



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION  
(Deemed to be University)

Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of NIEPA held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 11.00 A.M. in Online mode through Google Meet App.

**Present:**

1. Prof. N.V. Varghese  
Vice-Chancellor  
NIEPA, New Delhi-110016  
Chairman
2. Prof. B.L. Chaudhary  
Former Vice Chancellor  
Mohanlal Sukhadia University,  
Udaipur  
Member
3. Prof. Rama Mishra  
Former Professor  
Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya  
B-104, BCM City, Navlakha Chauraha, Indore  
Member
4. Ms. Neeta Prasad  
Joint Secretary (P)  
Department of Higher Education  
Ministry of HRD, Government of India  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Member
5. Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan  
Head,  
Department of Higher and Professional Education  
NIEPA, New Delhi  
Member
6. Prof. A.K. Singh  
Head, Department of Educational Policy  
NIEPA, New Delhi  
Member

7. Dr. Aarti Srivastava  
Associate Professor  
Department of Higher and Professional Education  
NIEPA, New Delhi  
Member
8. Prof. Kumar Suresh  
Registrar (I/C)  
NIEPA, New Delhi  
Secretary

Prof. Amit Garg could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Prof. Varghese, Vice-Chancellor & Chairman of Board of Management (BOM) extended a very warm welcome to all the members of the Board. He shared the concern of delayed convening of the meeting of the BoM. The meeting of the Board was earlier scheduled to be held on 3 April 2020 which got postponed due to the prevalent situation of Covid-19 Corona Virus and subsequent lockdown. He expressed his sincere thanks to all the external/ outside members of the Board who agreed to the request of convening the meeting in online mode.

He presented a brief about NIEPA and its activities, especially in the given situation of the spread of Covid-19 Corona Virus. A number of activities were taken up and completed during this period despite the closing down of the campus and suspension of all the activities in face to face manner. This was a challenge but NIEPA transformed this challenge as an opportunity and switched over from face to face interaction based activities to online mode of conducting scheduled and unscheduled activities. He informed the members that all the major activities in NIEPA have been conducted as per the academic calendar despite the situation of the Covid-19. The planned activities were carried out through online mode with the help of ICT.

Some of these activities included: a) completion of three compulsory and five optional courses, Workshop in Writing Skills, Use of Software in educational research of M. Phil Programme; b) conducting of term end examination of the these courses in online mode through Google Meet App; c) online support and supervision of research scholars, pre-submission seminar and peer review meeting of M. Phil dissertation and Ph. D proposals respectively.

PGDEPA Advanced Course in Educational Planning and Administration, and International Diploma in Educational Planning and Administration were also completed during this period. All the study programmes of IDEPA and PGDEPA were transacted through online mode.



  
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All India Entrance Test for the M. Phil/ Ph.D research scholars was also conducted in online mode. Based on interview of the shortlisted candidates in online mode admission process has been completed and classes of the students are scheduled to start from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020.

All the M.Phil classes will be conducted in online mode till the situation of Corona Virus gets normal and students can come to the campus. Similarly, the scheduled workshops and training programmes and unscheduled webinars are being conducted in online mode. The faculty members are majorly working online from home and actively participating in all these activities. The administration facilitated all the essential work. He further informed the members that the Perspective Plan of NIEPA has been finalised and printed. The Perspective Plan of NIEPA will be the major reference point for all the academic activities, including teaching, research, training etc.

He also expressed his sincere thanks to the MHRD for acceding to the request of sanctioning amount for the long pending demand for the payments pension arrears to the retired employees of NIEPA and enhanced amount of budget under the head capital account to meet the urgent requirement of maintaining depleting infrastructural facilities and upgrading basic technological infrastructure. He further mentioned that the long pending issue of construction of academic block in NIEPA has not been resolved due to non-receipt of the sanctioned amount. This is impeding the expansion of the programmes and activities of NIEPA. He informed the members that the request for sanction of additional amount under capital funds, besides the demand for the sanction of amount for academic block will be made to the MHRD.

The Chairman, after making initial remarks and briefing, requested the Registrar and Secretary, BOM to take the members through the agenda items. The following agenda items were taken up for consideration of the Board and decision on each of the agenda items.

**Agenda Item No.22.1                      Confirmation of minutes of the last (21<sup>st</sup>) meeting of the Board of Management held on 08.11.2019**

The BOM resolved to confirm the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board held on 08/11/2019.

**Agenda Item No.22.2                      Considering Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by the Board of Management in its last (21<sup>st</sup>) meeting held on 08.11.2019**

The BOM noted the information about action taken, with satisfaction.





### Agenda Item No.22.3: Reporting Items

The following Reporting items of Agenda were taken up for information and consideration of the Board:

#### Agenda Item No.22.3.1 Settlement of Pension and Pensionary benefits in case of Dr. B. K. Singh, Former Registrar, NIEPA

The Board was apprised about the updates in the case. The Board was informed that as per the decision of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management, Advocate, NIEPA has been directed to file application in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi stating NIEPA's position in the case. As follow up action of the decision of the BoM, the Registrar, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan has been informed about NIEPA's stand in the above case and four cheques amounting to Rs. 32,32,166/- and Rs. 2,05,794/- towards prorata pensionary benefits and GPF respectively in respect of Dr. B. K. Singh returned to them.

#### Agenda Item No.22.3.2 Transfer of pensionary benefits in respect of Shri Basavaraj Swamy, Former Registrar to National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai

The Chairman of the Board apprised the Board about the transfer of pensionary benefits in respect of Shri Basavaraj Swamy, Former NIEPA Registrar to National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai as per the details of agenda and supporting papers. The Board was also informed that NIEPA further sought the legal opinion in the case from the Advocate, NIEPA.

After reconsidering the case the Board reiterated and reaffirmed its decision taken in the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to transfer of pensionary benefits in respect of Shri Basavaraj Swamy, Former NIEPA Registrar to National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai.

#### Agenda Item No.22.3.3 Counting of service rendered at Central University of Tamil Nadu on deputation basis in respect of Dr. P. Geetha Rani - Non-receipt of Leave Salary Contribution and Pension Contribution (LSPC).

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.4 Civil suit filed by Prof. P. Geetha Rani.**

The Board noted the information.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.5 Withheld amount of Leave Encashment in respect of Dr. Manju Narula, Assistant Professor.**

The Board was informed that the matter of conversion of RTAs to Assistant Professor is still pending for final decision. Hence, on superannuation of Dr. Manju Narula the amount of GPF, Gratuity, Provisional Pension and Commutation value of Pension was released. However, the amount pertaining to Leave Encashment is withheld with NIEPA as the matter is pending. The said amount will be released after the final decision in the matter is taken by the MHRD and Board of Management, NIEPA.

The Board considered the matter and noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.6 Payment of arrears to Dr. Rasmita Das Swain, Associate Professor**

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.7 Succession Case No. 131/2016 in the matter of Lavkush Vs The State (NCT of Delhi) & Ors.**

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.8 Civil Writ Petition No. 9331/2019 in the matter of Baldev Raj Pahwa Vs. Union of India And ANR regarding grant of higher grade pay for holding full charge of the higher post of Section Officer in addition to his normal duties under FR 49(i)**

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.9 Writ Petition(C) No. 7579 of 2019 in the matter of Sushma Asija & Ors. Vs. National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration & ANR regarding extension of similar benefits of the judgment made in the Civil Appeal No. 288-289 of 2005 & Civil Appeal No. 209 of 2007 in**





the matter of Yogeshwar Prasad (Supra) to four employees of NIEPA

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.10 To consider the recruitment to the post of Professors and Associate Professors, Finance Officer (On Tenure Basis) and Hindi Editor**

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.11 Filling up of vacant posts through Direct Recruitment**

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.3.12 Release of CPF amount to Prof. J.B.G Tilak.**

The Board noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No.22.4 Confirmation of Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on March 13, 2020**

The Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on March 13, 2020.

**Agenda Item No.22.5 Confirmation of Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on March 12, 2020 and July 02, 2020 respectively**

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**Approval for the Annual Accounts of NIEPA for the financial year 2019-2020.**

The Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on March 12, 2020 and July 02, 2020. The Board approved the Annual Accounts of NIEPA for the year 2019-20.

**Agenda Item No.22.6 (a) Revision of fee and legal charges payable to NIEPA, Counsel;**

**(b) Empanelment of legal counsel;**

**(c) Engagement of a Project Senior Consultant (Legal)**



The Board considered the agenda item and approved the Agenda item. However, decision will be taken in respect of c) by the Institute separately as per the approval.

**Agenda Item No.22.7**      **Implementation of the revised Memorandum of Association and Rules of NIEPA, 2019, and the changes to be effected as compliance of MoA**

The Board considered and approved the Agenda item.

**Agenda Item No.22.8**      **Re-designation of Junior Hindi Translator to Junior Translation Officer**

The Board considered and approved the Agenda item.

**Agenda Item No.22.9**      **Release of Retirement Gratuity in r/o of Shri Satish Kumar, Stenographer Grade-I**

The Board was informed that legal opinion from the Counsel, NIEPA has been sought for. Action will be taken as per the legal opinion in the case. In the meantime, legal opinion was provided by the NIEPA's Counsel, which was shared with the members during the meeting of the BoM. He has opined that pending decision of the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi, which may go either way and also owing to payment of huge amount in the form of Pay & Allowances to the incumbent w.e.f. 1.10.1997, all other retiral benefits except Retirement Gratuity may be released to the official. However, Retirement Gratuity may not be released till such time final decision is received from Hon'ble Court in the present Writ Petition. This action may be taken as a preventive measure, to regularize the payment made in the past. As per the legal opinion in the case, action will be taken.

The Board considered and approved the Agenda item.

**Agenda Item No.22.10**      **To consider the Minutes of the Selection Committee for the Recruitment to the post of Registrar (On Tenure Basis)**

The Board of Management was informed in detail about the process followed in the recruitment to the post of Registrar,

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starting from advertisement for inviting application, short listing of applications, and constitution of Selection Committee and conduct of interview of the finally short listed eligible candidates. The Minutes of the Selection Committee was kept in closed envelope.

The envelope containing the Minutes of the Selection Committee for the Recruitment to the post of Registrar was opened in presence of the Members of the Board. The Minutes of the Selection Committee was signed by three members and the convener. One member joined the selection committee through online mode. Hence, she had agreed to the selection of the candidates and sent the approval of the Minutes through mail. Three candidates were placed in the panel in order of merit.

The Board considered the minutes and accorded approval to the Minutes of the Selection Committee.

The Board was informed that the offer of appointment will be issued to the first candidate in the merit list. In case he fails to join, the offer will be issued to the next candidate according to the merit list.


**Agenda Item No.22.11 Any other items with permission of the Chair**

No item was included under any other item of the agenda

Professor Kumar Suresh, Registrar (I/C) and Secretary of the Board of Management expressed his sincere gratitude to all the members and the Chairman of the Board for their continuous support in conducting the last four meetings of the BoM during his tenure of Registrar (I/C). The members and the Chairman of the Board placed on record the explicit appreciation for the work, his substantive contribution to NIEPA's development and sincerity and commitment of Professor Kumar Suresh in discharging responsibility admirably well as Registrar (I/C) of NIEPA and Secretary of the Board of Management.

The meeting of the Board of Management ended with thanks to all the members by the Chair. The members also thanked the Chair.

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

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

July 30, 2020