



**National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration**  
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**Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of the**  
**National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)**  
**Held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 at 10.30 a.m.**

The 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration was held at NIEPA on October 21, 2021 at 10.30 a.m. in Room No. 113, with provisions also to attend via video-conferencing in online mode, in view of Covid\_19 protocols and safety. The following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. N.V. Varghese<br>Vice-Chancellor<br>N.I.E.P.A, New Delhi  | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan<br>Dean, Academics and Research<br>Professor & Head, Department of Higher & Professional Education<br>N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member      |
| 3. Prof. A.K. Singh<br>Controller of Examinations<br>Professor and Head, Department of Educational Policy<br>N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi                     | Member      |
| 4. Prof. Pranati Panda<br>Professor and Head, Department of School and Non-Formal<br>Education / Head, SSE Unit, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi                 | Member      |
| 5. Prof. Kumar Suresh<br>Professor and Head, Department of Educational Administration<br>N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi   | Member      |
| 6. Prof. B. K. Panda<br>Professor and Head, Department of Training and Capacity<br>Building in Education, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi                        | Member      |
| 7. Prof. Rashmi Diwan<br>Professor and Head, National Centre for School Leadership,<br>N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi   | Member      |

8.	Prof. K. Biswal Professor and Head, Department of Educational Planning N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
9.	Prof. Veera Gupta Professor and Acting Head, Department of Training and Capacity Building in Education, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
10	Prof. P. Geetha Rani Professor (presently on Deputation) Department of Educational Planning, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
11	Prof. Madhumita Bandhopadhyay, Professor, Department of School and Non-Formal Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
12	Prof. K. Srinivas Professor (ICT) and Head (PMU), N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
13	Prof Aarti Srivastava Professor, Department of Higher and Professional Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
14	Prof. Manisha Priyam Professor, Department of Educational Policy, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
15	Prof. Neeru Snehi Professor, Department of Higher and Professional Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
16	Prof. Sunita Chugh Professor, Department of School and Non-Formal Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
17	Dr. Sangeeta Angom Associate Professor, Department of Higher & Professional Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
18	Dr. Kashyapi Awasthi Assistant Professor, Dept. of School and Non-Formal Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
19	Dr. V. Sucharita Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Administration, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
20	Prof. H. Ramachandran National Fellow, ICSSR	Member

21 Prof. Atul Sarma Chairman, OKDISCD, Guwahati	Member
22 Prof. Poonam Batra Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi	Member
23 Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar Plot No. 3 ARCH Campus Nagaria, Ozarpada Road Dharamapu-396050, Dist. Valsad, Gujarat	Member
24 Prof. Geetha B. Nambissan Zakir Hussain Center for Educational Studies, Schools of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Member
25 Dr. Nidhi S. Sabharwal Associate Professor and Incharge, CPRHE NIEPA, New Delhi	Spl. Invitee
26 Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia Advisor, Unit for International Cooperation N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Spl. Invitee
27 Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee Registrar, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi.	Ex-officio Secretary

Prof. S. Madheshwaran, Professor and Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, Prof. Mona Khare, NIEPA, Prof. Vineeta Sirohi, NIEPA and Prof. Rasmita Das Swain, NIEPA could not attend the meeting.

Members at Sl. No. 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 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 & Secretary, Academic Council, NIEPA briefed about the newly constituted and expanded Academic Council, as per the provision contained in the revised Memorandum of Association and Rules, 2020 of the Institute.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council members about NIEPA and its various activities. He started with remembering all the dear colleagues and advisors to NIEPA who lost their lives due to Covid and recalling their immense contributions in NIEPA's varied activities. He next 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 apprised the members about the Report of the National Committee on Credit Transfer Framework wherein NIEPA was assigned the role of the Secretariat and the report has been submitted to the Ministry of Education. He also shared about the report on Establishing International Branch Campuses in India : A survey among 'Top 200' Universities, which is also uploaded on NIEPA website. In addition, series of efforts of NIEPA with respect to NEP 2020 and incorporating several dimensions of NEP 2020 in the training programmes was briefed to the members. He further informed that NIEPA has 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, including timely start of new Academic Session 2021-22 and IT/ICT support extended for the teaching and training programmes.

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

**Agenda Item No. 28.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on March 23, 2021**

It was informed that the minutes dated 24.03.2021 of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were circulated to all members of the Council and one of the comments received on Agenda Item 27.3.7(c), was incorporated and the revised minutes dated 08.04.2021 were circulated.

The Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on 23.03.2021.

**Agenda Item No. 28.2 Considering action taken report on the decisions of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on March 23, 2021**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction, as given in the Action Taken Report.

**Agenda item No.28.3 : Reporting Items:**

**28.3.1 Status of the Training/Workshops/Seminars conducted up to September, 2021**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

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There was a discussion on to write the reasons or process for timely reporting the non-conduct of the trainings/workshops/seminars through the concerned Departments/Centres to the PMU and Vice-Chancellor, so that it is finally rescheduled and conducted.

### **28.3.2 Review of the Status of Research Studies up to September, 2021**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

There was a discussion on prioritizing completion of research projects and to encourage all faculty members to publish the research findings in the form of occasional papers (working paper series), journal articles or books, as research outcomes. The concern of members about delay in completion of research or submission of reports, fixing deadlines, justification for extension, given if any, and incentive for timely finish were also discussed. Specific work or achievement if any during the corona period, including publications shall be separately mentioned by the PMU.

### **28.3.3 Result of Viva Voce Examination of Ph.D Scholars**

Three (03) NIEPA scholars were awarded the degree of Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy). The Council noted and approved the information with satisfaction.

### **28.3.4 Submission of Ph.D. thesis for evaluation**

Five (05) Ph.D scholars submitted their PhD thesis for evaluation. The Council noted the process followed and information given, with satisfaction.

### **28.3.5 Report on Admission for Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme for the year 2021-22**

The Council noted and approved the information with satisfaction.

### **28.3.6 Final result of M.Phil. programme for 2019-21 batch**

The Council noted and approved the information with satisfaction.

### **28.3.7 Eligibility of Assistant Professors to supervise PhD scholars**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

### **28.3.8 Reporting matter of pursuing two degrees simultaneously from two different Universities, the case of Ms. Reetu, Integrated M.Phil.- Ph.D Scholar**

The Council noted that Ms. Reetu student of integrated M.Phil/ Ph.D Programme was not permitted to pursue two degrees simultaneously from two universities. She has voluntarily withdrawn/ cancelled her admission from IGNOU where she was registered for MA (Sociology)

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### **28.3.9 Implementation of National Academic Depository (NAD) in NIEPA**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

### **Agenda Item No. 28.4 Approval of registration of research titles of M.Phil dissertations of the scholars, 2020-22 batch**

The council noted the information with satisfaction and approved the M.Phil research titles for the year 2020-22. The council also noted the correction in Sr. No. 22, as mentioned by Prof. A. K. Singh, with the research title as :

22	Jamshed Ahmad	20201023	Modern Education through Madrasas : A study of selected Madrasas in U.P.	Prof. A. K. Singh
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### **Agenda Item No.28.5 Considering the revised fee structure for M.Phil. and PhD programme and inclusion of few additional heads**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction and approved the revised fee structure, w.e.f Academic Year / Session 2022-23. It was recommended to report the item in the next meeting of the Board of Management.

There was a suggestion from the council to explore the possibilities of initiating insurance/ mediclaim policy for the students, within the medical fee proposed now.

### **Agenda Item No. 28.6 To consider the formula for conversion of CGPA into percentage**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction and approved the same. It was recommended to report the item in the next meeting of the Board of Management.

Some members of the Council were suggestive that NIEPA shall undertake a study for fixing the norms of evaluation and assessment across disciplines, for the UGC / HEIs and suggest uniformity or a policy, if possible. The national and international norms be studied, including the desired changes needed under NEP-2020. The matter is certainly of academic interest and can itself be a good research topic.

### **Agenda Item No. 28.7 Proposal for online PGDSLM course**

The idea was received well and appreciated by all the members of the council. It was informed by the Chairman that the details of the proposal will be further worked out, in quality and contents, entering into a consultative process and stakeholder's deliberations. A right combination of dual-mode teaching, theory and practice will be attempted, ensuring its quality and effectiveness, so that it becomes an acceptable model. There was a suggestion to incorporate the international discourses in this area as a background note and its implications in the Indian context, which was equally appreciated. It was decided that deliberations and recommendations of the Expert Group Committee and the Board of Studies will be shared for comments.





**Agenda Item No. 28.8 Any other item:**

As a matter of discussion and suggestions received, it was suggested that :

1. A research study shall be undertaken on the effects of online versus offline classes, as a method of teaching and course dissemination across disciplines, in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), in the context of Covid\_19 initiatives and circumstances.
2. We need to work out how to reduce the cycle time after submission of thesis and methodology when some corrections/modifications are suggested by the examiner(s) and delay in viva-voce thereof. It was, therefore, pointed out that the supervisor certifies that corrections are being carried out before the viva-voce examination is organised.
3. To check the title cover of the thesis / dissertation, as per other CUs/HEIs, and bring congruence or uniformity.

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**

October 27, 2021