



National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)
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Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Academic Council of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

The 26th meeting of the Academic Council of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration was held at NIEPA on March 13, 2020 at 10.30 am in Room No. 113. The following members were present in the meeting:

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| 1 | Prof. N.V. Varghese
Vice-Chancellor & Director, CPRHE
N.I.E.P.A, New Delhi | Chairman |
| 2 | Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan
Professor & Head
Department of Higher and Professional Education
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi. | Member |
| 3 | Prof. A.K. Singh
Professor & Head
Department of Educational Policy, NIEPA | Member |
| 4 | Prof. Pranati Panda
Professor & Head
Department of S&NF Education & Head, SSE Unit
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 5 | Prof. Mona Khare
Professor & Head
Department of Educational Finance
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |
| 6 | Prof. K. Biswal
Professor & Head
Department of Educational Planning
N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi | Member |

	Dr. Veera Gupta Professor & Acting Head Deptt. of Training and Capacity Building in Education, N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
8	Dr. Aarti Srivastava Associate Professor Department of Higher & Professional Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
9	Dr. Sangeeta Angom Assistant Professor Department of Higher & Professional Education N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Member
1	Prof. Atul Sarma Chairman, OKDISCD, Guwahati 264, Rama Apartment, Sector-11, Pocket 2 Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075	Spl. Invitee
1	Prof. K. Srinivas Head, IT & PMU N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi.	Spl. Invitee
1	Dr. Sunita Chugh Associate Professor NCSL N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Spl. Invitee
1	Dr. Nidhi S. Sabharwal Associate Professor and Incharge, CPRHE NIEPA	Spl. Invitee
1	Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia Advisor Unit for International Cooperation N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi	Spl. Invitee
1	Prof. Kumar Suresh Professor & Head, Dept. of Educational Administration & Registrar (I/c) N.I.E.P.A., New Delhi.	Member & Secretary

Prof. Arvind Tiwari, Prof. Kailash Sodani, Prof. H.C. Verma, Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar and Prof. Furqan Qamar could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.



Prof. Atul Sarma, Prof. K. Srinivas, Dr. Sunita Chugh, Dr. Nidhi S. Sabharwal and Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia attended the meeting as Spl. Invitees.

Prof. N.V Varghese, Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Academic Council extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council members about NIEPA and its various activities. He emphasised the contributions and role of NIEPA in policy and planning support to the union and state governments as well as different institutions over the decades and years of its existence. He shared the information about the perspective plan and various developments and additions in programmes and activities including NRCE,, UIC, LEAP, ARPIT etc. This was followed by detailed discussions and suggestions by the external members on various aspects of academic engagements of NIEPA.

The VC also briefed the members on the various activities undertaken in NIEPA subsequent to the previous meeting held on October 22, 2019. Thereafter, the agenda-wise items were taken up by Prof. Kumar Suresh, Registrar (I/c) for consideration of the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. 26.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 25th meeting of the Academic Council held on October 22, 2019

It was informed that the minutes of the 25th meeting were circulated to all members of the Council. No comments have been received from any member. Therefore the Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the 25th meeting of the Academic Council held on 22/10/2019.

Agenda Item No. 26.2 Considering action taken report on the decisions of the 25th meeting of the Academic Council held on October 22, 2019

The Council noted the information given in the Action Taken Report with satisfaction.

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25.3.2 Review of the Research Studies upto September 2019: The Council noted with satisfaction the process established to facilitate the review and provide all faculty members with equal access to opportunities for publication of research studies undertaken at NIEPA. It was informed to the members that the attempt of NIEPA to formalise publication procedures was viewed as a useful



strategy to overcome barriers posed by social resources, and that social facilities should not be a barrier to publication.

It was noted that as per the suggestions of the 24th Academic Council and in consultation with faculty members in multiple faculty meetings, a Committee with NIEPA faculty members specialising in diverse social science disciplines has been constituted to review and discuss modes of dissemination of the research through various forms of publications such as reports, research papers, occasional papers and books by national and international publishers.

The Council was informed that in case the forthcoming book is based on the research or papers presented in seminars which are financially supported by NIEPA (as is the case with majority of research being undertaken in NIEPA), as a matter of principle, the contract to publish the book with reputed publishers is signed by the NIEPA Registrar with the royalty from the sales of the books paid to the NIEPA. It was submitted to the Council that based on series of faculty meetings and the previous Board of Studies, a Committee constituted by the VC of the NIEPA has drafted the guidelines on publication. After the approval of the Competent Authority, it will be implemented in NIEPA.

Agenda item No.26.3 Reporting Items:

26.3.1 Status of the Training/Workshops/Seminars conducted in the year 2019-20

The Council noted the information with satisfaction. The Council noted the given information with satisfaction. During the noting on the scheduling of the training programmes while it was acknowledged the reasons of postponement of some of the programmes lay outside NIEPA's control, it was submitted for consideration to schedule carefully and as far as possible avoid irrational cancellations of programmes. As far as possible, the Council advised the coordinators to carefully plan and schedule those programmes which in all planning probabilities would be in a position to be conducted.

It was submitted that some of the programmes that were approved in the year 2019-20 but were postponed maybe transferred and could be conducted in the year 2020-21. It was noted that this



is possible as long as official administrative processes are followed for permissions and the budgetary provisions are accounted for in the organisation of the rescheduled programmes.

It was noted that the list of training programmes should reflect comprehensively the unscheduled programmes but conducted; the list should include online programmes being conducted by NIEPA, and, finally also include those NIEPA programmes that are organised in collaboration with the State governments.

26.3.2 Review of the Status of Research Studies up to February 2020

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

The Council was informed that for the new research projects mechanisms have been put in place to review the status of research proposals and for budgets to be more realistic. The Committee constituted to review the research studies report submitted by the faculty members has been assigned the responsibility to review the budget as well as the preliminary review of the research proposals of the faculty members for the year 2020-21. It was clarified that approved budgets will be adjusted by aligning budgetary cycle and research cycle.

26.3.3 Result of Viva voce Examination of Ph.D Scholar

The Council noted the information with satisfaction

26.3.4 Submission of Ph.D. thesis for evaluation

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

26.3.5 Admission of M.Phil scholars to Ph.D. programme for the year 2019-20

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

26.3.6 Final Result of M.Phil Scholars of 2016-18 batch

The Council noted the information with satisfaction.

26.3.7 New Admission in M.Phil and Ph.D courses for the academic year 2020-21



The Council noted the information with satisfaction. The members of the Council noted that the reporting item may include the information on a Post-Doctoral Fellow who has recently joined NIEPA. It was also suggested that Post-Doctoral Research NIEPA positions may be advertised in future.

**Agenda Item No. 26.4 Considering approval of the Training Programmes/
Workshops/Seminars for the year 2020-21**

The Vice-chancellor briefed the Council about training/seminars/workshops/ programmes proposed by the Departments/ centres/ units of NIEPA. The programme proposals are discussed in the Departmental Advisory Committee of the concerned department. Accordingly the proposals received from after due deliberations with concerned departments and faculty members at NIEPA, a total of 126 training/seminars/workshops/ programmes have been proposed for the year 2020-21.

The council noted the information with satisfaction and approved the proposed training programmes for the year 2020-21.

**Agenda Item No.26.5 Considering approval of the proposed Research Studies for
the year 2020-21**

The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Council that conducting research in the areas related to educational planning and administration at NIEPA is one of its key areas of focus. It was informed that 11 new research studies have been proposed by the faculty members. He also informed the members that these proposals are not yet finalized and will be further developed as full length research proposal based on inputs from experts.

The procedure that will be put in place as a component of strengthening the research process in NIEPA was informed to the Council members. It was shared that after the Academic Council, respective faculty members will be requested to elaborate the research proposals with a comprehensive review of literature, with research questions, a detailed methodology and to the extent possible identify the sample of selected educational institutions for the data collection for the research studies.

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It is planned that Research Expert Committees (RECs) on research projects will be constituted once few research proposals are prepared to evaluate and expedite timely start of the research studies. Past experience has shown that sending the research proposals for external reviews delays the process of commencing the research studies. The purpose of the RECs set up by NIEPA is to advise, guide and monitor the progress in the implementation of the research projects. The members in the RECs will include experts from the academia specialising in the focus areas of the research studies.

It was informed that in the context of the Perspective Plan of NIEPA, large-scale multi-institutional research projects will be encouraged. It was informed that the faculty members will be requested to judiciously prepare the budgets, avoid an expensive model of data collection, and to reduce project costs establish collaborations with teams in State level educational and research institutions. Additionally, it was informed to members of the Council that as far as possible there will not be two-three research projects simultaneously being carried out by same faculty members.

The following decisions were noted: the proposed research studies were considered approved by the Academic Council but with details as per the research procedure laid down, and the budgets provided for the research studies were indicative and are subject to review. It was noted that the budget review is for the new proposed research studies. The review of the budget is not applicable for the ongoing and approved research studies in previous Academic Councils. The review of the budget will not apply specifically to PGDEPA, IDEPA, U-DISE and National Award for Innovation in Educational Administration. These four developmental projects will be excluded from the budget review.

After due deliberations, the Council approved the proposed research studies.


Agenda Item No. 26.6 Considering approval of the Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Board of Studies


The Council considered and resolved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Studies held on March 5, 2020. Two items of the Board of Studies were noted: the enhancement of NIEPA fellowship at par with UGC Fellowship has been approved by the MHRD. This item was noted



with satisfaction. With regard to the revision of the fees, the increase in the fees been approved by the Board of Studies. The Academic Council noted the information and approved the same. The minutes of the Board of Studies, Academic Council and Finance Committee will be submitted to the Board of Management for the final approval.

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


(Prof. Kumar Suresh)
Registrar (I/c) & Secretary


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

March 16, 2020