the classroom and the vast expanse of society. It is not just a means of