

National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

National Awards for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration

National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi has instituted National Awards for Innovations in Educational Administration for District and Block Level Education Officers with the objective of recognising, awarding and disseminating innovations and good practices in educational administration at the field level. Awards are given to the selected District and Block Level Education Officers in a national awards function in New Delhi coinciding with a two day conference on innovations in educational administration of DEOS and BEOs. The Scheme was launched in 2014 with the objective to encourage innovations and good practices in educational administration for improving the functioning of the public system of education. The scheme also aimed to instil a sense of confidence among the education officers working at the field level.

Innovation in educational administration is generic focus of Award Scheme covering its various aspects and dimensions. Some of the identifiable areas of innovation include: improving access and participation; improving quality of teaching-learning in government schools; teacher management including teacher deployment, ensuring regularity and punctuality, professional development, teacher motivation etc; effective management of academic support mechanism; promoting innovations in teaching-learning process; enhancing community participation in school management; institutional planning; supervision and monitoring system; distribution and management of mid day meal and other incentive scheme; resource mobilisation; promoting equity and managing diversity; transparency and accountability in educational administration etc.

In the first year of the launch of the Scheme in 2014, 33 District

and Block Education Officers were awarded for their innovations and good practices in different areas of educational administration and management. In the following year of 2015, 62 District and Block Education Officers were given awards. 23 and 20 district and block level education officers were given awards and certificate of appreciation respectively during 2016-17. 49 District and Block Level Education Officers were given Awards/ Certificate of Appreciation for the year 2017-2018 in the National Awards Function held in New Delhi on 3-4 January 2019. Since its launch in 2014, 222 (two hundred and twenty two) cases of innovations and good practices have been recognized, awarded and disseminated during four rounds of conferences and awards functions. Participants of the conferences during the last four years included more than 1000 District and Block Level Education Officers from different states and UTs, a number of educational administrators working at national and state level, besides a number of resource persons and education experts. On all the four occasions the honourable Minister for Human Resource Development (now the Ministry of Education), Govt. of India, graced the occasion and distributed the awards to selected officers.

Selected cases of Innovations and Good Practices have been published. Link of publications is given below

1. Innovations in Educational Administration Abstracts, 2014
http://www.niepa.ac.in/download/Publications/Innovationawards/Innovations_Abstacts_2014_Web.pdf
2. Innovations in Educational Administration Abstracts, 2015
http://www.niepa.ac.in/download/Publications/Innovationawards/Innovations_Abstacts_2015_Web.pdf
3. Compendium of Innovations and Good Practices, 2016-17
http://www.niepa.ac.in/download/Publications/Innovationawards/Compendium%20Abstract%202016%20-%202017%20Final%20_Web.pdf
4. Compendium of Innovations and Good Practices, 2016-2018
http://www.niepa.ac.in/download/Publications/Innovationawards/Compendium%20Abstract%202018%20Final%20_Web.pdf