



National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration
(Deemed to be University)

Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Academic Council of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

The meeting of the 27th Academic Council of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) was held on March 23, 2021 at 11.00 am. The following members and special invitees attended the meeting:

1. Prof. N.V. Varghese
Vice-Chancellor
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi
Chairperson
2. Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan
Dean, Academics and Research
Professor & Head, Department of Higher and Professional Education
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi
Member
3. Prof. A.K. Singh
Controller of Examinations
Professor & Head, Department of Educational Policy
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi
Member
4. Prof. Pranati Panda
Professor & Head, Department of School and Non-Formal Education, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi
Member
5. Prof. Mona Khare
Professor & Head, Department of Educational Finance,
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi
Member
6. Prof. Kumar Suresh
Professor & Head, Department of Educational Administration
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi
Member
7. Prof. B. K. Panda
Professor & Head, Department of Training and Capacity Building in Education, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi
Member

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| 8. | Prof. Rashmi Diwan
Professor & Head, National Centre for School Leadership,
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 9. | Prof. K. Biswal
Professor & Head, Department of Educational Planning
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 10. | Prof. Veera Gupta
Professor & Acting Head, Department of Training and Capacity
Building in Education, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 11. | Prof. Vineeta Sirohi,
Professor & Chairperson, Steering Committee
(M.Phil - Ph.D Programme)
Department of Educational Administration
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 12. | Prof. P. Geetha Rani
(presently on Deputation)
Professor, Department of Educational Planning
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 13. | Prof. Madhumita Bandhopadhyay,
Professor, Department of School and Non-Formal Education
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 14. | Prof. K. Srinivas
Professor -ICT and Head- PMU, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 15. | Dr. Aarti Srivastava
Associate Professor, Department of Higher and Professional
Education, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 16. | Dr. Rasmita Das Swain
Associate Professor, School Standards and Evaluation Unit,
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 17. | Dr. Sangeeta Angom
Assistant Professor,
Department of Higher and Professional Education,
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 18. | Dr. V. Sucharita
Assistant Professor,
Department of Educational Administration, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |

19. Prof. H. Ramachandran National Fellow, ICSSR	Member
20. Prof. Poonam Batra Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi	Member
21. Prof. S. Madheshwaran Professor & Head, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy. Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.	Member
22. Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar Plot No. 3, ARCH Campus Nagaria, Ozarpada Road Dharamput - 396050 District Valsad, Gujarat	Member
23. Prof. Geetha B. Nambissan Zakir Hussain Center for Educational Studies, Schools of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Member
24. Dr. Sunita Chugh Associate Professor National Centre for School Leadership N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Spl. Invitee
25. Dr. Nidhi S. Sabharwal Associate Professor and Incharge, CPRHE NIEPA	Spl. Invitee
26. Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia Advisor, Unit for International Cooperation N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Spl. Invitee
Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee Registrar N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi.	Ex-officio Secretary

Prof. Atul Sarma, Chairman, OKDISCD, Guwahati could not attend the meeting due to hisr pre-occupation.

Members at Sl. No. 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 attended the meeting online through Google Meet link.

Prof. N.V Varghese, Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council.

Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee, Registrar, NIEPA briefed about the newly constituted Academic Council, as per the provision contained in the revised Memorandum of Association and Rules, 2020 of the Institute. He placed on record appreciation for the outgoing members of the Academic Council (Prof. Arvind Tiwari, Prof. Kailash Sodani, Prof. H. C. Verma and Prof. Furqan Qamar) for their contributions and active involvement.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council members about NIEPA and its various activities. He emphasised the contributions and role of NIEPA in policy and planning support to the Union and State Governments as well as different Institutions over the decades and years of its existence. He informed the members about the Perspective Plan of the NIEPA brought out in May 2020 and soft copy being uploaded on the NIEPA's website. He also shared about the series of efforts of NIEPA with respect to NEP 2020 and incorporating several dimensions of NEP 2020 in the training programmes. He further informed the members that NIEPA identified and analysed some of the key areas in NEP 2020 and brought out the document titled "NEP 2020 – Implementation Strategies". The same is uploaded on NIEPA's website. He also mentioned that despite the pandemic, there was a smooth transition from face-to-face to online programmes. The All India M.Phil-Ph.D entrance exam was conducted online without any hassles and there has been no delay or disruption in the academic activities.

Thereafter, the agenda-wise items were taken up by the Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council for consideration of the members of the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. 27.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 26th meeting of the Academic Council held on March 13, 2020

It was informed that the minutes of the 26th meeting were circulated to all members of the Council and no comments were received from any of the members.

The Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Academic Council held on 13/03/2020.

Agenda Item No. 27.2 Considering action taken report on the decisions of the 26th meeting of the Academic Council held on March 13, 2020

The Council noted the detailed information given in the Action Taken Report and approved the same with satisfaction.

Reporting Items:

Agenda item No.27.3

27.3.1 Status of the Training/Workshops/Seminars conducted in the year 2020-21

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.2 Review of the Status of Research Studies (ongoing/completed) up to March, 2021

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.3 Award of Doctor of Philosophy to NIEPA Scholars

Eight (08) NIEPA scholars, were awarded Doctor of Philosophy. The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.4 Submission of Ph.D. thesis for evaluation

Three (03) PhD scholars submitted their PhD thesis for evaluation. The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.5 Admission for Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme for the year 2020-21

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.6 Selected candidates for admission to Direct Ph.D. and Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. Programme 2020-21

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.7 Registration of Topics of Ph.D. Thesis and M.Phil. Dissertation of the Scholars

- (a) Research topics of thesis for Ph.D (full-time) scholars of 2019 batch
- (b) Research topics of thesis for Ph.D (full-time) scholars of 2020 batch
- (c) Research topics of dissertation of M.Phil scholars of 2019 batch

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.8 Admission Notice 2021-22 for Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. programme; Ph.D. (full time) and Ph.D. (part time)

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

There was a discussion on whether the Ph.D viva-voce should be conducted online irrespective of the pandemic situation by inviting everyone. It was decided that face- to-face viva-voce will be the main mode and online mode may continue as an option. The possibility of inviting more participants for the viva was also discussed. However, it was felt that UGC guidelines or the best practices be followed and invitation for viva be decided as per subject area or mandate.

27.3.9 Review of Report of Research Studies (11) and Research proposal (1) undertaken by NIEPA faculty members

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

27.3.10 Research Studies extended further on expiry of the duration

The Council noted the information with satisfaction and approved.

27.3.11 Research Studies, which have been reportedly been completed by the researcher but final report is yet to be received at PMU

The Council noted the information and desired that final report shall be submitted in time, towards total fulfillment of the research study.

27.3.12 Implementation of National Academic Depository (NAD) through Digilocker

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No. 27.4 Considering approval of the Training Programmes / Workshops/
Seminars for the year 2020-21**

The Vice-chancellor briefed the Council about training/seminars/workshops/programmes proposed by the Departments/Centres/Units of NIEPA. The programme proposals are discussed in the Departmental Advisory Committee of the concerned Departments. Accordingly, the proposals received from after due deliberations with concerned Departments and faculty members at NIEPA are academically vetted and will be appropriate to be offered. A total of 117 training/seminars/workshops/programmes have been proposed for the year 2021-22.

The Academic Council noted the information with satisfaction and approved the proposed training programmes for the year 2021-22.

**Agenda Item No. 27.5 Considering approval of the proposed Research Studies for the year
2021-22**

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council that conducting research in the areas related to educational planning and administration at NIEPA is one of its key areas of focus. It was informed that new research studies have been proposed by the faculty members and were discussed in the respective Department Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings. He also informed the members that these proposals will be developed into full-fledged proposals to be reviewed by the experts. After due deliberations, the Council approved the proposed research studies.

**Agenda Item No. 27.6 Considering approval of the Minutes of the 8th meeting of the
Board of Studies**

The Council considered and resolved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Studies held on March 19, 2021.


Any other item:

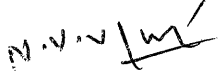
Some of the members suggested that there should be discussions on research in general, focusing on new areas of research. Research on national and international context of education, role of information technology or digitization, effect during pandemic and comparison to pre and post-pandemic scenarios, cross or multi-cultural-regional studies be taken up, adding the quality

mandate in our research and reach out policy. A detail brief on new initiatives taken in development studies, leadership and sectoral education, network universities and regional cooperation, strengthening online education etc., be discussed in detail in the next meeting. NIEPA shall also plan and start the Master's programme at the earliest.

The Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson, Academic Council assured the members that the format of Academic Council meeting is broad and will certainly include scope for such discussion in the subsequent Academic Council meetings. He thanked all the members and the external experts for their valuable contribution.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the member and the Chair.


(Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee)
Registrar and Secretary


(Prof. N.V. Varghese)
Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson

March 24, 2021