



**National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration**  
(Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the UGC Act 1956)  
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**Minutes of 4th Meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board of NIEPA**

The 4th meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration was held on March 20, 2023 at 11.30 a.m. in Lecture Hall – I (Room No. 113), with provisions also for members to attend the meeting through video-conferencing in online mode. The following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan<br>Vice Chancellor (I/c)<br>Head, Department of Higher & Professional Education<br>NIEPA, New Delhi               | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Pranati Panda<br>Head, Department of School & Non-Formal Education<br>& School Standards and Evaluation Studies<br>NIEPA, New Delhi | Member      |
| 3. Prof. Mona Khare<br>Head, Department of Educational Finance<br>NIEPA, New Delhi   | Member      |
| 4. Prof. Kumar Suresh<br>Head, Department of Educational Administration<br>NIEPA, New Delhi  | Member      |
| 5. Prof. B. K. Panda<br>Head, Department of Training and Professional<br>Development in Education, NIEPA, New Delhi                          | Member      |
| 6. Prof. K. Biswal<br>Head, Department of Educational Planning<br>NIEPA, New Delhi   | Member      |
| 7. Prof. Pradeep Kumar Mishra<br>Director, CPRHE<br>NIEPA, New Delhi   | Member      |

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| 8. Prof. G. D. Sharma<br>President, Society for Education & Economic Development,<br>New Delhi  | Member       |
| 9. Prof. Mohammad Akhtar Siddiqui<br>Institute of Advanced Studies in Education<br>Faculty of Education, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi | Member       |
| 10. Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia<br>Advisor, Unit for International Cooperation<br>NIEPA, New Delhi                                      | Spl. Invitee |
| 11. Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee<br>Registrar, NIEPA, New Delhi   | Secretary    |

Amongst regular members, Prof. A. K. Singh, Head, Department of Educational Policy; and Prof. Namita Ranganathan, Department of Education, Delhi University, could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupations. Prof. Pradeep Kumar Mishra, Director, CPRHE and Prof. Mohammad Akhtar Siddiqui, Faculty of Education, Jamia Milia Islamia attended the meeting online, through Google meet.

Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan, Vice-Chancellor (I/c.) and Chairperson of the Planning and Monitoring Board extended a warm welcome to all the members attending the meeting.

Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee, Registrar & Secretary, Planning and Monitoring Board, NIEPA welcomed the Chairperson and the Members and briefed about the provisions contained in the revised Memorandum of Association and Rules, 2020 of the Institute, role and functions of the Planning and Monitoring Board. He also welcomed the members to this 4th meeting, which is taking place at very important instance of completion of 60 years of the existence of the establishment and requested the members to guide the institute, strengthening its various academic, research and capacity development programme.

The Chairperson, Planning and Monitoring Board, briefed the members about recent development in NAAC ranking. It was mentioned that as a matter of appeal and review, the earlier score of 2.99 [B++ grade], is now improved to 3.05 [A grade]. The Convocation ceremony was conducted and graduating scholars were conferred degrees (106-M.Phil., 27-Ph.D), in the first Convocation held at PHD House. The institute conducted recently a G-20 consultative meet on key topics pertaining to HEIs, Research, Innovation and Academia-Industry linkages and also 5 capacity development workshops were conducted for the College Principals of Andhra Pradesh Government.

The Chairperson further observed that Planning and Monitoring Board is a new entity and going by the 4th occasion of its meeting, we are in the process of understanding its role and scope of engagement in advising the institutional development process. In terms of its importance, we need to adopt a process of academic and research monitoring, keeping with the objectives of the institute, engaging in academic and administrative audit, evolve newer methods or benchmark, guidance and monitoring to senior management as per NAAC / IQAC guidelines for full implementation of NEP-2020 in our context. The depth and width of inclusiveness, diversification, mode(s) of learning and internationalisation are to be addressed, while we strengthen our Ph.D programme and start Master's Programme, Diploma / Certificate and other new capacity building initiatives.

The members also placed on record their deep appreciation for the role and contributions of Prof. N. V. Varghese, Ex-Vice Chancellor & Ex-Chairperson, Planning and Monitoring Board, who has contributed immensely to the process of development and has set an institutional mechanism in the institute.

**ITEM 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board of the Institute.**

The members noted the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Planning & Monitoring Board held on November 16, 2022, circulated earlier and that no comments were received on it.

The members accordingly resolved to approve the minutes and expressed satisfaction on the same.

**ITEM 4.2 Considering Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 3rd meeting of the Planning & Monitoring Board, held on November 16, 2022.**

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the information with satisfaction, as given in the ATR and approved the same.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
<p><b><u>Item 3.1</u></b></p> <p>Update and changes, which have taken place in the list of Committees, either in the membership or new-composition, as reported:</p>	<p>The changes were notified :</p> <p><b>Board of Studies :</b> No. NUEPA/Admn./RO/RMOA&amp;R/155/2016-17 Dated 09.09.2022</p> <p><b>Finance Committee :</b> No. NUEPA/Admn./RO/RMOA&amp;R/155/2022-23 Dated 10.10.2022</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.2</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of commitments to COPLOT (Committee on Papers Laid on the Table), Rajya Sabha about publication of Annual Reports of the Institute.</p>	<p>Annual Reports were submitted in time for the years indicated below :</p> <p><b><u>Year 2020 – 21</u></b> Audit Report received from CAG : 24.03.2022 Annual Report submitted to MoE : 10.03.2022 Laid on the Table of the House : Lok Sabha : 08.08.2022 Rajya Sabha : 08.02.2023</p> <p><b><u>Year 2021 – 22</u></b> Audit Report received from CAG : 06.10..2022 Annual Report submitted to MoE : 06.12.2022 Lok Sabha : 13.03.2023 Rajya Sabha : 15.03.2023</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.3</u></b></p> <p>Conduct of Convocation and formal award of degrees (M.Phil &amp; Ph.D) to the scholars</p>	<p>Convocation Ceremony was held on October 21, 2022 at 3.00 pm at the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, PHD House, 4/2 Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi-110016 for award of Degrees to M.Phil and Ph.D. scholars. 106 M.Phil, and 27 Ph.D degrees were conferred on the scholars.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.4</u></b></p> <p>NAAC accreditation process and visit of the NAAC pear team</p>	<p>The NAAC Peer Review Team visited the Institute during October 12 -14, 2022 and later through a report dated 18.10.2022, the grading of Institute was notified as B++ (2.99 on a Scale of 4.00). Not satisfied with above, the Institute preferred an appeal (filed on 30.10.2022), and the NAAC Secretariat has informed that the NIEPA grading / score is now enhanced to 'A' (3.05 on a Scale of 4.00).</p>

<p><b><u>Item 3.5</u></b></p> <p>Ministry of Education (MoE) detailed work plan on National Heritage, relating to the study on following five identified themes.</p> <p>Ref. DO Secy(HE)/ 2022/MoE dt. 25.07.2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ National Educational Policy -2020</li> <li>➤ Samagra Shiksha (National Education Mission)</li> <li>➤ PM Poshan</li> <li>➤ National Initiatives for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement (NISHTA)</li> <li>➤ Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS)</li> </ul>	<p>The report is likely to be submitted by March 31, 2023 as the report is in final stage of review and submission. The Coordinator has been informed / reminded to expedite, submission of report, in the following theme areas :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rashtriya Uchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) – Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan</li> <li>▪ National Educational Policy-2020, Assessment of NEP-2020 Implementation: Status, Issues and Pathways – Prof. A.K. Singh &amp; Prof. Kumar Suresh</li> <li>▪ Samagra Shiksha (National Education Mission), an Integrated Scheme for School Education – Prof. Pranati Panda</li> <li>▪ An Evaluative Study of PM Poshan, Shaksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 Schemes in India – Prof. Madhumita Bandhyopadhyay</li> <li>▪ A Study on NISHTHA, its Coverage, Relevance and Implementation at the Institutional (School) Level – Prof. Sunita Chugh</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Item 3.6</u></b></p> <p>Activities of GIAC (Grants-in-Aid Committee) minutes and dated 16.02.2022.</p>	<p>The activities and minutes of 43rd meeting of Grants-in-Aid Committee held on 16.02.2022 was noted. The minutes of Research Review Committee meeting held on 21.09.2022, in reference to proposals referred to them was also noted.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.7</u></b></p> <p>Seeking funding support for conducting various trainings, workshops and FDPs under Higher Education Initiatives in</p>	<p>The fund request for carrying out academic and research activities, training and capacity building programmes, projects etc., for the North-East Region was considered by the Ministry of Education and funds to the tune of Rs. 153.37 lacs was sanctioned and released for 9 such programme activities in the CFY 2022-23.</p>

<p>the North-Eastern Region – a request submitted to the Ministry of Education (MoE).</p>	
<p><b><u>Item 3.8</u></b> Proposed construction of New multi-storied Academic Building in NIEPA</p>	<p>The construction work of the new academic building has since commenced on 24.12.2002 and it is likely to take one-year for completion.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.9</u></b> Change in the nomenclature and possible modification in the organogram.</p>	<p>It was observed that any change or revisiting the organogram should require a detailed proposal and justification from the Computer Centre / ICT Unit and any transition from a Service Centre or Facilitation Centre to an Academic Unit can be considered, provided it has sufficient justification and broader academic layout of work, including how the existing manpower will be utilised, assessing both current and future requirements. The classification, roles and responsibility of staff and officers shall be properly mapped and while entering into such transition or proposing change, a well-defined organisation structure with POSDCORB (Planning, Organizing, Staffing, Directing, Coordinating, Reporting and Budgeting), shall be thoroughly discussed and scripted to avoid any future ambiguity and it shall be congruent with the UGC guidelines.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.10</u></b> Diamond Jubilee Celebrations</p>	<p>On account of celebrating 60 years of its existence, a Diamond Jubilee Programme was held on 22.11.2022 at the India Habitat Centre (IHC). The Ex-Vice-Chairman UGC graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Chancellor, NIEPA presided over the programme.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.11</u></b> Introducing a new academic programme – Master of Arts in Education and Development.</p>	<p>It was agreed to introduce a new programme of 2-Year Master of Arts in Education and Development, from the Academic Session 2023-24. It was also approved by the Board of Management in its meeting held on 25.11.2022.</p>

## ITEM 4.3    REPORTING ITEMS

### ITEM 4.3.1    **To report the accreditation and NAAC Score**

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted that the Institute has submitted Self-Study Report (SSR) for the period 2016-2020 in June, 2022 to undergo Assessment and Accreditation through NAAC, as required and mentioned in the UGC Review Committee Report (Letter No. 6-6/2002(CPP-I/DU) dated 06.12.2018. Based on SSR submission, the NAAC Peer Review Team visited the Institute during 12 – 14 October, 2022 and later through a report dated 18.10.2022, the grading of Institute was notified as B++ (2.99 on a Scale of 4.00).

The Planning and Monitoring Board further noted that not satisfied with the score, an appeal was filed on 30.10.2022 to review the score. Finally the NAAC Secretariat on 28.02.2023 informed that the NIEPA grading / score is now enhanced to 'A' (3.05 on a Scale of 4.00). **The following message was received :**

*Greetings from NAAC.*

*I am glad to inform you that the outcome of the Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) exercise of your institution has been processed and approved by the Standing Committee constituted by the Executive Committee to examine the peer team reports and declare the accreditation results. Your institution has been accredited with a CGPA of 3.05 on a seven-point scale at A Grade valid for a period of 5 years from 28.02.2023. The original certificate of accreditation will be dispatched to the institution in due course. The Assessment Outcome Document (AOD) of your institution is available on the portal and the same may be downloaded and displayed on your institutional website. I am sure that the detailed peer team report handed over to you during the exit meeting along with the AOD will enable the institution to initiate further quality enhancement measure.*

**ITEM 4.3.2 Events held at NIEPA of G-20 Consultative Meet on India's G20 Presidency and the Education Agenda**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted the conduct of two-day consultative meet at NIEPA on ***Strengthening Research and promoting innovation through richer collaboration in the context of India's presidency of the G20***. The basic reference point was to generate inputs through the process of deliberation in the meet and the institute was able to generate inputs / key recommendations in the following theme areas from the consultative meet. The recommendations were shared with the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education. Prof. Kumar Suresh coordinated the overall programme, with Unit for International Cooperation, other faculty-team members and nearly 100 external participants.

Date / Session	Theme/Topic of the Consultative Meet	Coordinator / Dept.
<b>February 13, 2023</b>		
I – F/N	Ensuring foundational literacy and numeracy especially in the context of blended learning.	Prof. Mahumita Bandyopadhyay School & Non-Formal Education
II – A/N	Making tech-enabled learning more inclusive, qualitative and collaborative at every level.	Prof. K. Srinivas IT / ICT
<b>February 14, 2023</b>		
I – F/N	Development of a strategy for building capacities, promoting life-long learning in context of future of work.	Prof. Mona Khare Education Finance
II – A/N	Development of a strategy to present India's experience in strengthening research and promoting innovation through richer collaboration.	Prof. A. K. Singh Educational Policy



### **ITEM 4.3.3**

#### **Status of the Training Programmes, Workshops and Seminars conducted in the Year 2022-23**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted that conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars, capability building etc., has been one of the major activities of the Institute and it has the recommendation of DSC. The Training Calendar for the Year 2022-23 was approved earlier in the 29th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 10.03.2022, which has to be executed and fulfilled in the year 2022-23.

The Planning & Monitoring Board observed that a large number of programmes which were approved by the Academic Council, were not conducted, neither the reasons been clearly mentioned. Similarly an explanatory note or analysis / appendix need to be enclosed, which shall mention about other trainings and workshops conducted on the request of states or other organisations, which were not scheduled / predicted earlier, and have possibly taken extra time or affected scheduled programme, as the case may be. It may be possible to design a training calendar for 11 ~ 10 months and 1 ~ 2 months of time be kept for unscheduled or a cushion for late/ special/ urgent request or invited programme, falling in the domain of the Department / Centre, as felt necessary to tide over this situation. As a matter of yearly/monthly and weekly workload or engagement, the total number of days/duration of training, days/hour of engagement and time spent in extra/unscheduled trainings and/or outstation visits for conducting trainings or capacity building programme be also taken into account, after discussion and due diligence.

The Planning & Monitoring Board further observed that a final list be prepared after March 31, 2023 and any other

programme which was postponed and can possibly be conducted in next 1 ~ 2 months now, as a matter of overcoming delay or spill over be included adopting a flexible approach, rather than to stand deficient in conducting the total number of programmes, as approved and envisaged by the Academic Council and/or approved by the Board of Management.

The Chairperson, Planning & Monitoring Board approved in principle, the status of trainings conducted in the Year 2022-23 and felt that the situation can be addressed in next two-weeks, by holding a special meeting or consultation amongst other issues, of all faculty members from the Departments/Centres

#### **ITEM 4.3.4**

#### **College Principals Leadership Training Programme for Andhra Pradesh Commissionerate of College Education (APCCE)**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted that NIEPA has recently organized a Leadership Training Programme for 175 Principals of the Government Degree Colleges from Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with the Commissionerate of Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh. It was conducted in 5 batches starting from January - March 2023 and an MoU was signed on 30.12.2022 by the Commissioner of College Education, Andhra Pradesh Government. The training programme for all 5 batches of the Principals has since been completed, on March 18, 2023. The focus of the training programme was **operational aspects of the implementation of NEP 2020** and as per objectives; it was felt that this practical and policy-planning immersion into key aspects of the NEP 2020 will help the Principals of the colleges in operationalizing the recommendations and

guidelines in their respective Colleges. Professor Kumar Suresh, Department of Educational Administration, was the Programme Director and each of the programme was coordinated by a faculty member from different Departments of NIEPA, as per details given below.

Batch / Dates	Number of participants	Coordinator / Department
I : 2 – 7 Jan.,2023	35	Prof. Aarti Srivastava Higher & Professional Education
II : 16 – 21 Jan.,2023	35	Prof. Neeru Snehi Higher & Professional Education
III: 13 – 18 Feb.,2023	35	Dr. Santwana G mishra Educational Planning
IV : 20 – 25 Feb., 2023	37	Dr. Anshu Srivastava Educational Administration
V : 13 - 18 March, 2023	33	Dr. Amit Gautam School & Non-Formal Education

**ITEM. 4.3.6**

**A Ministry of Education (MoE) detailed work plan relating to the study on five identified themes.**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted that NIEPA has conducted an impact assessment study on different policies and programmes implemented by the Government of India, on five major themes, as entrusted to it vide Ministry's Letter No. Secy.(HE)/2022/MoE dated July 25, 2022. Prof. Kumar Suresh, Department of Educational Administration, as the Nodal Officer/Coordinator has mentioned that work was completed and a final draft report is under preparation to be sent for external review and will be submitted to the Ministry within a week's time, say by March 31, 2023.

Sr. No.	Theme of the Study	Coordinator / Department
1.	National Educational Policy-2020 Assessment of NEP-2020 Implementation : Status, Issues and Pathways	Prof. A. K. Singh Educational Policy Prof. Kumar Suresh Educational Administration
2.	Samagra Shiksha (National Education Mission) An Integrated Scheme for School Education	Prof. Pranati Panda School & Non-Formal Education
3.	An Evaluative Study of PM Poshan, Shaksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 Schemes in India	Prof Madhumita Bandhopadhyay School & Non-Formal Education
4.	Study on NISHTHA , its Coverage, Relevance and Implementation at the Institutional (School) Level	Prof. Sunita Chugh National Centre for School Leadership
5.	Rashtriya Uchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)	Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan Higher & Professional Education

**ITEM 4.4 Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Board of Studies held on March 13, 2023.**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted the Minutes of the Board of Studies [12th meeting held on March 13, 2022] and recommended that it may be acted upon on priority and placed in the next meeting of the Board of Management for its kind information.

**ITEM 4.5 Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Academic Council held on March 15, 2023.**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted the minutes of the Academic Council [31st Meeting held on March 15, 2023] and recommended that it may be acted upon on priority and placed in the next meeting of the Board of Management for its kind information.

**ITEM 4.6 The proposed activities of the Grants-in-Aid Committee and minutes of the GIAC meeting held on February 16 and December 27, 2022.**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted the minutes of the Grants-in-Aid Committee [43rd meeting held on 16.02.2022 and 44th meeting held on December 27, 2022], and observed that minutes/proceedings are in order. It also noted the minutes of Research Review Committee (RRC) of the GIAC, which was held on September 21, 2022, to scrutinize and submit recommendations on the research proposals, referred to it and submitted by different organizations, seeking funding support.

The Planning & Monitoring Board further noted that GIAC committee has been reconstituted vide Notification No. 22-1/2011-12 PMU/GIAC Vol. VI dated March 7, 2023 and now frequency of meetings shall be increased to at least three to four in a financial year.

**ITEM 4.7 (i) Status of the Training Programmes, Workshops & Seminars proposed to be conducted / scheduled for the Year 2023-24.  
(ii) Status of the Research work done or studies conducted in the Year 2022-23 and New Research Projects for the Year 2023-24.**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted that Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) is the recommendatory body, which meets at least

once in a year to help the Departments / Centres discuss and plan their activities, scrutinizing proposals executed at various time/ levels, including that in the previous year or to suggest their continuance / extension, planning and review of the research programmes, training programmes, workshops, seminars and to suggest projects or programmes planned for the forthcoming year, including participation of the faculty members in extension activities, field-survey based research etc.

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted the minutes of DAC meetings held recently in various Departments/ Centres/ Units for the Year 2023-24 as per details given below and also the draft Training Calendar, prepared for the Year 2023-24. Similarly Research projects completed in the Year 2022-23 and New Research Projects proposed for Year 2023-24 were also noted and taken up for discussion.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Department / Centres / Units</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Department of Educational Planning	23.02. 2023
2.	Department of Educational Administration	23.02. 2023
3.	Department of Educational Finance	23.02. 2023
4.	Department of Educational Policy	23.02. 2023
5.	Department of School & Non-Formal Education	24.02.2023
6.	Department of Higher and Professional Development	24.02.2023
7.	Dept of Training & Professional Development in Education	24.02.2023
8.	Information Technology / ICT	24.02.2023

9.	Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education	03.03.2023
10.	National Centre for School Leadership	06.03 2023
11.	Unit for International Cooperation	09.03.2023

On careful perusal of the proposals, the Planning & Monitoring Board felt that while the proposals are being compiled and presented, it shall have the careful inputs of the Research Unit/ PMU and the Dean (Academic & Research), both for the training programmes and that for research studies, in terms of its reported completion, review or reasons for incomplete proposals, planning that how it can be completed in the extension period, or any other suggestions / efforts etc. The reasons for extension shall be closely scrutinized, conforming to its relevance and update in contents and possibility if any, of its being published as a useful knowledge material. How many research proposals are making it to JEPA, occasional Paper Series, Journal papers or books was also a matter of discussion and interest.

The Planning & Monitoring Board further observed that a final list of performance be prepared after March 31, 2023 (of trainings and research study approved in the Year 2022-23), and other programmes which were not included or postponed and can possibly be included or conducted in next 2 ~ 3 months, as a matter of overcoming delay or spill over to be included by adopting a flexible approach, rather than to stand short in conducting the programmes, as approved and envisaged by the Academic Council and/or approved by the Board of Management.

The Chairperson, Planning & Monitoring Board approved the programmes conducted in the Year 2022-23 and the new programmes (trainings and research study), proposed for the Year 2022-23 through DSC, in principle and felt that the situation can be

addressed in the next 2 ~ 3 weeks, by holding a special meeting and consultation with the faculty members from the Departments/Centres.

#### **ITEM 4.8**

#### **Implementation of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 in NIEPA and approval of the New Ph.D Regulations for Admission in NIEPA for Batch 2023-24.**

The Planning & Monitoring Board accepted that UGC Notification dated November 7, 2022 will be adopted and implemented in full, titled University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022. It noted that as per Clause-14, the M.Phil programme has since been discontinued and nothing in these Regulations shall impact the M.Phil degree programmes commencing prior to the enactment of these Regulations. Similarly the award of degree to candidates registered for the Ph.D programme on or after July 11, 2009 or May 5, 2016, as the case may be, will be governed by the earlier Regulations, titled *UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009* or the *UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016*, as applicable.

The Planning & Monitoring Board further noted that, in order to implement the UGC Notification, a committee was constituted in NIEPA to revise the Ph.D. Regulations and design a Prospectus for admission to Ph.D. programme in the Institute in the Session 2023-24. The recommendations of the Committee and that of the Board of Studies [12th meeting dated March 13, 2023] and Academic Council [31st meeting dated March 15, 2023], were also noted.

After detailed discussion, the Planning & Monitoring Board consented to go ahead with the new Ph.D. Regulations and Prospectus for admission to Ph.D. programme [Full-time & Part-



time], to be effective from the Academic Session 2023-24. It also recommended that same may be submitted for information and approval of the Board of Management.

**ITEM 4.9 New MA Regulations for Admission in NIEPA for Batch 2023-24. Institute is commencing the new programme of Master of Arts in Education and Development from the Academic Session 2023-24**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted that NIEPA, a Deemed University u/s-3 of the UGC Act, 1956 is willing to offer a new 2-year full-time PG programme, as per the approved UGC framework {UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of the Master's Degree through Formal Education) Regulations, 2003} w.e.f. Academic Session 2023-24 titled as, ***Master of Arts in Education and Development***. It also noted that this will be the first postgraduate programme and the course layout or curriculum guide has since been approved by the Academic Council [30th meeting dated November 10, 2022] and the Board of Management [26th meeting dated November 25, 2022].

The Planning & Monitoring Board further noted that as per recommendation made in the Faculty meeting held on January 6, 2023 few important issues were discussed related to draft regulations, prospectus, advertisement, fee structure, intake capacity for Indian students (30), compliance to reservations, admission of international students (15% supernumerary) and conduct of open-entrance examination etc., for the MA programme. Committees entrusted with the activities have since submitted their recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor and same were approved and placed before the Board of Studies [12th meeting dated March 13, 2023] and the Academic Council [31st meeting dated March 15, 2023]. These Statutory Committees have recommended the Regulations and Prospectus, for its implementation to offer the 2-

Year M.A. Programme in Education and Development w.e.f Academic Session 2023-24.

After detailed discussion, the Planning & Monitoring Board consented to go ahead with the 2-Year (4 Semester, full-time) MA programme w.e.f Academic Session 2023-24 and recommended that its Regulations and Prospectus be submitted for information and approval of the Board of Management. The Institute shall furnish information to the UGC / Nodal Ministry (Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education) as applicable, relating to observance of the provisions of the Regulations, on or before commencement of the course.

**ITEM 4.10 Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) in view of the University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulation, 2021**

The Planning & Monitoring Board noted that *the University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulation, 2021* published in the Gazette of India, dated July 28, 2021 is applicable and has to be adopted. The HEIs has to onboard the ACB (Academic Bank of Credits) facility, developed by the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under DigiLocker framework; established on the lines of the National Academic Depository (NAD).

The Planning & Monitoring Board further noted that, all scholars are to be informed about the ABC benefits and provide them necessary handholding. As per Secretary, UGC Letter dated July 29, 2021 and February 21, 2023 they shall be asked to login on the ABC Portal. Since the NEP-2020 also recommends the same bringing in the principles of flexibility, multi-disciplinarity, skill and respect for diversity or the local context, with focus on equity and inclusion, the Institutes must

initiate the process of registering students to the ABC Portal. [<https://www.abc.gov.in>] and do necessary hand-holding or conducting capacity building workshops for its students, staff and faculty. This onboarding shall be quick and mandatory, with display on website and insisting students to fill up the ABC IDs in all examination / entrance forms. It will be in fitness of things to nominate a senior faculty – PG/Research Coordinator, as the Nodal Officer for ABC and notify on the website for information of all concerned, including access to external students.

The Planning & Monitoring Board observed that matter has already been submitted before the Board of Studies [12th meeting dated March 13, 2023] and Academic Council [31st meeting dated March 15, 2023], hence as a matter of policy it shall be implemented on or before the commencement of Academic Session 2023-24. The matter shall also be submitted for information and approval of the Board of Management.

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



(Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee)  
Registrar and Secretary



(Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan)  
Vice-Chancellor (I/c) and Chairperson

March 24, 2023

