

Financial Assistance *(Only for Face to Face Mode)*

The financial assistance to all the participants will be provided by NIEPA for face-to-face phase only, i.e., phase-2 of the programme as indicated below:

- Modest hostel facilities will be provided for boarding and lodging
- Travel expenses as per NIEPA rules. **No air travel will be permitted for PDEPA Programme Participants** except for North-East Region; Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. For places not connected by rail, road mileage at the rates applicable for journeys by public transport will be paid.

FACILITIES *(ONLY FOR FACE-TO-FACE MODE)*

Accommodation

The programme is residential during Phase II in face-to-face mode for which the Institute provides hostel accommodation for all the participants. It is compulsory for all the participants to stay in the hostel even if they are residents of Delhi or NCR. During the programme, spouse/children are not allowed to stay with the participant.

Library

The National Institute has an excellent library with a collection of over 60,000 books related to Educational Planning and Educational Administration and allied subjects. It subscribes to more than 350 Indian and Foreign academic periodicals, e-Journals and also has a collection of educational documents in the Documentation Centre.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Essential

- Officers serving only in state and central Government Education Departments as District Education Officers/Inspector of Schools/Basic Education Officers/Block Education Officers/

Assistant Inspectors of Schools/Education Officers are eligible for this programme. In addition, all the officials serving in the capacity of educational administrators at the state and district levels are eligible for participating in the programme. Only nominated applications by the State authority will be considered.

- Officers serving as education officers in the defence services are also eligible however their total number will be restricted to a maximum of 5 subject to availability of the seats. Only the nominated applications by the concerned authority will be considered.
- The other school personnel such as the primary/middle/secondary school teachers, Special Education teachers, Music Teachers/PT Teachers etc and Heads of primary/Middle/Secondary schools serving in the government and private schools are not eligible for the programme and will not be considered for the programme.
- A graduation degree from any Indian or Foreign University;
- Age below 50 years;
- Nominated by the state government or appropriate authority;
- Holding regular position or on deputation not on contractual basis.

Desirable

- At least two years of working experience in areas related to educational planning and administration.
- Good knowledge of computers with computer facility for using online material. Knowledge of virtual meeting apps like Google Meet, Microsoft Teams etc.

The application form can be filled online through Google Form for which the link will be available from the date of publication till August 20, 2026 on NIEPA website. The application form may also be downloaded from the website. Application may be sent through **Google Form**

or scanned copy of the filled application form (duly forwarded by nominating authority) through email latest by August 20, 2026. However, online applications through Google form will be encouraged.

NIEPA reserves the right to select participants according to its criteria. The number of participants selected for the programme is limited to thirty. Those candidates, who are selected by the Institute, would be informed of their selection and the joining instructions would also be sent to them. Outstation candidates are advised not to proceed to Delhi without getting confirmation from NIEPA. It is mandatory to attend all the sessions of the programme and the participants are requested to ensure duty leave for the same.

For further details, please contact:



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PDEPA I

**Professional Development in
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2026-27**

Batch-I

ANNOUNCEMENT



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The Programme

For more than four decades, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) has successfully conducted its specially designed Diploma Programme in Educational Planning and Administration (DEPA) for the educational administrators of the country. In the year 2014, the programme has undergone transition and upgradation to benefit the education officers to get advanced skills in educational planning and administration and to open the avenues for promotions in their respective departments. The programme was transformed to award Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Planning and Administration (PGDEPA) to the State government nominated in-service education officers such as District Education Officers (DEOs), Block Education Officers (BEOs), as well as other education officers from defence services. Organised annually, this is a unique capacity development programme, one of its own kind in the country meant specifically for the in-service working professionals, i.e., education officers who are nominated by their respective States/UTs and defence services. For the newly recruited DEOs and BEOs, the programme has acted as an induction programme making them aware about educational policy, planning, and administration at their administrative units.

In the recent years, there has been salient changes in the entire education system in the country with the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). Implementation of policy recommendations towards transformative education system requires strategic efforts at all the levels particularly at the sub-national levels. Therefore, a revised version of PGDEPA programme of one-year duration was launched in the year 2025-26 where it was aligned with NCrF 2023 and was offered in the blended mode of learning.

Attuned to the demand of the working educational professionals at the grassroots level, the programme has been further revised to a shorter duration programme, Professional Development in Educational Planning and Administration (PDEPA). Total duration of the

PDEPA Programme Structure
2026-2027 Batch 1

PHASE I

Preparatory Phase
September 1- September 14, 2026
(Online)

PHASE II

Course Work and Award
September 15 – September 30, 2026
(Face-to-face at NIEPA)



programme is one month with a total of 5 credits where two weeks will be online and other two weeks offline at NIEPA.

Salient features of this programme include the following:

- 1. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 based course for the education officers
- 2. Modular and blended approach to suit the requirements of the education officers

- 3. Two-week offline comprehensive classes at NIEPA with a focus on the applied aspects pertaining to the education officers
- 4. Covers four modules and one capstone project
- 5. National Credit Framework (NCrF) 2023 compliant
- 6. Rich hands-on training experience
- 7. Field visit to selected educational institutions

The present PDEPA programme holds all the necessary elements which can be covered in a shorter duration to reinvigorate the education system at the grassroots level.

Objectives

PDEPA programme has been envisaged to promote capacity and professional development among the participating educational personnel and fine tune the already existing skills and competencies in the areas of educational planning and management. Accordingly, the objectives of the programme are identified to:

- Sensitize the participants in the basics of educational planning, education policies, and role of educational administration, federal structures and their functions;
- Provide an opportunity to learn and practice the fundamentals of educational planning and management and issues related to policies and its implications for national development;
- Enable the participants to have a firsthand experience of developing plans, institutional plans and management skills for improved decision making, understand structures and functions of educational administration;
- Develop skills and capacities of participants in designing programmes for staff development, and understanding monitoring and evaluation methods for the programmes and projects; and
- Integrate ICT and AI tools for a better delivery of education as envisaged in NEP 2020.

Certification

The participants are required to undergo all the phases of the One-month duration PDEPA programme and after successful completion, participants will be awarded certificate for Professional Development in Educational Planning and Administration (PDEPA).