



National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

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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 and Good Practices 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 and good practices 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: innovative initiatives towards the implementation of the ideas and recommendations of the NEP 2020, innovative initiatives for ensuring resilience of the education system in the situation of pandemic and beyond, minimising the loss of learning, equitable learning, and initiative for ensuring sustainable education including digital initiatives; Ensuring transparent, accountable and citizen-centric governance; promoting ease of governance; improving access and participation; improving quality of teaching-learning in government schools; Teacher management including teacher deployment, ensuring regularity and punctuality, training and professional development, support to teacher and teacher motivation etc.; effective management of academic support mechanism (BRC-CRC etc.); promoting innovations in teaching-learning process; enhancing community participation in school management; Resource mobilisation and partnership with community, private/corporate bodies/NGOs etc. for better school management and improving school facilities; institutional planning; supervision and monitoring system; distribution and management of mid- day meal and other incentive scheme; resource mobilisation; promoting equity and managing diversity in school education, including education of children from Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) ; Administration and Management of schools in natural disaster-stricken areas, difficult and left-wing Maoist affected areas; transparency and accountability in educational administration; Creating overall public trust on government schools 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. 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.

For the year 2018-19 & 2019-20, 110 District and Block Level Education Officers had been finally selected for the Awards/ Certificate of Appreciation. 29 States/UTs were represented in the combined list of selected officers. The participation of female officers has substantially increased as compared to previous years. All the awardees and participants participated in virtual mode. The cases of innovations and good practices were disseminated in the form of document. Since, the award function was in virtual mode, around 7000 persons including participants, officials, academicians, and students attended the award function held on 10th of February, 2022.

Since its launch in 2014, 297 (two hundred and ninety-seven) 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 five 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 during the previous have been published and put in the public domain for dissemination. Links of selected cases of innovations and good practices along with other related publications are given below:

1. Innovations in Educational Administration Abstracts, 2014
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hrz36AF9Dk-EHizLJok8Sqz9vHiv5P/view?usp=sharing>
2. Innovations in Educational Administration Abstracts, 2015
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fZmPI-9j9z34FUmGY4MK1UxI34kLEAyl/view?usp=sharing>
3. Compendium of Innovations and Good Practices, 2016-17
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZNV93Un4a_9P0GfEi9VVTIXLaKqNaQCy/view?usp=sharing
4. Compendium of Innovations and Good Practices, 2017-18
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vTtYnolk6EiTHQiP65BA2EdxslcAbA4Y/view?usp=sharing>

5. Compendium of Innovations and Good Practices, 2018-19
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10ywtsrucI4ofdpP6tvKjvwy26faUIbVz/view?usp=sharing>
6. Compendium of Innovations and Good Practices, 2019-20
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U3xwTfAVTuYOuu64nkE8Qr23waBf0vTF/view?usp=sharing>
7. Information Brochure, 2015-16
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iK7TiZg0znnhY4DaCK85U3uv2A8Omyzy/view?usp=sharing>
8. Information Brochure, 2017-18
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12Utk49gS0P4DHei56DaNOHnCCf5IMONG/view?usp=sharing>
9. Information Brochure, 2018-19
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TBzFWixbhZPdKpQ46kmOAFfir97qKl8x/view?usp=sharing>
10. Information Brochure, 2019-20
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZZIle5GxiGJTxn_26aq-9s0s8r_V6TF/view?usp=sharing
11. Innovation Programme Report, 2014-15
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f849RoYKVu83J_GiHJ4LGNWu82Slha_V/view?usp=sharing
12. Innovation Programme Report, 2016-17
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13Xt3GhtL3MM9VXeyDOxKnq7qhL7y-sDa/view?usp=sharing>
13. Innovation Programme Report, 2018-19 & 2019-20
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ThE2XVrWALO0S_dVgm9Iog1ocgOkwFKG/view?usp=sharing
14. List of Awardees, 2014-15
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q3zewWVtybaqmD4iB59uI2a003WxyyOJ/view?usp=sharing>
15. List of Awardees, 2015-16
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xOWG-MhKmWucg4FahkUQChKt7hGST0fw/view?usp=sharing>
16. List of Awardees and Certificate of Appreciation, 2016-17
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oohLUUx0zJZweRsKwV9FBwc2d2JZr4OI/view?usp=sharing>
17. List of Awardees and Certificate of Appreciation, 2017-18
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aALtpjZzK59Z8D7pXzP3NPSvAnLFRuGT/view?usp=sharing>
18. Profile of Awardees & Certificate of Appreciation, 2018-19
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18-mhDhVOWA3Crw9Gi9-Hzp6pJzXcBfaL/view?usp=sharing>
19. Profile of Awardees & Certificate of Appreciation, 2019-20
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UIRc2JdQrF52qFHojAyRV39mjkJtA63-/view?usp=sharing>