

10.	Prof. Veera Gupta Professor, Department of Educational Policy, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
11.	Prof. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay Professor, Department of School and Non-Formal Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
12.	Prof. Rasmita Das Swain Professor, School Standards and Evaluation Unit, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
13.	Prof. Aarti Srivastava Professor, Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
14.	Prof. Sunita Chugh Professor, Department of School and Non-Formal Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
15.	Prof. Manisha Priyam Professor, Department of Educational Policy, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
16.	Prof. Neeru Snehi Professor, Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
17.	Prof. H. Ramachandran National Fellow, ICSSR	Member
18.	Dr. Sangeeta Angom Associate Professor, Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
19.	Dr. Santwana Gopalchandra Mishra Associate Professor, Department of Educational Planning, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
20.	Dr. V. Sucharita Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Administration, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
21.	Prof. Atul Sarma Chairman, OKDISCD, Guwahati 264, Rama Apartment, Sector-11 Pocket 2, Dwarka, New Delhi	Member
22.	Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia Advisor, Unit for International Cooperation, NIEPA, New Delhi	Special Invitee
23.	Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee Registrar, NIEPA	Ex-officio Secretary

The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior occupation and were given leave of absence :

1.	Prof. S. Madheswaran Professor & Head, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore	Member
2.	Prof. Poonam Batra Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi	Member
3.	Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar Plot No. 3, ARCH Campus, Nagaria, Ozarpada Road Dharamput – 396050, Dist. Valsad, Gujarat	Member
4.	Prof. Geetha B. Nambissan Retd. Professor of Sociology of Education Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Member
5.	Prof. Pranati Panda Head, Department of School and Non-Formal Education & School Standards and Evaluation Unit, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
6.	Prof. Vineeta Sirohi Professor, Department of Educational Administration, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
7.	Prof. Pradeep Kumar Misra Director CPRHE , NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
8.	Dr. Kashyapi Awasthi Assistant Professor, Department of School & Non-Formal Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member

Member at Sl. No. 15 and Special Invitee at Sl. No. 22 attended the meeting online through Google Meet link and other members attended the meeting in person. Prof. P. Geetha Rani, Department of Educational Planning, NIEPA, is on deputation, as per existing communication.

Prof. N.V Varghese, Vice-Chancellor NIEPA, chairing the meeting of Academic Council, extended a very warm welcome to all the members and invited experts to the meeting.

Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee, Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council NIEPA, welcomed all the members those present and others attending online via Google meet to the meeting. He briefed about the statutory roles and functions of the Academic Council and its composition, 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 various activities of NIEPA, since the previous meeting held on March 10, 2022. He gave an elaborate view of the process

being followed in approving the research proposals, trainings, seminars and workshop, collaboration and extension activities etc., and the outcome of such efforts reflected in the form of brochures, papers and other publications, under an institutional mechanism. He emphasised the contribution and role of NIEPA in policy and planning support to the Union and State Governments as well as to the different institutions in the recent past. Recently the NAAC accreditation has also been done and our degrees are now accredited. The recent visit of NAAC peer-team (October 12 -14, 2022), and score as communicated (October 18, 2022), was discussed. It has been decided to register an appeal on the score received of 2.99 (B++ grade), in view of our expectation, that it shall be better.

The members were informed about forthcoming programme of National Education Day (Maulana Azad Memorial Lecture), on November 11, 2022 and the 60-Years of NIEPA (Diamond Jubilee Celebrations), scheduled for November 22, 2022 at India Habitat Centre. It was informed that Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, has approved the construction of Multipurpose New Academic Building, with a cost outlay of Rs. 30.8 Crores and has approved funds for the same. While the first instalment of funds for the deposit work is processed and CPWD being engaged in the call of tenders, a ground-breaking and foundation stone ceremony may happen, depending on the progress.

The Vice-Chancellor also expressed satisfaction that Academic Session 2022-23 has commenced smoothly and face-to-face teaching is going on for the Int. M.Phil.-Ph.D programme and continuous learning support is received through Computer Cell, including for the training programmes.

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

Item No. 30.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on March 10, 2022

The minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on March 10, 2022 were circulated amongst the members on March 14, 2022. No comments or suggestions were received on the draft minutes as circulated.

The Academic Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Academic Council held on March 10, 2022.

Item No. 30.2 Considering Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 29th Meeting of the Academic Council held on March 10, 2022

The Academic Council noted the information with satisfaction, as given in the ATR. Regarding the workshop proposal and budget proposed for the events, related to the Hindi Journal, *Pariprekshya*, it was decided to refer the matter back to the Editorial Board, to address the matter comprehensively and to submit a plan of action for getting native and original Hindi articles of very high standard, preferably from Hindi speaking areas, experts and academic institutions etc., located in 'A' region. On receipt of a report, the matter will be placed and looked into appropriately.

Item No.30.3 Reporting Items

30.3.1 Status of the Training/Workshops/Seminars conducted up to October, 2022

The Academic Council noted the status of conducting Training Programmes/ Workshops/ Seminars at NIEPA, as one of the major activity of the Institute, for the period 01.04.2022 to 31.10.2022.

The Academic Council wanted to get a detail account of reasons for non-conduct of scheduled programmes and alternatives if any or plan for taking up such programme by March 31, 2023 when the Council takes a full-year review, of implementation of the Training Calendar 2022-23.

30.3.2 Review of the Status of Research Studies up to October, 2022

The Academic Council noted the information with satisfaction. It was informed that institute has been undertaking and promoting inter-disciplinary research and studies to generate new knowledge for formulating evidence based research in the education sector and development goals. Both qualitative and quantitative research, with

emphasis on techniques, level and structure and procedures are taken up within the country and states, emphasising on action research, including longitudinal studies, which would generate new knowledge in key areas for improving our educational policy, planning and administration.

The status of ongoing research project or studies, the completed ones, due for publishing and submitted before the Internal Research Review Committee were noted. The mechanism for monitoring, reviews conducted if any, reasons for delay, quality control and support for better-quality publications was also discussed.

30.3.3 Visit of Parliamentary Committee to NIEPA on 22.06.2022, COPLOT (Committee on Paper Laid on the Table)

The Academic Council noted the visit of Rajya Sabha Parliamentary Committee (COPLOT), which visited the institute on June 22, 2022 to review the status of delay in laying the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of NIEPA, on the Table of the House for the period 2015-16 to 2019-20.

The COPLOT (Committee on Papers Laid on the Table), Rajya Sabha and the Officials of Nodal Ministry, noted the compliance as per details given below and expressed satisfaction, expecting that in future due care will be taken to submit such documents in time.

Financial Year	Date of submission to the Nodal Ministry (MoE)		Date of Papers laid on the Table of the Parliament	
	Audit Reports received from CAG	Annual Report	Lok Sabha	Rajya Sabha
2015-16	07.06.2019	17.12.2019	23.03.2020	19.03.2020
2016-17	29.11.2019	22.09.2020	13.02.2021	17.03.2021
2017-18	29.11.2019	05.07.2021	29.11.2021	10.08.2021
2018-19	29.11.2019	28.07.2021	29.11.2021	10.08.2021
2019-20	22.01.2021	27.10.2021	13.12.2021	15.12.2021
2020-21	24.03.2022	10.03.2022	--	--

30.3.4 NAAC Accreditation process and visit of NAAC Team

The Academic Council noted that NAAC Peer Review Team has visited the Institute during October 12-14, 2022 and considered the

SSR submitted for the 5-year period (2016 – 2020) for accreditation. The report was communicated by NAAC, Bangalore on October 18, 2022, informing that NIEPA is graded B++ with a score of 2.99 based on above assessment. Not satisfied with the score, the Institute has decided to submit an appeal against the score, and has submitted its appeal dated October 30, 2022, to look into the matter.

30.3.5 Result of viva-voce examination of Ph.D. Scholars

The Academic Council noted that the following Ph.D. scholars have submitted their final Ph.D. thesis and are recommended for award of degree.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar	Enrol. Number	Date of viva-voce examination	Date of award of degree	Date of final Submission
1.	Laboni Das (Part-time)	2011 2004	21.04.2022	10.05.2022	30.05.2022
2.	Deepinder Kaur	2015 2004	25.04.2022	10.05.2022	06.06.2022

The Academic Council granted post-facto ratification for award of Ph.D degrees and approved admitting the scholars for certification in the convocation.

30.3.6 Submission of Ph.D. thesis for evaluation

The Academic Council noted that that the following scholars have submitted their Ph.D. thesis for evaluation.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar	Enrolment Number	Date of Registration	Date of submission
1.	Sangita Dey	20142005	05.04.2020 (re-registration 10.05.2021)	28.03.2022
2.	Bagesh Kumar	20172009	01.09.2017	29.08.2022
3.	Kriti Dagar	20172003	01.09.2017	29.08.2022
4.	Shivani Bakshi	20172001	01.09.2017	30.08.2022

The Academic Council resolved to approve the status as above, and desired that viva-voce be held early to declare results and completion of Ph.D, as applicable.

30.3.7 Submission of M.Phil dissertation for evaluation

The Academic Council noted that 22 Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D scholars of 2020 batch have submitted their M.Phil dissertation and completed all requirements for the award of M.Phil degree.

Sl No	Name of the Scholar	Enrolment Number	Date of submission	Date of viva-voce examination
1.	Nayab Parveen	20201002	01.05.2022	23.08.2022
2.	Pankaj Sarkar	20201003	01.05.2022	22.07.2022
3.	Ganga S	20201004	30.04.2022	18.07.2022
4.	Richa Sharma	20201005	30.04.2022	01.09.2022
5.	Dipannita Mukherjee	20201006	02.05.2022	19.07.2022
6.	Mansi Pandey	20201007	30.04.2022	09.09.2022
7.	Anuradha Shah	20201008	10.05.2022	26.09.2022
8.	Sujit Kumar Luha	20201009	30.04.2022	11.07.2022
9.	Anjita Singh	20201010	30.04.2022	22.08.2022
10	C. Thangminlal Dounge	20201011	11.05.2022	21.07.2022
11	Kajal Yadav	20201012	02.05.2022	08.09.2022
12	Rashmi Mishra	20201013	30.04.2022	17.08.2022
13	Ayana Pathak	20201014	30.04.2022	01.08.2022
14	Govinda Kumar Sah	20201015	07.05.2022	01.09.2022
15	Aishwarya Sharma	20201016	02.05.2022	29.08.2022
16	Rajiv Kumar	20201017	30.04.2022	19.07.2022
17	Vandana Singh	20201018	30.04.2022	17.08.2022
18.	Sumanta Halder	20201019	05.05.2022	13.09.2022
19.	Pabitra Saha	20201020	16.06.2022	13.10.2022
20.	Bisma Manzoor	20201021	30.04.2022	04.08.2022
21.	Jamshed Ahmad	20201023	15.05.2022	13.09.2022
22.	Diwakar Soni	20201024	19.05.2022	27.09.2022

The Academic Council also noted that after submission of their M.Phil dissertation, the scholars have been working for their Ph.D. thesis and Supervisors for Ph.D. programme have since been allotted to them. The Academic Council resolved to accord post-facto ratification for award of M.Phil degree to

above scholars and admitting them for certification in the convocation.

30.3.8 Report on Admission for Integrated M.Phil - Ph.D programme for the Year 2022-23

The Academic Council noted the admission status of students in the Integrated M.Phil. - Ph.D. programme (Academic Session 2022-23), as follows :

1.	Total Number of applications received for Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme	250
2.	Total Number of Applications shortlisted for Written Test	221
3.	Total Number of candidates qualified in the written test and called for interview	77
5.	Total candidates selected for admission	26

Name of the Programme	Total Number. of candidate selected	Gen	SC	ST	OBC	PWD	EWS
Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D.	24	11	03	02	05	01	02
Full-time Ph.D.	02	02	0	0	0	0	0
Total	26	13	03	02	05	01	02

The Academic Council accorded its post-facto ratification and noted that out of 25 candidates (02 Ph.D, 23 M.Phil) who have reported joined/enrolled for the programme, only 21 candidates (01 Ph.D, 20 M.Phil) are pursuing the programme, as on date.

30.3.9 Course work result of Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme for 2021-23 batch

The Academic Council noted the enrollment of students for Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme of 2021-23 batch. It was noted that all candidates except Sr. No. 18 (Ms. Urmila Vishnoi), has completed their coursework and appeared in the 1st and 2nd semester examination and were allotted supervisors. Semester result for Ms. Urmila Vishnoi is awaited as she could not appear for the Second Semester examination along with her batch mates due to illness. Her examination will be held later. As discussed in the

Board of Studies (11th Meeting dt. 01.11.2022), it was recommended to re-conduct the term-end examination as a special case. However, provision in such cases wherever delay/absence or any other pressing reasons and circumstances are being considered, same shall be regulated through an ordinance, to be finalized by the Academic Council.

The Academic Council resolved to refer the matter to the Student Advisory Committee to submit draft recommendations in such case and framing a suitable guideline, which can be considered in the next meeting.

Item No. 30.4 Conduct of Convocation Ceremony and formal award of M. Phil. and Ph.D. degrees to the students.

The Academic Council noted that 133 degrees were conferred in the Convocation ceremony, held on October 21, 2022 at the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, PHD House, New Delhi. The Academic Council ratified the list of graduating scholars [27 Ph.D and 106 M.Phil degrees], who were conferred the degrees and recommended for approval of the Board of Management.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Programme								
M.Phil	16	08	10	17	17	16	22	106
Ph.D	02	01	02	05	07	08	02	27
Total	18	09	12	22	24	24	24	133

Item No.30.5 Modification in registered research title for Ph.D thesis of Ms. Twinkle Panda, Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. scholar-2018 batch.

The Academic Council considered the recommendations of Standing Advisory Committee (SAC), about suggested modification in the registered research title for Ms. Twinkle Panda, Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. scholar [20181017].

The Academic Council resolved that SAC may relook into the matter, as it lacks synergy and linkage, in the revised topic suggested.

Item No. 30.6 **To consider proposals received from Course Co-ordinator - NER for the North East Regions Grants, through Ministry of Education**

The Academic Council noted that institute has been receiving special funds for NER every year from Ministry of Education and this fund has to be utilised especially for carrying out academic and research activities, imparting skills and training or capacity building programmes, projects etc., for the NER region.

The Academic Council considered the proposal dated October 14, 2022 submitted by Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Faculty Coordinator, NER Liaisoning Committee and recommended that preliminaries and preparation thereto be considered by the DAC and Research/PMU Unit, as per procedures. It was noted that a consolidated proposal was sent to the Ministry [F.No. 51-1/2022-23/F&A/Budget/NER dated 19.10.2022], for release of budget or funding support, in the current financial year.

The Academic Council also felt that institute shall enter into MoU with the Universities in NER region and other centres/nodal agencies, to plan capacity building programmes for the teaching staff and other employees of the states, institutions etc., as per our vision and mandate. A consultative and collaborative approach shall be adopted, including discussion with the policy makers, to make the proposals more informed, transparent and effective.

Item No. 30.7 **To consider approval of the Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Board of Studies held on 01.11.2022**

The Academic Council noted the minutes of the Board of Studies meeting, held on 01.11.2022 with satisfaction, and approved it.

Item No. 30.8 **To appraise the Academic Council about activities of the Department of Educational Finance for the Year 2022-23**

The Academic Council noted that meeting of the Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC), of the Department of Educational Finance was not held in the month of February - March, 2022, to consider the research proposals for the Year 2022-23 and 2023-24. Now, a proposal dated 11.10.2022 is received from the Head, Department of Educational Finance which is endorsed and shall be complied with to achieve the goals and objectives, subject to the condition that all processes or procedures are followed.

Item No. 30.9 To consider introducing a new programme of Master of Arts in Education and Development, from Academic Session 2023-24.

The Academic Council noted that a new 2-Year Master's Programme in Education and Development, is proposed to be offered w.e.f Academic Session 2023-24. The proposal is recommended by the Board of Studies, as per discussions held in its 11th meeting, held on November 1, 2022.

The Academic Council further noted that the programme is aimed for graduate students coming from multidisciplinary background, helping them to acquire an understanding of development and education from interdisciplinary, comparative and international perspective and to reflect critically on a wider range of contemporary debates and issues concerning education and development. The programme aspires to equip students with enough understanding and skill to conduct an empirical analysis of educational and developmental issues and activities and also to critique current educational policies, programmes and practices for development at regional, national, and international levels. The 2-year program will have three essential components, viz., the core, electives and field-based activity or the project work, divided into four semesters and each semester has three core courses, one elective course to be chosen by the students and two field-based activities. Each core course as well as the elective will be of four credits and the field-based activity or project being of two credits each.

The Academic Council also noted the observations of Board of Studies [11th meeting held on 01.11.2022], as follows :

1. There is a need to check the contents and overlap if any, including in the courses of Statistics / Research Methodology. The contents shall be designed in terms of level of understanding required from fresher's with or without having a background of Statistics. The advanced contents shall be further introduced as per actual requirement of the program and its usefulness.
2. Some of the basic thrust on environment, conservation of earth, climate and energy, SDGs, pollution, disaster mitigation, value and skill development etc., be introduced as useful reading or practice, in view of PG Courses to be compliant with NEP-2020 and UGC guidelines.
3. A conceptual framework and articulation roadmap shall be indicated in the beginning, giving good analysis of the programme and its outcome for two-years of productive engagement. The transaction of theory, practice, internship, field work, class-room and vocation learning etc., shall be interwoven, depicting the outcome of each course and learning out of it, that how it makes the difference. A holistic diagrammatic presentation shall be made to depict its normal and special flavour and flow.
4. The work load/credit distribution shall be revisited and enough opportunity shall be given for self-learning, peer learning, library consultation, writing and preparing materials, non-credit interventions, presentations etc.
5. The avenues of employment or engagement in the country and abroad shall be spelled out, that how it will address the global needs and a unique programme with conceptual - theoretical - practice trios in place.
6. The admission requirements, qualification framework, method of entrance test, designing of entrance test to judge suitability of candidates, informative prospectus, fee structure, number of

seats, provision for scholarships, foreign students etc., shall be decided and if it requires a launch workshop simultaneously to keep the things ready for its easy implementation.

The Academic Council agreed to the observations of Board of Studies and resolved to recommend the proposal to offer 2-Year MA in Education and Development w.e.f. Academic Session 2022-23 and seeking approval of the Board of Management. It was also agreed upon that once approved; the Institute may approach the UGC and the Ministry of Education for necessary approvals, funding and support, as applicable.

Item No. 30.10 Any other item with the permission of the Chair

1. The Academic Council noted that Dr. Santwana G. Mishra, Associate Professor, has recently joined the Institute on November 23, 2021 and has submitted a research proposal, entitled "Quality of Secondary Education in India : An analysis of correlates of learner achievement across States" , which is recommended by the Head, Department of Educational Planning.

The Academic Council resolved that the proposal is timely and appropriate to be considered, subject to the condition that all procedures are to be followed, and be processed through the Research Unit / PMU, as applicable.

2. The Academic Council noted that a proposal to conduct impact assessment of different policies and programmes implemented by the Government of India relating to Education has identified 12 Areas and 11 Nodal Institutions to coordinate the activities related to assessing the effect and impact of the National Programme on Education. NIEPA has been identified as the Nodal Institute for the themes, National Education Policy 2020, Samagra Shiksha (National Education Mission), PM Poshan, National Initiatives for School Heads and Teacher's holistic Advancement (NISHTA), and Rashtriya Uchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). The Vice Chancellor has convened a meeting

of the coordinating faculty members on July 28, 2022 to discuss about the modalities for implementing activities related to each of the themes identified above. It was decided to identify faculty members as coordinators for the activities, like :

- National Education Policy, assessment of NEP 2020 implementation, status, issues and pathways - Prof. A.K. Singh and Prof. Kumar Suresh,
- Samagra Shiksha (National Education Mission), an integrated scheme for School Education - Prof. Pranati Panda,
- National Initiatives for School Heads and Teacher's holistic Advancement (NISHTA) - Prof. Sunita Chugh,
- PM Poshan - Prof. Madhumita Bandhopadhyay,
- Rashtriya Uchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) - Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan.

It was decided that NIEPA will be coordinating the activities related to themes and the persons identified to coordinate the themes will be in contact with the Nodal Ministry and will identify the Institution/Government officials from the State level to undertake the responsibilities of carrying out the research. The research will not involve detailed data collection and empirical analysis; it will involve organizing consultative meetings and review of documents available with the State Governments. It was also decided that after discussing with Institutions/Agencies for implementing the project at the State level, a write up on each of the themes reflecting the objectives of the study, methodology and expected outcome and the budgetary requirements will be prepared by the Coordinator of each theme. A consolidated version of these proposals and the budget will be submitted to the Ministry of Education. It was also decided that Prof. Kumar Suresh will be the overall Coordinator for coordinating the activities related to all the projects, which has to be completed in three months, assigning highest priority. The Secretary,

Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education is monitoring progress of this mission activity.

3. The Academic Council complimented and noted the list of publications, as added during the period April – October, 2022.

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

November 14, 2022