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8	Prof. K. Biswal Professor & Head Department of Educational Planning, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
9	Prof. K. Srinivas Professor & Head, ICT & PMU, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
10	Prof. Rashmi Diwan Professor & Head, National Centre for School Leadership, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
11	Prof. Vineeta Sirohi Professor, Department of Educational Administration, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
12	Prof. Madhumita Bandyopadhyay Professor Department of School and Non-Formal Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
13	Prof. Rasmita Das Swain Professor, School Standards and Evaluation Unit, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
14	Prof. Aarti Srivastava Professor Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
15	Prof. Sunita Chugh Professor Department of School and Non-Formal Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
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17	Prof. H. Ramachandran National Fellow, ICSSR	Member

18	Prof. Poonam Batra Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi	Member
19	Prof. S. Madheswaran Professor & Head, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore	Member
20	Dr. Sangeeta Angom Associate Professor Department of Higher and Professional Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
21	Dr. Santwana Gopalchandra Mishra Associate Professor Department of Educational Planning NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
22	Dr. Kashyapi Awasthi Assistant Professor Department of School & Non-Formal Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
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25	Prof. Atul Sarma Chairman, OKDISCD, Guwahati 264, Rama Apartment, Sector-11 Pocket 2, Dwarka, New Delhi.	Member
26	Prof. Geetha B. Nambissan Ex-Professor of Sociology of Education Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.	Member
27	Prof. Pradeep Kumar Misra Director, CPRHE NIEPA, New Delhi	Special Invitee
28	Tshering Chonzon Bhutia Advisor, Unit for International Centre NIEPA, New Delhi	Special Invitee

Professor Manisha Priyam, Professor, Department of Educational Policy, NIEPA, could not attend the meeting.

Members at Sr. No. 4 to 5 and 7 to 26 attended the meeting online through Google link. Other members attended the meeting in person. It was noted that Professor Veera Gupta, Professor, Department of Educational Policy, is presently on sabbatical leave and Professor P. Geetha Rani, Professor, Department of Educational Planning is on deputation, as per existing communications.

The meeting of the Academic Council was chaired by Professor N.V. Varghese, Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA.

The Registrar, NIEPA welcomed all the members, those present in-person and others attending the meeting online to the 29th meeting of the Academic Council.

Prof. N.V Varghese, Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council also extended a warm welcome to all the members of the Academic Council, including the eminent experts from outside the institute and others co-opted for their specialized knowledge, attending the meeting online via Google meet.

The members of the Academic Council were briefed about the timely attainment of student admission and semester process, which were completed online, during the Covid-19 pandemic phase during the Academic Session 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The announcement for the Session 2022-23 for admission under integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme is also under process and is likely to be released soon on the Institute's website and through newspapers. As one-year course work under M.Phil is an important step towards strengthening the transition towards doctoral research, it was pointed out that NIEPA will follow the existing integrated M.Phil-Ph.D programme and any update or notification as and when received from the UGC or MoE, about discontinuation of M.Phil. will be effectively followed. Parallel effort has started to finalise a one-year course work Pre-Ph.D structure and also to design a 2-year full-time MA course, which will be discussed in detail.

It was informed that ever since NEP-2020 was launched, the NIEPA faculty has organised or participated in many seminars and workshops (100+). Senior faculty has been engaged in discussion with NCERT, KVS, UGC and the Nodal Ministry etc., to contribute in various committees and chart out implementation strategy for the NEP-2020. NIEPA has been part of the joint effort in preparing reports on academic credit transfer framework, establishing international branch campuses in India, global recognition of degrees, survey of top 200 universities etc. The recently concluded Staff Retreat Workshop has deliberated on implementation and policy aspects of NEP-2020 and how NIEPA Perspective Plan 2020-30 will be executed.

It was mentioned that DAC meetings held in the Departments / Centres have discussed several dimensions of NEP-2020 and incorporating in the training programmes. NIEPA has already identified and analysed some of the key areas in NEP 2020 and brought out the document titled "NEP 2020 – Implementation Strategies", which has been uploaded on NIEPA's website. The members were also briefed about the steps taken by the institute in faculty recruitment and promotion or assessment recently done in the calendar year 2021 and the new announcement or notifications issued in the year 2022.

It was also a proud moment to place on record, appreciation of the Academic Council, that one of our ex-faculty, Prof. Najma Akhtar, was selected to be conferred with the prestigious National Padma Awards, the Padma Shri, by Government of India. The members appreciated her achievements and extended best-wishes and success in all her future endeavours, including in current responsibility as Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia.

The Institute has also invited Dr. Sushma Gulleria, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Disaster Management, Delhi as a guest speaker on March 8, 2022, celebrated as international women's day, to deliver lecture on 'Concept of disaster risk reduction and linking it with SDGs', which has raised awareness amongst the employees and develop an institutional plan for disaster mitigation.

Thereafter, the agenda-wise items were taken up by the Registrar & Secretary, Academic Council for consideration of the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. 29.1 Confirmation of minutes of the 28th meeting of the Academic Council held on October 21, 2021

It was informed that the minutes dated 27.10.2021 of the 28th meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.10. 2021 were circulated to all the members of the Academic Council. Two of the comments received have been noted and as mentioned in the agenda the compliance was also reported.

The Council resolved to confirm the minutes of the 28th meeting of the Academic Council held on 21.10. 2021.

Agenda Item No. 29.2 Considering Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 28th meeting of the Academic Council held on October 21, 2021.

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

Agenda item No.29.3 : Reporting Items

The reporting items were presented and discussed in seriatum, as mentioned in the Agenda Booklet.

Agenda Item No. 29.3.1 Status of the Training Programmes/ Workshops/ Seminars conducted up to February, 2022

The Council noted the status of Training Programmes/ Workshops/ Seminars conducted up to February, 2022. It was observed that due to Covid_19 pandemic and current protocols few programmes could not be conducted. Since it brings a shortfall, it will be prudent, if the HoDs/HoCs prepare a report of the reasons for non-conduct of the programme and suggest alternative dates or themes, so that the event can be organised overcoming the shortfall. Any change or migration of topic in view of NEP-2020 emphasis or dropping / cancellation, shall be taken on record.

Agenda Item No. 29.3.2 Review of the Status of Research Studies up to February, 2022

The Council noted the information with satisfaction. It was noted that institute has been undertaking and promoting inter-disciplinary research and studies, with particular focus on educational policy, planning and management, in order to generate new knowledge for formulating evidence based options and strategies to ensure achievement of the education sector development goals. Both qualitative and quantitative research, review and evaluation of policies, plans and programmes are being taken up, with emphasis on techniques, level and administrative structure and procedures in different states and countries of interest. Emphasis is placed on action research, including longitudinal studies, which would generate new knowledge in key areas for improving educational policy planning and management.

The status of ongoing research project or studies, completed ones, due for publishing and submitted before the Internal Research Review Committee was noted, along with the fresh proposals, as submitted through DAC for the Year 2022. The mechanism for review or monitoring, quality control, measures and publication support was also discussed.

Agenda Item No. 29.3.3 Result of Viva Voce Examination of Ph.D Scholars

Three (03) NIEPA scholars were awarded the degree of Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy). The Council noted and approved the information with satisfaction.

Agenda Item No.29.3.4 Admission for Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme for Year 2022-23 session

The Council noted the information and approved the admission notification for the Academic Session 2022-23. It was informed that M.Phil .– Ph.D programme may continue in its present format, till a notification is received from the Office of Secretary, UGC / Ministry of Education.

Agenda Item No. 29.4 **To consider for approval of registration of Research Titles of Ph.D. thesis of the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. - 2019 batch.**

The Council noted the information with satisfaction and approved the registration of research titles of Ph.D. thesis of the Integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. - 2019 batch.

Agenda Item No.29.5 **Minutes of the 10th Board of Studies Meeting held on 4th March, 2022**

The Council noted the minutes of the 10th Board of Studies Meeting with satisfaction and approved it.

Agenda Item No. 29.6 **To appraise the Academic Council about major decision taken in the Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings of various Departments/Units/Centres for the Year 2022-23**

The Council noted the minutes of the Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings of various Departments/Centres for the Year 2022-23, expressed satisfaction and approved it.

Agenda Item No. 29.7 **NIEPA Training Calendar 2022-23 (Proposed)**

The Council noted the NIEPA Training Calendar 2022-23 and approved it.

Agenda Item No. 29.8 **Introduction of MA in Education and Development**

The Council noted that preparations are underway to offer a 2-year full time postgraduate programme, MA in Education and Development to the new students, likely to be admitted from the Academic Session 2023-24.

It was informed that Prof. Pradeep Kumar Misra, Director-CPRHE is coordinating the process and after due consultation, a draft proposal to start full-time MA in Education and Development will be circulated. It was suggested to share inputs with him, including on curriculum, mode of teaching, credits, qualification framework, skill and employability aspects etc. to help expedite the process.

Agenda Item No. 29.9

Any other item with the permission of Chair :

1. Outreach programmes for the *Pariprekshya* 2022-23

The Council noted the plan and tentative budget proposed to organize field visits, advocacy and outreach programme etc., in order to popularize the journal and organize seminars, so that flow of good quality articles are ensured. It was felt prudent to plan visits to the states like Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat etc., amongst others under Group A and B classification, so that pure or native text articles are received, especially from the universities, authors and practitioners. Hindi writers and academicians (national and international) can also be invited for very short period, for undertaking reviews or write collaborative articles on specific themes, under scholars in residence scheme.

2. Institute ready to go for NAAC accreditation

It was informed that SSR is ready and will be submitted shortly. Institute is ready for undergoing NAAC accreditation, as its first attempt.

3. Institute to celebrate 60 years of its existence and also to conduct Convocation in the Year 2022.

It was mentioned that Institute will come out with a detailed programme on 60th year of its existence and a proposed celebration taking all stakeholders in view. Also the date for Convocation, ceremonial process etc., will be decided, proposing it to be conduct in 2022.. A committee has been formed for the said programmes.

4. Meetings of GIAC are being held regularly

The meetings of Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC), are now being held regularly and proper monitoring is done through PMU, including posting of all details, application form, sanction and progress indicators on the institute website.

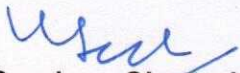
5. National Awards for Innovation and Good Practices in Educational Administration for the Year 2018-19 and 2019-20 was held recently.

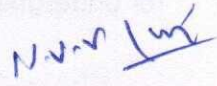
The institute has conducted the programme for the District and Block level Education Officers for conferment of annual awards on 10.02.2022 for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. The programme, conducted online was graced by Dr. Subhas Sarkar, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education.

6. Successful inspection / visit of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language

An inspection / visit of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language has taken place on March 7, 2022 which has expressed satisfaction on the performance of the Institute, quality and quantity of work being done in Hindi (*Devnagri*), in matters related to office work and administration and other activities as per mandate of the Institute.

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


(Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee)
Registrar and Secretary


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