



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION  
(Deemed to be University)

Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of NIEPA

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council of National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), was held on March 12, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. in Room No. 113, with provisions also for members to attend the meeting via video-conferencing in online mode.

The following members were present in the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Prof. Shashikala Wanjari Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA	Chairperson
2.	Prof. A. K. Singh Professor & Head, Department of Educational Policy and Dean (Academics and Research)	Member
3.	Prof. P. Geetha Rani Professor & Head Department of Educational Planning NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
4.	Prof. Vineeta Sirohi Professor & Head, Department of Educational Administration, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
5.	Prof. Mona Khare Professor & Head Department of Educational Finance and Director MMTTC NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
6.	Prof. Madhumita Bandhopadhyay Professor and Head Department of School and Non-Formal Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	Member
7.	Prof. Aarti Srivastava Professor and Head Department of Higher and Professional Education and Controller of Examination NIEPA; New Delhi	Member
8.	Prof. Neeru Snehi Professor and Head (I/c) Department of Training & Professional Development in Education NIEPA, New Delhi	Member

9.	Prof. K. Srinivas Head. ICT & PMU NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
10.	Prof. K. Biswal, Professor, Department of Educational Planning NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
11.	Prof. Kumar Suresh Professor Department of Educational Administration NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
12.	Prof. Pranati Panda Professor Department of School and Non-Formal Education, NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
13.	Prof. Rasmita Das Swain Professor School Standards and Evaluation Unit, NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
14.	Prof. Neeru Snehi Professor Department of Higher & Professional Educational NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
15.	Prof. Pradeep Kumar Misra Director, CPRHE NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
16.	Dr. Paripally Shankar Associate Professor Department of Educational Finance	<b>Member</b>
17.	Mr A.N.Reddy Assistant Professor Department of School and Non-Formal Education	<b>Member</b>
18.	Dr. N.K.Mohanty Assistant Professor Department of Educational Planning	<b>Member</b>
19.	Prof. R.C. Patel* Vice-Chancellor Indian Institute of Teachers' Education (IITE) Gandhinagar, Gujarat	<b>Member</b>
20.	Prof. Saroj Sharma* Professor & Dean (Dept. of Education) Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha Univ. New Delhi	<b>Member</b>
21.	Prof. Sudhakar Venukapalli* Professor of Education, The English and Foreign Languages University Hyderabad	<b>Member</b>

22.	Dr. Rishi Goel* Director State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education (SIASTE) 1707, Sector 4 , Kurukshetra - 136 118 Haryana	<b>Member</b>
23.	Dr. Anish Gupta* Associate Professor Department of Economics University of Delhi Delhi 110007	<b>Member</b>
24.	Prof.Satya Bhusan Dash* Chairperson, Centre for Marketing in Emerging Economies Indian Institute of Management Lucknow - 226013 Uttar Pradesh	<b>Member</b>
25.	Prof. Santosh Panda National Fellow NIEPA, New Delhi	<b>Special Invitee</b>
26.	Shri Surya Narayan Mishra Registrar	<b>Ex-officio Secretary</b>

*\*External Members of the Academic Council of NIEPA*

At the outset Dr. (H.C.) Surya Narayan Mishra, Registrar & Secretary of the Academic Council extended a warm welcome to all the Members and requested the hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to Chair the Council Meeting. The Registrar apprised the members regarding composition of the Academic Council and joining of new members after the completion of the tenure of previous members.

Prof. Santosh Panda, National Fellow, NIEPA who had recently joined NIEPA attended the Meeting as a Special Invitee.

Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA and Chairperson of the Academic Council also extended a warm welcome to all the members.

The Chairperson asked the Registrar & Secretary Academic Council to take up the Agenda items.

#### **Agenda Item No. 33.1**

**(i) Leave of absence**

The leave of absence was granted to Prof. Santwana G. Mishra, Associate Professor and Member of the Academic Council of NIEPA who had not attended the Meeting due to her personal reasons. This was noted.

(ii) **Welcome to newly appointed Members and gratitude to outgoing Members of the Academic Council**

As per the Memorandum of Association & Rules 2020 of the Institute, on completion of the tenure of external members, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor had nominated the following new members to the Academic Council.

The Council expressed its gratitude to the outgoing members and welcomed the newly appointed members as under:

***Outgoing members***

1. Prof. H. Ramachandran  
National Fellow, ICSSR
2. Prof. S. Madheswaran  
Professor & Head, Centre for Economic Studies & Policy  
Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore
3. Prof. Geetha B. Nambissan  
Retd. Professor JNU  
New Delhi
4. Prof. Poonam Batra  
Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi, Delhi
5. Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar  
Dharampur, Dist. Valsad, Gujarat
6. Prof. Atul Sarma  
Chairman, OKDISCO Guwahati

***Newly appointed Members***

1. Prof. R.C. Patel  
Vice-Chancellor  
Indian Institute of Teachers' Education  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat
2. Prof. Saroj Sharma  
Professor & Dean of Education Department  
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University  
New Delhi
3. Prof. Sudhakar Venukapalli  
Senior Professor (Honorary)  
Head of the Department  
Institute of English & Foreign Languages  
Hyderabad

4. Dr. Rishi Goel  
Director  
State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education (SIASTE)  
1707, Sector 4 Kurukshetra - 136 118 Haryana
5. Dr. Anish Gupta  
Associate Professor  
School of Economics, University of Delhi  
Delhi -110007
6. Prof. Satya Bhushan Dash  
Chairperson, Centre for Marketing in Emerging Economies  
Indian Institute of Management Lucknow - 226013  
Uttar Pradesh

All the above-mentioned new members had accepted the nomination. The AC extended a warm welcome to them for their benign presence and looked forward to their valuable contribution in this statutory meeting of NIEPA. The Council also appreciated and put on record the contribution of the outgoing members.

**(III) Approved Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on April 24, 2024.**

The Council was apprised of the approval of the Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24.04.2024 in the Board of Management for kind information and perusal.

**Agenda Item No. 33.2**

**Action Taken Report of Minutes of 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council held on 24.04.2024 is as under:**

Sr. No.	Action Point	Action Taken/Present Report
1.	<b><u>Reference Agenda Item No. 32.5</u></b> Registration of title of Dissertation of Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. scholar 2022 Batch	The Notification has been issued to the following scholars: 1. Ms. Agrima Bhasin 2. Ms. Renu Hembram 3. Mr. Sanjay Rajendra Yadav Note: Following scholars submitted dissertation for the M.Phil. viva voce examination with the edited title. Therefore, their edited title will be placed in next Board of Studies meeting for registration:  1. Ms. Akanksha Saroj 2. Ms. Kartiki Parshuram Lokhande 3. Ms. Sumitra Sahoo
2.	<b><u>Reference Agenda Item No. 32.6</u></b> Registration of title of Ph.D. thesis of	Notification has been issued to the following scholars: 1. Ms. Akanksha

	Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. 2021 Batch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Ms. Ankita Singh</li> <li>3. Mr. Aswini Ajagar</li> <li>4. Ms. Bagmita Hazarika</li> <li>5. Ms. Harshita Dutt</li> <li>6. Ms. Nancy Frida Lakra</li> <li>7. Mr. Rajnish Kumar</li> <li>8. Mr. Rayala Prudhvi</li> <li>9. Mr. SK Abdul Sakur</li> <li>10. Ms. Siddhi Singh</li> </ol> <p>Note: Following scholars submitted their tentative titles for the registration as their Research Advisory Committee (RAC) was not held during that time. Therefore, their titles as recommended by the RAC may be placed before the next Board of Studies meeting for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Khagesh Vijay Singanjude</li> <li>2. Ms. Meenakshi Ravivanshi</li> <li>3. Ms. Nitika</li> <li>4. Ms. Sarah David</li> <li>5. Mr. Shakeel Ahemed Qureshi</li> </ol>
3.	<u>Reference Agenda Item No. 32.7</u>  Registration of title of Ph.D. thesis of Ph.D. (Full Time) batch 2022	Notification has been issued to the following scholars: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Aarti Tomar</li> <li>2. Mr. Amar Nath</li> <li>3. Ms. Anupama Bharti</li> <li>4. Ms. Fiza Farooqui</li> <li>5. Ms. KM Tanu</li> <li>6. Ms. Nausheen Fatima</li> <li>7. Ms. Rekha Menon Sharma</li> </ol> <p>Note: Following scholars submitted their tentative titles for the registration as their Research Advisory Committee (RAC) was not held during that time. Therefore, their titles as recommended by the RAC will be placed before the next Board of Studies meeting for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Abhay Singh</li> <li>2. Ms. Akanksha Rai</li> <li>3. Ms. Pragnya Parimita Behera</li> <li>4. Ms. Preeti Malik</li> <li>5. Mr. Rajkumar Meena</li> <li>6. Ms. Ria Batra</li> </ol>
4.	<u>Reference Agenda Item No. 32.8</u>  Modification in the registered research title for Ph.D. thesis	Notifications has been issued to Ms. Jitsun Lamo and Mr. C. Thangminlal Dongel regarding modified Research Title.
5.	<u>Reference Agenda Item No. 32.9</u>  To consider the case of Ms. Swati Vasant Waghmare regarding relaxation	The letter has been issued to Ms. Swati Vasant Waghmare regarding payment of Hostel Pending Dues.

	in Hostel dues	
6.	<u>Reference Agenda Item No. 32.10</u> To consider the request of Ms. Survi, Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. scholar for change in Research Title for Ph.D. thesis	The notification has been issued to Ms. Survi.
7.	<u>Reference Agenda Item No. 32.11</u> Revision of NIEPA fellowship at par with UGC fellowship	The agenda of revision of NIEPA fellowship as per the UGC fellowship is submitted to be placed in the next Finance Committee meeting.

The Academic Council noted the information about Action taken with satisfaction.

**Reporting Items: Agenda Item No.33.3**

**Agenda Item No. 33.3.1**

**Status of the Training Programmes, Workshops & Seminars conducted in the year 2024-25.**

The Academic Council noted the status of conducting training programmes/ workshops/ seminars of NIEPA, as one of the major activities of the Institute, for the year 2024-25. There is significant increase in number of programmes i.e. 22% as well as participants i.e. 46% in comparison to the previous year.

Brief details of the programmes conducted during April 1, 2024 to March 5, 2025 are given as under:

1.	<b>Total No. of Programmes Proposed</b>	<b>130</b>
2.	<b>No. of Programmes scheduled and conducted</b>	<b>99</b>
3.	<b>No. of Programmes not Scheduled but Conducted</b>	<b>27</b>
4.	<b>Total No. of Programmes conducted (Scheduled &amp; Unscheduled)</b>	<b>126</b>
5.	<b>No. of Programmes scheduled but not conducted</b>	<b>31</b>
6.	<b>Total No. of participants in the programmes conducted</b>	<b>6472</b>

The Academic Council appreciated the rise in number of programmes as well as participants.

**Agenda Item No. 33.3.2**

**Review of the Status of Research studies/ project/ activities conducted up to March 5,2025**

The status of Research Studies/Projects and Activities conducted in NIEPA up to March, 2025 was presented in the following order:

**1. Department-wise ongoing research studies/activities till March 5,2025.**

While the status of the research projects was noted, it was pointed out that there should be mention of the date of sanction of the project proposal, the date of completion, the reasons if not completed.

**2. Department-wise completed Research Studies 2024-25.**

The status was noted. For Department of Educational Administration, Sl. No. 3, while the details of the phases of the project have been given by the Principal Investigator in the Annexure, the contribution of the Co-ordinators of the first phase is also acknowledged. For Sl. No. 4 & 5 the Co-Researcher name (Dr. V. Sucharita) is also added.

**3. List of the Research proposals (New) placed before the Research & Development Cell in 2023-24**

- (i) The delay in proposal approval was noted, which needs to be addressed on priority.
- (ii) Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor may constitute a Committee to develop Guidelines for the entire process of Research Projects (from preparation to submission of report, including funding, time-line, justification, research methodology, publication strategies). Within this, the process of various stages and the roles of DAC, Academic Council, R&D Cell, External Review, Project Progress Review, Pre-Submission Assessment, and Final Submission and Dissemination/ Publication should also be worked out.
- (iii) The Dissemination Strategies needs to be further worked out including Publication in book-form, as NIEPA Publication, uploading to NIEPA Website, and Research Brief to be submitted to the R&D Cell, as also the required publication in high-impact peer reviewed journals.
- (iv) For Research Projects as also for Ph.D. Research, a Research Ethics Committee needs to be constituted to give ethical clearance to the doctoral research and NIEPA research projects.
- (v) The time-line for Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation should be expedited to conform to the UGC Regulations, and attempt should be made to reduce the time-gap between thesis submission and viva-voce and award of degree.
- (vi) Plagiarism check should be compulsory part of any research reporting and publication, including the research brief to be uploaded to NIEPA Website and for publication by NIEPA.

#### 4. New Research Proposals / Studies received in PMU

The Members noted the submission of the two New Research Proposals by Dr. Shankar Paripally and by Prof. K. Srinivas. It was pointed out that, while submitting the proposal brief to the Academic Council, the Research Investigators should also include a brief on the methodology, justification for the research, its benefit to the Academia and to Society and justification for the budget (especially the ratio between the total budget and budget for research staff). It was noted that while the proposals are approved, the budgets of these proposals shall be examined on case by case basis before final approval (the Finance Committee to look into it).

As recommended by the Departmental Head, a research proposal titled "Impact of Samagra Shiksha on Provision and Financing of School Education – A Study of select states" submitted by Dr. A.N. Reddy was taken into consideration to be further put up to the R&D Cell for further examination and also to the Finance Committee for examining its budget.

A project entitled "Public-Private Mix in Secondary Education in India: in-School Facilities and Intake Profile" which was approved under two phases vide Notification No. 5-5/2014/Acad. by Registrar, NIEPA dated November 19, 2014, the first phase of which was completed in 2020 and the proposal for the second phase along with the budget was submitted by the Investigator in 2021 which was approved by the DAC dated 15.02.2021 and placed in the Academic Council and subsequently sent to the PMU. It was decided to take the Phase II forward (which has gone through the process of DAC, Academic Council), though the budget has to be examined by the FC for further necessary action.

#### Agenda Item No. 33.3.3

#### **Award of Doctor of Philosophy to NIEPA Scholars**

Viva-voce of the following Ph.D. candidates has been completed and Notifications for award of Degree have been issued.

S. No.	Name of the Scholar	Enrolment No.	Date of Registration	Date of completion of the tenure of the programme	Name of the Supervisor	Remarks	PhD Viva Voce Examination
1.	Ms. Sonam Arora	20182003	11.11.2018	10.11.2022 Extended upto 10.11.2023	Prof. Mona Khare	Pre-Submission held on 03.10.2023 Final Submission made on 10.11.2023	24.07.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)

2.	Mr. Shadab Anis	20181012	23.07.2018	22.07.2023 Extended upto 22.12.2023	Dr. Suman Negi	Pre - Submission Seminar held on 25.09.2023 Final Submission made on 22.12.2023	19.09.2024  (Notification issued for award of degree)
3.	Ms. Nida Khan	20182001	11.11.2018	10.11.2022  Extended upto 10.11.2023  Further Extended upto 10.01.2024	Prof. Kumar Suresh	Pre Submission Seminar held on 16.11.2023 Final Submission made on 10.01.2024	08.10.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)
4.	Ms. Anuradha Bose	20152002 25.05.2015	24.05.2019  Re-registration on 12.01.2023	11.01.2024	Prof. Kumar Suresh	Pre Submission Seminar held on 12.12.2023 Final Submission made on 10.01.2024	21.11.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)
5.	Ms. Mrinmayee Mandal	20192006	11.11.2019	10.11.2023  Extended upto 10.11.2024	Dr. Anshu Srivastava	Pre Submission Seminar held on 21.12.2023 Final Submission made on 02.04.2024	16.10.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)
6.	Mr. Priyank Sharma	20181007	23.07.2018	22.07.2023 Extended upto 22.07.2024	Prof. A.K. Singh	Pre Submission Seminar held on 01.12.2023 Final Submission made on 14.05.2024	28.10.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)
7.	Mr. Abhishek Pandey	20182010	11.11.2018	10.11.2022  Extended upto 10.11.2023  Further Extended upto 10.05.2024	Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan	Pre Submission Seminar held on 08.04.2024 Final Submission made on 24.05.2024	24.10.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)

8.	Ms. Simmi Chaudhary	20083002 Ph.D. (Part-time)	01.04.2011  Re-registered on 23.01.2023	22.01.2024	Prof. Veera Gupta (Supervisor (I/c) : Dr. Santwana Mishra)	Pre Submission Seminar held on 30.09.2024 Final Submission made on 25.10.2024	22.11.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)
9.	Mr. Gowhar Rashid Ganie	20191004 Ph.D. (Full-time)	08.07.2019	07.07.2023 Extended upto 07.01.2024  Further extended upto 07.04.2024  Further extended up to 07.07.2024	Prof. K. Biswal	Pre Submission Seminar held on 06.10.2023 Final Submission made on 05.07.2024	27.01.2025 (Notification issued for award of degree)
10.	Ms. Fatima Zahra	20181001	23.07.2018	22.07.2023 Extended upto 22.07.2024	Dr. Sangeeta Angom	Pre Submission Seminar held on 15.03.2024 Final Submission made on 19.07.2024	17.12.2024 (Notification issued for award of degree)

For Sl. No. 11, 12 and 13 given below viva-voce examinations have been successfully conducted and the Notification is being issued soon.

S. No	Name of the Scholar	Enrolment No.	Date of Registration	Date of completion of the tenure of the programme	Name of the Supervisor	Remarks	PhD Viva Voce Examination
11.	Ms. Aysha Malik	20182002	11.11.2018	10.11.2022 Extended upto 10.11.2023 Further extended upto 10.02.2024	Prof. K. Biswal	Pre Submission Seminar held on 29.09.2023 Final Submission made on 08.02.2024	18.02.2025

12.	Ms. Harshita Sharma	20192005	11.11.2019	10.11.2023 Extended upto 10.11.2024	Prof. Neeru Snehi	Pre Submission Seminar held on 05.04.2024 Final Submission made on 21.05.2024	- 17.02.2025
13.	Ms. Nivedita Shrama	20181016	23.07.2018	22.07.2023 Extended upto 22.07.2024	Prof. Madhumita Bandopadhyay	Pre Submission Seminar held on 12.04.2024 Final Submission made on 22.07.2024	- 14.12.2025

The Academic Council noted the information with satisfaction.

**Agenda Item No. 33.3.4**

**Submission of Ph.D. thesis for evaluation**

The following Ph.D. scholars had submitted their Ph.D. thesis for evaluation.

S. No	Name of the Scholar	Enrolment No.	Date of Registration	Date of completion of the tenure of the programme	Name of the Supervisor	Remarks	PhD Viva Voce Examination
1.	Ms. Sujata Bahot	20181019	23.07.2018	22.07.2023 Extended upto 22.07.2024	Prof. Vineeta Sirohi	Pre Submission Seminar held on 16.05.2024 Final Submission made on 22.07.2024	- Thesis sent to External Examiners for evaluation
2.	Mr. Mohd Rouf Bhat	20181010	23.07.2018	22.07.2023 Extended upto 22.01.2024  Further extended upto 22.07.2024	Prof. Neeru Snehi	Pre Submission Seminar held on 25.06.2024 Final Submission made on 13.08.2024	- Thesis sent to External Examiners for evaluation

3.	Mr. Amardeep Kumar	20142002	06.04.2015 Re-registration on 03.04.2023	02.04.2024  Extended upto 30.05.2024	Prof. Sudhanshu Bhushan	Pre Submission Seminar held on 28.03.2024 Final Submission made on 20.08.2024	- Thesis sent to External Examiners for evaluation .
4.	Mr. Parul Chaudhary	20172008	01.09.2017	31.08.2024	Prof. Vineeta Sirohi	Pre Submission Seminar held on 04.07.2024 Final Submission made on 27.08.2024	- Thesis sent to External Examiners for evaluation .
5.	Mr. Kumar K (Part-Time)	20073001	18.11.2008 18.11.2008 Re-registration  07.06.2023	06.06.2024 Further Extension upto 16.08.2024	Prof. Pranati Panda	Pre Submission Seminar held on 11.06.2024 Final Submission made on 15.08.2024	- Thesis sent to External Examiners for evaluation .
6.	Ms. Anjali Surehatia	20172001 Ph.D. (Part-time)	13.07.2017	12.07.2024  Further Extended upto 12.05.2025	Prof. Madhumita Bandhyopadhyay	Pre Submission Seminar held on 22.07.2024 Final Submission made on 06.12.2024	- Thesis sent to External Examiners for evaluation .
7.	Ms. Pratiksha Tripathi	20192003 Ph.D. (Full-time)	11.11.2019	10.11.2023 Extended upto 10.11.2024	Prof. Kumar Suresh	Pre Submission Seminar held on 25.10.2024 Final Submission made on 30.12.2024	- Thesis sent to External Examiners for evaluation .

This was noted by the Members.

**Agenda Item No. 33.3.5**

**Report of admission to the Ph.D. programme for the year of 2024-25.**

The Members of the Academic Council noted the admission of 23 scholars.

**Agenda Item No. 33.3.6**

**Report of admission to the Master of Arts in Education and Development (MAED) Programme for the year of 2024-25.**

The Academic Council noted the Notification issued declaring candidates qualified for admission in the Master of Arts in Education and Development (MAED) Programme. It was pointed out that special efforts should be made for wider advertisement/ marketing of the programme to increase the number of enrolments, as also the employment of the graduates.

**Items for Approval**

**Agenda Item No. 33.4**

**To consider and approval of the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Board of Studies held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.**

The Academic Council noted the minutes of the Board of Studies meeting held on March 06, 2025 with satisfaction and approved the same.

**Agenda Item No.: 33.5**

**To appraise the Academic Council about major decision taken in the Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings of various Departments/ Units/ Centers for the Year 2025-26.**

The DAC Meetings for the year 2025-26 were scheduled as follows:

Sr. No	Name of the Department & HoD	Date of DAC	Training & Research activities	Signed Minutes of DAC
1.	Department of Educational Planning (Prof. P.Geetha Rani)	14.02.2025 (14.30hrs.)	✓	✓
2.	Department of Educational Administration (Prof. Vineeta Sirohi)	11.02.2025 (14.30. hrs.)	✓	✓
3.	Department of Educational Finance (Prof. Mona Khare)	12.02.2025 (15.30 hrs.)	✓	✓
4.	Department of Educational Policy (Prof. A.K. Singh)	27.02.2025 (10.30 hrs.)	✓	✓
5.	Department of School & Non-Formal Education (Prof. Madhumita Banyopadhyay)	21.02.2025 (14.30 hrs.)	✓	✓
6.	Department of Higher and Professional Education (Prof. Aarti Srivastava)	11.02.2025 (10.30. hrs.)	✓	✓

7.	Department of Training & Professional Development in Education (Prof. Neeru Snehi)	14.02.2025 (10.30 hrs.)	✓	✓
8.	ICT (Prof. K. Srinivas)	20.02.2025 (11.30 hrs.)	✓	✓
9.	National Centre for School Leadership (Dr. Santwana G. Mishra)	27.02.2025 (10.30 hrs.)	✓	✓
10	Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education (Prof. P.K. Misra)	To be held shortly		

The Academic Council noted that the meeting of the Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) of the Departments/ Centres conducted in the month of February, 2025 to consider the training programmes/ workshops/ research proposals and other academic matters for the year 2025-26 and a consolidated outcome of the previous year's activities. The DACs were held as per above schedule except for Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education (CPRHE) which is scheduled to take place soon.

While some of the Departments have taken into consideration the comments given in the respective DAC Meetings and incorporated within the given format, all the departments were asked to incorporate all the suggestions given in the DACs and provide in the prescribed format for parity in records and further necessary action in future.

#### **Agenda Item 33.6**

##### **To consider and approve the proposed Training Calendar for the Year 2025-26**

The Academic Council noted the draft Training Calendar for the Year 2025-26 submitted for compliance by the Training Cell. Also the budgets of each programme shall be examined for approval by the Finance Committee.

It was suggested that the number of MMTTC Programmes should be reflected against each Department, while a consolidated number could be given under the MMTTC Cell.

#### **Agenda Item No. 33.7**

##### **A list of NIEPA publications (April 01, 2024 – February 24, 2025)**

The list of NIEPA publications (April 01, 2024 – February 24, 2025) was noted and appreciated by the Academic Council.

### Agenda Item No. 33.8

Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair

#### **Introduction of Masters Programmes in NIEPA**

NIEPA had introduced two Programmes in 2007 after the conferment of the status of Deemed to be University. The two programmes as follows.

- M.Phil
- Ph.D.

The UGC Review committee for NIEPA in 2018 recommended for introduction of five master level programmes as a requirement of a Deemed to be University. As a follow-up of the UGC Review Committees' recommendation, the process of the launch of master level programmes started. After a series of deliberations, discussions and workshops for the development of curriculum framework, a Master Programme in Education and Development was launched in 2023. Further action has been taken to introduce more master's level programmes, keeping in view availability of more physical space and classrooms to accommodate programmes and students in a new academic building. The building is likely to be operational from the academic year 2025-2026. An agenda item for introducing Master Programme was placed in the 14th meeting of the Board of Studies held on April 08, 2024, which in-principle had approved various master's programmes and also courses to be designed and offered by NIEPA.

The different departments/Units in NIEPA have proposed a number of programmes. The proposed programmes were discussed in the respective meetings of the Departmental Advisory Committees held in February, 2025.

As a follow-up of the agenda item on this in the Board of Studies meeting held on 06.03.2025, Departments/Units in NIEPA were requested to propose Master's/Diploma/Certificate level programmes as per proforma. In order to take an informed view on the proposed programme, an Academic Programme Development Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to closely examine the programme proposals in respect of nomenclature, credits, target-groups, programme structure, employability etc. The committee comprised of the following members:

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| 1. Prof. Santosh Panda    | (Chairman)         |
| 2. Prof. A.K Singh        | (Member)           |
| 3. Prof. Kumar Suresh     | (Member)           |
| 4. Prof. Aarti Srivastava | (Member)           |
| 5. Prof. K. Srinivas      | (Member)           |
| 6. Prof. P.K Misra        | (Member)           |
| 7. Dr. Kashyapi Awasthi   | (Member-Secretary) |

The committee in its meeting held on March 07, 2025 discussed the proposed programme proposals (submitted by different Departments, based on a proforma circulated to them), and recommended preparation of launch of the following programmes in a phased manner, keeping in view the nomenclature, target-groups, prospects of employment and modularity of the programme.

1. Masters in Higher Education Governance and Management
2. Masters in School Leadership and Management
3. Masters in Artificial Intelligence in Education
4. Masters in Policy and Governance
5. Masters in Educational Policy, Planning and Financing
6. Course on Entrepreneurship in Education and Skill Building

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor pointed out that as per requirement of the UGC, the Institute needs to develop and offer at least five Master's level programmes. Accordingly, assisted by the above Committee, various Departments have put in a lot of efforts in chalking out and suggesting the above new programmes and courses. NIEPA needs to proceed in this direction with full consideration to employability of the graduates, though some concerns like UGC-NET can be taken up subsequently to address the requirement of teaching jobs for the graduates, besides other job opportunities.

It was pointed out by members that while the above programmes are considered to be approved, the Programme Coordinators need to give special attention to clearly define modularity, blended delivery, target groups, employment opportunities, among others.

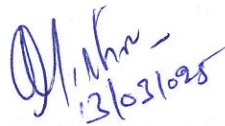
It was also discussed for nomenclature to go for MA Education (with different specialization) or Master's in different subjects as noted above. The Committee and Programme Coordinators have the leverage to choose either of the above formulation. Also modularity (Certificate, Diploma, Degree), multiple entry and exit (PG Diploma, 1-year Master's, 2-years Master's, with entry of 4-year under-graduates and 3-year under-graduates), and possibility of course-wise offer through various possibilities including SWAYAM courses may be considered. Atleast 2 programmes need to be designed for offer in phase-I i.e. latest by January, 2026, and other programmes may be developed to be offered by phase-II i.e. July, 2026. Various Programme Coordinators need to coordinate among themselves to avoid any duplication in target group, course content and other related aspects.

A Master's Programme on Educational Planning and Administration (based on the existing Post-Graduate Diploma in Educational Planning & Administration) should also be considered for offer subsequently.

The Vice-Chancellor highly appreciated the GER report prepared under the leadership of Prof. K. Biswal (and colleagues Dr. N.K.Mohanty and Dr. Suman Negi) and submitted to the Ministry, as also the report on Research Study on Implementation of NEP-2020 prepared under the leadership of Prof. Kumar Suresh and

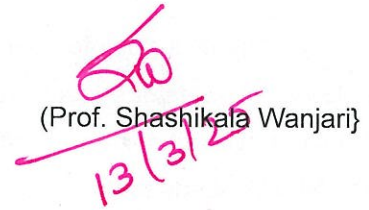
team to be submitted to the Ministry. She underlined that these are examples of good collaborative practices.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair, all external and internal members and facilitators of the meeting proposed by the Registrar.



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Vice-Chancellor



(Prof. Shashikala Wanjari)