

## **3.3.1: Institution has created an eco-system for innovations including Incubation centre and** other initiatives for creation and transfer of knowledge

Dissemination and advancement knowledge by providing instructional, research and extension facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit and to provide to students and teachers the necessary facilities and atmosphere for the promotion of innovations in education leading to restructuring of courses, new methods of teaching and learning, and integral development of personality, studies in various disciplines, inter-disciplinary studies, and national integration and international understanding is one of the core pillars of NIEPA.

As a part of knowledge transfer and sharing the institute organizes various pre-service and inservice training programmes in the area of educational planning and administration and allied disciplines. The institute also undertakes, aids, promotes and coordinates research in various aspects comparative studies in planning techniques and administrative procedures in different States of India and in other countries of the world. It also provides academic and professional guidance to agencies, institutions and personnel engaged in educational planning and administration as a medium to transfer knowledge and strengthen the knowledge space of educational policy and planning globally.

NIEPA over the years has been engaged in providing academic support to MHRD/MoE for various activities undertaken by the Ministry. Some of which include drafting of Right to Education Act (2009), designing and implementation support in some of the key centrally sponsored schemes of GoI such as DPEP, SSA, RMSA and Samagra Shiksha. The institute also formulated an implementation strategy for NEP 2020. Thirteen thematic areas were identified from the NEP 2020 policy document and NIEPA prepared working papers based on these themes that were submitted to the MoE as 'NEP2020: Implementation Strategies'.

NIEPA also organises orientation and training programmes and refresher courses for teachereducators and for University and College Administrators engaged in educational planning and administration along with orientation programmes, conferences, workshops, meetings, seminars and briefing sessions and discussion groups for persons including legislators in the field of educational planning and administration at the level of policy making in Central and State Governments.

NIEPA has instituted National Awards for Innovations & Good Practices in Educational Administration for District and Block Level Education Officers in the field of school education. 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. Since 2014 about 200 educational functionaries have been conferred innovation awards