



National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration
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Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board
of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration
(NIEPA) held on 16th March, 2022

The 2nd meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration was held at NIEPA on March 16, 2022 at 11.30 a.m. in Room No. 113, with provisions also to attend via video-conferencing in online mode, in view of Covid_19 protocols and safety.

The following members were present in the meeting :

1.	Prof. N. V. Varghese Vice Chancellor, NIEPA, New Delhi.	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan Dean (Academics and Research) Professor & Head Department of Higher and Professional Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
3.	Prof. A. K. Singh Controller of Examinations Professor & Head Department of Educational Policy NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
4.	Prof. Mona Khare Professor & Head Department of Educational Finance NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
5.	Prof. Kumar Suresh Professor & Head Department of Educational Administration NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
6.	Prof. B. K. Panda Professor & Head Department of Training and Capacity Building in Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
7.	Prof. K. Biswal Professor & Head Department of Educational Planning NIEPA, New Delhi	Member

8.	Prof. G. D. Sharma President Society for Education and Economic Development, New Delhi	Member
9.	Prof. Mohammad Akhtar Siddiqui Professor, Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Faculty of Education Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	Member
10.	Professor Pradeep Kumar Misra Director, CPRHE NIEPA, New Delhi	Special Invitee
11.	Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee Registrar NIEPA, New Delhi	Ex-officio Secretary

Prof. Pranati Panda, Professor and Head, Department of School & Non-Formal Education and School Standards & Evaluation Unit, NIEPA, Prof. Namita Ranganathan, Professor, Department of Education, CIE, University of Delhi, Dr. Tshering Chonzon Bhutia, Advisor, UIC, NIEPA could not attend the meeting. Members at Sl. No. 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 attended the meeting online through Google Meet link. Other members attended the meeting in person. The meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board 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 2nd meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board. The Registrar & Secretary, P&MB briefed about the newly constituted and expanded Planning and Monitoring Board, as per the provision contained in the revised Memorandum of Association, SRs and RRs, 2020 of the Institute. He welcomed and introduced the Special Invitee, Prof. Pradeep Kumar Misra, Director, CPRHE attending the meeting and placed on record his appreciation and thanks for Dr. Nidhi S. Sabarwal the earlier I/c-CPRHE.

Prof. N.V Varghese, Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson of the Planning and Monitoring Board extended a warm welcome to all the members, 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 registration and teaching process, which were completed online,

without disruption during the Covid-19 pandemic, throughout the Academic Session 2020-21 and 2021-22. It was informed that IT/ICT support was good, equally during proctored examinations, capacity building programmes and conduct of seminars, webinars etc. The release of advertisement for admission into the new Academic Session 2022-23 under integrated M.Phil-Ph.D. programme is also under process and it 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 since started to finalise a one-year course work for the Pre-Ph.D 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, NVS, UGC, AICTE and MoE, 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 strategy for NEP-2020 and how NIEPA Perspective Plan 2020-30 shall be executed.

It was mentioned that DAC meetings held in the Departments / Centres have discussed several dimensions of NEP-2020 and in consultation have incorporated various training programmes, congruent to the needs of Education Departments of various State Governments. 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 career advancement cases recently done in the calendar year 2021 and the new recruitment notification issued in the month/year January, 2022. It was also briefed that recent inspection and visit of Parliamentary Committee on Official Languages has been successful. For NAAC accreditation, the registration is done and other activities are in process. The student's convocation and 60th year of NIEPA will be celebrated in the year 2022. The report submission on Evaluation of "Institutions of Eminence" scheme of the Government of India by the Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA, as done on the request of UGC is also done recently.

Prof. Mohammad Akhtar Siddiqui specially thanked the institute for deciding to offer 2-year M.A programme. He emphasised that as an important decision, aspects of quality, developing the research acumen in students and competency of analytical thinking, peer-group and industry connect and employability aspects will be kept in mind, while framing the curricula structure.

Prof. G. D. Sharma also welcomed the initiative to offer a new M.A programme and emphasised that every university shall develop its own *Institutional Development Plan*, which will draw the perspective for next 10 to 15 years, commensurate to its academic programmes, vision and NEP_2020 mandate. A time appropriate thinking shall trigger in each respective areas, including new methods of teaching-learning, upgradation of infrastructure, capacity building of students, field experience and societal values, increasing creativity and employability. The entire education trajectory has to be better understood and strengthened.

The Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA and Chairperson, Planning and Monitoring Board, appreciated the deliberations and informed that one-day staff retreat was held recently (10.11.2021) to deliberate upon the implementation strategies of NEP_2020 and the NIEPA Perspective Plan 2020-30, which was very successful. The Departments/Centres also through their DAC (Departmental Advisory Committee) have discussed the way forward and have suggested its plan of action for conduct of teaching, training, research, project and field activities etc., in their deliberations held during 15.02.2022 to 03.03.2022, which will be discussed as a separate agenda.

Thereafter, the Item wise agenda was taken up by the Registrar & Secretary, Planning and Monitoring Board for consideration of the Members.

Agenda Item No. 2.1 : Confirmation of minutes of the 1st meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on March 24, 2021

It was informed that the minutes dated 25.03.2021 of the 1st meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 24.03. 2021 were circulated to all the members of the Planning and Monitoring Board. The members have approved the minutes and expressed satisfaction on the same.

The Planning and Monitoring Board resolved to confirm the minutes of the 1st meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on 21.10. 2021.

Agenda Item No. 2.2: Considering Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 1st meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board held on March 24, 2021

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the information with satisfaction, as given in the ATR and approved the same.

Agenda Item No.2.3 : Reporting Items:

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

2.3.1 To report/updates, in the list of Statutory and Non-Statutory Committees

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the information, as a very useful update and observed that an all update be maintained on the website / staff-corner for general information of all concerned and quick reference.

2.3.2 To report the revised Organogram, the organizational structure of NIEPA

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the information and approved the organogram for operation, adoption and publication in the compilation booklet, reflecting the MoA, SRs and RRs of the Institute, which was earlier approved by the Nodal Ministry, the Ministry of Education [Letter No 2-7/2016-PN.I dated 16.01.2020].

The Planning and Monitoring Board also resolved to recommend the organogram to the Board of Management for information and approval.

2.3.3 Minutes of the Board of Studies held on 4th March, 2022

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the minutes of Board of Studies held on 4th March, 2022.

2.3.4 Minutes of the Academic Council held on 10th March, 2022

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the minutes of Academic Council held on 10th March, 2022.

2.3.5 A brief report on the Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) Meetings, held during February-March 2022

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted the report (minutes) of Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) of various Departments/ Centres for the Year 2022-23, expressing satisfaction and approved its implementation.

2.3.6 Proposed Research Studies for the Year 2022-23 and support extended by the Project Management Unit (PMU)

The Planning and Monitoring Board 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, financing and management, in order to generate new knowledge for formulating evidence based options and strategies to ensure achievement and betterment of the education sector and 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 comparative 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, 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, approving the new research studies for the Year 2022-23. Members expressed satisfaction on the publication policy and display of research outcome on the institute homepage and print-copies available for circulation, including those as per MoUs entered into with reputed publishers.

The Planning and Monitoring Board resolved to approve the Research Studies for the Year 2022-23 and desired the Project Management Unit (PMU) to rigorously monitor and extend support to the research ecosystem of the institute, which is very important for the visibility of the institute.

Agenda Item No.2.3.7 : Training Calendar of NIEPA for the Year 2022-23

The Planning and Monitoring Board 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. Though total number has been achieved, a shortfall in pre-decided and assigned programmes of Year 2021-22 persists for which the respective Head of Departments/Centres shall 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, addition or otherwise shall be taken on record.

The Planning and Monitoring Board resolved to approve the training calendar of NIEPA for the Year 2022-23 and desired that the Training Call shall be further strengthened.

Agenda Item No. 2.4 : Convocation and formal award of degrees (M.Phil and Ph.D)

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted that 85 M.Phil. and 25 Ph.D degrees are to be conferred, clearing the backlog, which shall be planned early through a ceremony.

The Planning and Monitoring Board resolved to approve the list of degree recipients, as recommended by the Academic Council and recommended for approval of the Board of Management and conduct of Convocation, at the earliest.

Agenda Item No. 2.5 : Guidelines for the Authors submitting their papers in Institute's English and Hindi Journals and displaying them on NIEPA Website (homepage).

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted and appreciated the circulation of guidelines for the Institute's English (JEPA) and Hindi Journal (*Paripekshya*) and displaying them on NIEPA website (homepage). It was felt to suitably digitize the publications with searchable database of authors, subject / title of paper, other key word search and DoI etc., not simply remaining as an upload document. The Editorial Board shall decide to discuss how to reach potential authors and contributors for original and quality articles, including those from native speakers for the *Paripekshya*. A few issues separately or a paper in the regional vernacular may be considered in the existing format, if agreed to by the editors. Recommendations of the Academic Council [Item 29.9_1], suggesting outreach programmes for the *Paripekshya* 2022-23 are also approved.

Agenda Item No. 2.6: Introduction of a MA programme in Education and Development

The Planning and Monitoring Board noted that preparations are underway to offer a 2-year full-time postgraduate programme, MA in Education and Development, with an intake of 25 students, 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 submitted. It was suggested to make the programme inter-disciplinary, integrated with research, self-study and dissertation components,

having national and international reference and changing paradigms of education and development, as inclusive sub-sets. The faculty and members of Board of Studies, Academic Council and Planning & Monitoring Board shall share inputs with Prof. Misra on contents of the course, mode of teaching, credit framework, employability aspects etc., to help expedite the process.

The Planning and Monitoring Board thereafter approved and recommended the proposal to be implemented w.e.f. Academic Session 2023-24, in consultation with the Board of Management.

Agenda Item No. 2.7: Any other item(s):

1. 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.

2. 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 view. Also the date for convocation ceremony will be decided, proposing it to be conduct in 2022. A committee has been formed for the said programme.

3. Meetings of GIAC are being held regularly

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

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

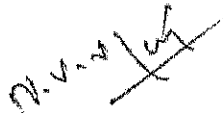
The Institute has conducted the programme for the District and Block level Education Officers for conferment of annual awards on February 10, 2022 for the Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively. The programme, conducted online was graced by Dr. Subhas Sarkar, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education.

5. Successful Inspection / visit of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language

An inspection and 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 member and the Chair.


(Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee)
Registrar and Secretary


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

March 17, 2022