



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND
ADMINISTRATION
(NIEPA)

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

HELD ON
Date: 14th July, 2026 ((Tuesday)
Time: 16.00 hrs.
Mode: Hybrid

(17-B, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi)

14/7/26

1.....Special Meeting of the Board of Management held on 14.07.2026

The Special Meeting of the Board of Management was held on 14th July, 2026 through hybrid mode. The following members were present:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Attended
1.	Prof. Shashikala Wanjari Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA	Chairperson	offline
2.	Prof. Kumar Suresh Professor Department of Educational Administration NIEPA, New Delhi	Member	offline
3.	Dr. Vishnukant S. Chatpalli, Senior Consultant, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru (NAAC) Former Vice-Chancellor Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University "ASHIRWAD" No. 76, 3rd Main 3rd Cross, Raith Bhavan, General Cariappa Circle Gadag- 582101, Karnataka	Member	online
4.	Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane Vice Chancellor Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University Nashik - 422 222, Maharashtra	Member	online
5.	Prof B.B Mohanty Professor at Department of Sociology Pondicherry University Puducherry 605 014.	Member	online
6.	Prof Kirti Pandey Dean, Faculty of Arts, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (U.P.)	Member	online
7.	Dr. C. N. Patel Principal & Professor Shri Sarvajani Pharmacy College Nr. Arvind Baug, Mehsana-384001, Gujarat	Member	online
8.	Prof. K. Biswal Professor Department of Educational Planning NIEPA, New Delhi	Member	online
9.	Dr. Anshu Srivastava Associate Professor Department of Educational Administration, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member	Offline
10.	Shri Surya Narayan Mishra Registrar, NIEPA	Secretary	Offline
11.	Sh. Ankit Verma Finance Officer (I/c)	Special Invitee	offline

Prof. Ch Ibihal Meitei and the Smt. Rina Sonowal Kauli, Joint Secretary, Higher Education could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation. The leave of absence granted to them.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson, Board of Management, extended a warm welcome to all the Members of the Board. She apprised the Members of the necessity of convening the meeting at such short notice, which was primarily necessitated due to the requirement for timely (i) finalization of the Annual Accounts of NIEPA for the Financial Year 2025–26, and (ii) consideration of the representation submitted by Prof. P. Geetha Rani regarding deputation and related matters.

Thereafter, she requested the Registrar cum Secretary, Board of Management, to proceed with the Agenda Items for consideration and deliberation by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 1

To consider the representation of Prof. P. Geetha Rani, Professor, Department of Educational Planning, regarding grant of deputation for appointment as ICCR Chair Professor in Indian Studies (Economics) at the University of Valladolid, Spain.

Resolution

The Board considered the representation dated 23.06.2026 submitted by Prof. P. Geetha Rani, Professor, Department of Educational Planning, seeking grant of deputation for appointment as ICCR Chair Professor in Indian Studies (Economics) at the University of Valladolid, Spain.

The Board recalled its decision taken in the 33rd Meeting, wherein, while taking note of the clarification of the Ministry of Education, it had advised that the matter be reconsidered after adequate steps had been initiated to strengthen the faculty position of the Institute. The Board noted that, subsequent to the said decision, the Institute has initiated engagement of Guest Faculty to meet immediate academic requirements and has also commenced the process for recruitment to the regular faculty positions of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in accordance with the approved Recruitment Rules.

After considering all the points of the representation of Prof. P. Geetha Rani, the Board resolved to approve the grant of deputation to Prof. P. Geetha Rani for her appointment as ICCR Chair Professor in Indian Studies (Economics) at the University of Valladolid, Spain within the stipulated time period, subject to the applicable NIEPA rules, ICCR guidelines, and completion of all prescribed administrative formalities.

Agenda Item No. 2

To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) for the Financial Year 2025–26.

The Finance Officer (I/c) briefed the Annual Accounts to the Board Members.

Resolution

The Board of Management considered and approved the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the Financial Year 2025–26 for further necessary actions.

Agenda Item No. 3

To consider and approve the Cadre Review of Non-Teaching Posts and the Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Posts, 2026 of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)

Resolution

The Board of Management considered and approved the Cadre Review Report and the Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Posts of the Institute.

The Board further resolved that the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to make such editorial, drafting and consequential modifications as may be necessary, without altering the substantive provisions approved by the Board, and to take all further necessary action, including forwarding the proposals to the Ministry of Education for obtaining the requisite approvals, wherever required, and thereafter issuing the necessary notifications and implementing the approved Cadre Review and Recruitment Rules in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions, Government of India instructions and UGC guidelines.

Agenda Item No. 4

To consider and approve the revision of Professional Fees of Project Staff engaged under various Projects of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)

Resolution:

The Board of Management considered and approved the proposal for revision of the Professional Fees of Project Staff engaged under various projects of the Institute, as recommended by the Committee constituted vide Notification dated 13.04.2026 and recommended by the Finance Committee in its 40th Meeting held on 09.07.2026.

The Board also recommended to make it annual policy of the Institute to revise the professional fee at the same rate. The proposed fee may be revised off to the nearest thousand.

The Board further resolved that the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to take all necessary actions for rationalization and implementation of the approved revision of professional fees and to issue necessary orders/communications in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 5

To apprise the Board of Management regarding the Partial Award dated 06.07.2026 passed by the Sole Arbitrator in the Arbitration Proceedings titled *M/s ADS Softek Private Limited vs. National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)* [Case No. 420/IFC/Mdl-Mig/2024 | IAMC-ARB/0022/2025] and the further course of action.

Resolution

The Board took note of the Partial Award dated 06.07.2026 passed by the Sole Arbitrator in the arbitration proceedings titled M/s ADS Softek Private Limited vs. National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) [Case No. 420/IFC/Mdl-Mig/2024 | IAMC-ARB/0022/2025] before the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC), Hyderabad.

The Board noted that the Sole Arbitrator has decided the preliminary issues relating to jurisdiction, maintainability, and admissibility of the claim, and has dismissed the preliminary objections raised by NIEPA, thereby directing continuation of the arbitral proceedings for adjudication of the disputes on merits.

The Board further noted that the issues relating to liability, admissibility of the claims, limitation, entitlement to statutory interest, quantum of claim, compensation, and costs have not been finally adjudicated and shall be considered during the subsequent proceedings on merits.

The Board appreciated the steps taken by the Institute in defending the matter through its legal counsel and authorized the Institute to continue taking all appropriate legal measures for effective defence including to file a legal suit objectifying the order of Arbitrator, if the council of the NIEPA strongly recommend.

The Board advised that further developments and course of action shall be kept apprised in the matter from time to time.

Agenda Item No. 6.

To take note of the clearance of probation and confirmation to the post of Administrative Officer of Sh. Ankit Verma

Resolution

The Board considered the recommendation of the DPCC and approved the clearance of probation and confirmation of Sh. Ankit Verma, Administrative Officer, in the regular establishment of NIEPA, with effect from 15.07.2026.

Agenda Item No. 7

To take note of the probation clearance of Dr. Garima Malik, Assistant Professor.

Resolution

The Board noted the recommendations of the Committee and subsequent approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the probation period of Dr. Garima Malik was closed with retrospective effect from 11.02.2026 and she was appointed in substantive capacity in the service of NIEPA w.e.f. 12.02.2026.

The Board resolved to approve and ratify the closure of the probation period of Dr. Garima Malik, Assistant Professor, NIEPA, and her appointment in substantive capacity w.e.f. 12.02.2026.

Agenda Item No. 8

To take note of the probation clearance of Dr. Shivakumar Kandekar, Assistant Professor.

Resolution

The Board noted the recommendations of the Committee and subsequent approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the probation period of Dr. Shivakumar Kandekar was closed with retrospective effect from 11.02.2026 and he was appointed in substantive capacity in the service of NIEPA w.e.f. 12.02.2026.

The Board resolved to approve and ratify the closure of the probation period of Dr. Shivakumar Kandekar, Assistant Professor, NIEPA, and his appointment in substantive capacity w.e.f. 12.02.2026.

Agenda Item No. 9

To take note of the probation clearance of Dr. Dharma Rakshit Gautam, Assistant Professor.

Resolution

The Board noted the recommendations of the Committee and subsequent approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the probation period of Dr. Dharma Rakshit Gautam was closed with retrospective effect from 11.02.2026 and he was appointed in substantive capacity in the service of NIEPA w.e.f. 12.02.2026.

The Board resolved to approve and ratify the closure of the probation period of Dr. Dharma Rakshit Gautam, Assistant Professor, NIEPA, and his appointment in substantive capacity w.e.f. 12.02.2026.

The minutes/items related to Establishment, Confidential in nature, examination matters and having names of any individual (third party) shall be masked while revealing in website and may not be shared under RTI.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.


(Shashikala Wanjari)
Vice-Chancellor/ Chairperson- BoM


(Surya Narayan Mishra)
Registrar / Secretary – BoM

Dated: 14.07.2026