



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

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Board of Studies
held on 2nd November, 2021 (10.30 a.m.)

The Meeting of the 9th Board of Studies of the institute was held on 2nd November, 2021 at 10.30 a.m. in LH-113 online via Google Meet. The following members and special invitees attended the meeting:

1.	Professor N.V. Varghese Vice-Chancellor NIEPA, New Delhi	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan Dean, Academic and Research Head, Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
3.	Professor A.K. Singh Controller of Examination Head, Department of Educational Policy NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
4.	Professor Pranati Panda Head, Department of S&NFE and SSE Unit NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
5.	Professor Mona Khare Head, Department of Educational Finance NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
6.	Professor Kumar Suresh Head, Department of Educational Administration, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
7.	Professor B.K. Panda Head, Department of Training & Capacity Building in Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
8.	Professor K. Biswal Head, Department of Educational Planning NIEPA, New Delhi	
9.	Professor Veera Gupta (presently on Sabbatical Leave) Department of Training & Capacity Building in Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member

10.	Professor Rashmi Diwan Head, National Centre for School Leadership NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
11.	Professor Vineeta Sirohi Chairperson, Steering Committee (M.Phil.-Ph.D. Programme) Department of Educational Administration NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
12.	Professor K. Srinivas Head – IT/ICT & PMU NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
13.	Professor Madhumita Bandopadhyay Department of School and Non-Formal Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
14.	Professor Rasmita Das Swain School Standards and Evaluation Unit NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
15.	Professor Aarti Srivastava Department of Higher & Professional Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
16.	Professor Sunita Chugh Department of School and Non-Formal Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
17.	Professor Manisha Priyam Department of Educational Policy NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
18.	Professor Neeru Snehi Department of Higher and Professional Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
19.	Dr. Sangeeta Angom Associate Professor Department of Higher & Professional Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
20.	Dr. Kashyapi Awasthi Assistant Professor Department of School & Non-Formal Education	Member
21.	Dr. V. Sucharita Assistant Professor Department of Educational Administration NIEPA, New Delhi	Member

22.	Professor Santosh Panda Professor, STRIDE, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068	Member
23.	Dr. Nidhi S. Sabharwal Associate Professor Incharge, CPRHE, NIEPA, New Delhi	Spl. Invitee
24.	Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia Advisor, Unit for International Cooperation, NIEPA, New Delhi	Spl. Invitee

Professor Janaki Rajan, Department of Teacher Training & Non-Formal Education, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation. Professor P. Geetha Rani, presently on deputation, also conveyed her inability vide her email communication dated 01.11.2021. They were granted leave of absence. Members at Sr. No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 attended the meeting online through Google Meet Link.

The meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) was chaired by Professor N.V. Varghese, Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA.

Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee, Registrar, NIEPA welcomed the Chairperson, Members and Special Invitees to the meeting. It was mentioned that composition of the Board of Studies is now as per the revised Memorandum of Association, 2020 of the Institute.

Professor N.V.Varghese, the Chairperson, Board of Studies, extended a warm welcome to the members and external experts and expressed satisfaction on timely action being taken on the agenda, related to the academic matters. He observed that with the normalisation of pandemic situation, the academic session has commenced in time, with inaugural orientation and extension lectures for the Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D programme, delivered by the experts. The support from Library, Documentation, IT Department, Students Cell and Administration has been continuous and satisfying, with regular classes being conducted in the semester under online mode. The overall situation has now further improved and we look forward for contact /face-to-face lectures and extending reading room and hostel facility etc., since no major technical problem has come during the period, since commencement of the session / classes.

Thereafter, the following items of the Agenda were taken up for the consideration of the Board of Studies:

Item No. 9.1 **Confirmation of minutes of the 8th meeting of the Board of Studies held on 19.03.2021**

The Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Board of Studies held on 19.03.2021.

Item No.9.2 **Action taken report on the minutes of the 8th meeting of the Board of Studies held on 19.03.2021.**

The Board noted the information given in the Action Taken Report. Regarding Item 8.3 [Revision in guidelines for submission of Doctoral Thesis and formatting in M.Phil. dissertation/Ph.D Thesis], it was felt that the matter needs further discussion, as the guidelines formulated shall be in conformity with the procedures outlined in the UGC Regulations. Accordingly, it was felt proper to refer the matter to the HoDs Committee/Faculty meeting, and thereafter be placed before the Board of Studies, with its recommendations.

Item No. 9.3 **Decision on M.Phil programme, as per the implementation of New Educational Policy – 2020**

After detailed discussions, it was felt that NIEPA shall continue to offer Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D programme, till there is any notification received from UGC or Ministry of Education. In the event, whenever such notification is issued to cancel or stop the M.Phil programme, the existing batch will continue and complete the programme under 4-year pattern or duration (in place of earlier 5-year Integrated Programme), now comprising of 1-year compulsory credit based course work and 3-years of research, in the chosen subject or discipline / doctoral area.

Item No. 9.4 **Issuance of the M.Phil and Ph.D. Degrees**

The Board noted that 87 degrees [M.Phil.–74, Ph.D-13], have been given till 2016 in the prescribed format, and 107 degrees [M.Phil.–

85, Ph.D-22] since 2016 onwards, are to be printed and yet to be handed over to the graduate scholars. It was felt that providing provisional certificate mayn't be enough and all graduating scholars must get their degrees regularly in time. To clear this backlog, degrees shall be issued in the approved revised format and stationary, as decided by the Academic Council in its meeting dated 22.10.2019.

After detailed deliberations and having understood the processes, the Board of Studies decided that present Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, by virtue of their Office (ex-officio), can sign the degrees, even if they were not working in the Institute in the respective year(s) of completion of degree of a particular scholar or delay in conferment of the same. It will be prudent that decision to hold a ceremony, if feasible, be also explored in the completing Academic Session 2021-22 and it may be suitably planned, making it an annual event.

Item No. 9.5

Fellowship to M.Phil. – Ph.D scholars at NIEPA

After detailed deliberations, it was decided to give fellowship at the existing rates, maintaining *status-quo* in the CFY 2021-22, looking into the budget or fund constraints under OH-31. It shall be reviewed, sometime during the month of March, 2022 and taken up in the Board of Management for a decision. As far as possible, the NIEPA fellowship be admissible to the admitted scholars, who are eligible as per UGC-NET guidelines.

Item No. 9.6

Proposal for Online PGSDLM Course

After detailed deliberations, it was decided to principally agree to offer the PGSDLM course in blended mode and work further on the proposal, incorporating the inputs, quality and material aspects etc., as received from the members and external experts. The revised proposal shall be circulated amongst the members well in advance, before submitted in the next Board of Studies meeting.

Item No. 9.7

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- (i) **Department of Training & Capacity Building in Education – suggesting minor change in terminology / name of the Department**


Prof. B. K. Panda, Head, Department of Training and Capacity Building in Education, submitted a note dated 01.11.2021 citing recommendation of the DAC that it has proposed word “**Building**” to be replaced with “**Development**” in the name of the Department. It was suggested that, this minor change in the title of the Department will suitably fit into the present globally accepted terminology of capacity development as programmes of NIEPA are focused more on holistic development of the individual, both under national and international diploma programmes.

After detailed discussion, it was felt appropriate to re-name the Department as **Department of Training and Professional Development in Education**, rather than Department of Training & Capacity Building in Education or Department of Training & Capacity Development in Education.

It was also decided to submit the recommendation for consideration of the Board of Management.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the members, special invitee and the Chair.


(Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee)
Registrar


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

November 5, 2021