



## **Webinar**

**on**

### **Higher Education during the Covid Pandemic**

(24 July 2020 from 11:00 to 13:00 hrs)

The Department of Higher and Professional Education of NIEPA has conducted a survey on “Covid 19 and Higher Education” in July 2020. The Survey is based on the feedbacks received from academic faculties and administrators of universities and colleges. Based on the report prepared by the Department and other inputs, NIEPA is hosting a webinar on **Higher Education during the Covid Pandemic** on July 24, 2020 from 11:00 hrs to 13:00hrs

#### **Background**

Covid 19 has been posing an unprecedented challenges due to the forced closure of institutions of higher education for over four months. There is a looming threat of the pandemic and the closure of educational institutions may continue for more time. An important challenge is to understand the way forward. Fortunately, technology has provided opportunities to explore new ways to continue with educational activities. Most educational institutions have moved to offering online courses relying on computer and mobile phones. This move to digital modes of transactions necessitate improved technological infrastructure and orientation and training of faculty to manage technology mediated teaching-learning processes. A new pedagogy of online learning may not only be a short term solution during the pandemic but can also be relied on in the long term as a supplement to in-person classroom interactions. The NIEPA survey highlights the status of teaching, learning, student assessment and examination during the pandemic period. It also underlines the need for the support of the government and enhanced public investment to strengthen online learning, equip institutions with necessary infrastructure and strengthen the capacity of teachers to design, develop and offer online courses. The more important aspect is to ensure equity in access to students to online courses and teaching learning processes relying mix modes of online and offline teaching.

In the light of above, a webinar is being proposed with the resource persons from regulators, university representative and administrators and faculty to search for the ways forward.

#### **Objectives**

The major objectives of the proposed webinar are

1. To understand the effect of the pandemic on faculty and institutional activities during the period of closure
2. To discuss the leadership challenges during Covid 19 pandemic
3. To explore opportunities for teaching and learning in online and offline
4. To suggest ways forward to make institutions function effectively during pandemic

## Speakers



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