

**5.3.1 Number of awards/ medals won by students for outstanding performance in sports/ cultural activities at inter-university/ state/ national/ international events (award for a team event should be counted as one), during the last five years**

NIEPA students are senior cohort engaged in deep reading and refection. They under take co-curricular and sports activity more as an individual rather than as a group or team, that too, whenever they find a window for it. Hence the activities related to sports and culture are spread wide, lacking depth, as the research tenure is time bound. Due to the intensity of the programme they are enrolled in and the timeline charted in the institutional Gantt chart, NIEPA scholars pursue sports and cultural activities only as hobbies and free time pursuits rather than formalizing their passions into cut throat competition. The passions continue for a life time giving them scope for a life time achievement award.