

The NEP Orientation & Sensitization Programme

The NEP Orientation & Sensitization Programme-Batch 67 was organized by the UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi, in collaboration with the Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, from 29 August to 08 September 2026 in online mode.

The programme was designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the vision, principles and major provisions of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, while sensitizing higher education teachers and research scholars to emerging developments and reforms in the Indian education system. As highlighted in the programme poster, the programme aimed to provide insights into NEP 2020, facilitate learning from leading experts in educational planning and administration, and provide opportunities for interaction on thematic areas likely to shape the future of higher education.

The programme brought together 16 resource persons from renowned universities and higher education institutions across India, thereby providing participants with diverse perspectives and expert insights into contemporary educational reforms during the programme days.

Programme Leadership and Coordination

The programme was conducted through collaborative coordination between NIEPA and Visva-Bharati.

- **Prof. Shashikala Wanjari**, Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA, New Delhi
- **Prof. Probir Kumar Ghosh**, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan
- **Prof. Amit Gautam**, Director, UGC-MMTTC, NIEPA
- **Prof. Rasmita Das Swain**, Programme Batch Director, UGC-MMTTC, NIEPA
- **Dr. Paripally Shankar**, Deputy Director, UGC-MMTTC, NIEPA
- **Dr. Dharma Rakshit Gautam**, Programme Batch Coordinator, NIEPA
- **Dr. Sarita Anand**, Programme Batch Local Coordinator, Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati

The programme was jointly coordinated by Dr. Dharma Rakshit Gautam and Dr. Sarita Anand, ensuring effective communication, scheduling, participant coordination and smooth conduct of the programme.

Participants

The programme brought together participants representing different categories of higher education stakeholders, including:

- Assistant Professors

- Associate Professors
- Faculty members of universities and colleges
- Ph.D. Research Scholars

The participation of faculty members and research scholars from universities and colleges across India contributed to a diverse academic environment. The varied institutional backgrounds of participants enabled the sharing of experiences and perspectives concerning the implementation of NEP 2020 in different higher education contexts.

Inaugural Session

The programme commenced with an inaugural session that formally set the academic context and expectations for the NEP Orientation & Sensitization Programme.

The inaugural session was addressed by distinguished academic and institutional leaders, including:

- **Prof. Shashikala Wanjari**, Vice-Chancellor, NIEPA, whose recorded message provided an institutional perspective and emphasized the significance of NEP-oriented professional development.
- **Prof. Amit Gautam**, Director, UGC-MMTTC, NIEPA, who highlighted the importance of systematic orientation and sensitization of teachers towards the objectives of NEP 2020.
- **Prof. Rasmita Das Swain**, Programme Batch Director, who provided the academic and organizational orientation to the programme.
- **Prof. Amit Kumar Hazra**, Principal, Vinaya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, who represented the collaborating institution and highlighted the relevance of NEP 2020 for teacher education and higher education.
- **Dr. Sarita Anand**, Programme Batch Local Coordinator from Visva-Bharati delivered the Vote of Thanks.

The inaugural session established a collaborative academic environment and provided participants with a clear understanding of the objectives and expectations of the programme.

Academic Sessions and Resource Persons

A major strength of the programme was the involvement of 16 distinguished resource persons from renowned universities and higher education institutions of India.

The academic sessions provided participants with opportunities to engage with experts and explore different dimensions of educational policy, planning, administration and higher education reform.

The sessions were particularly valuable because they enabled participants to:

- understand NEP 2020 from multiple academic perspectives;
- relate policy provisions to institutional practices;
- reflect upon the changing role of teachers in higher education;
- understand emerging priorities in higher education;
- discuss contemporary challenges associated with educational transformation; and
- connect policy-level ideas with classroom teaching, research and institutional responsibilities.

The interaction with resource persons from diverse universities also encouraged participants to examine the policy from different disciplinary and institutional perspectives.

The collaboration between UGC-MMTTC, NIEPA and the Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati demonstrated the value of inter-institutional cooperation in teacher and faculty development.

The collaborative coordination of Dr. Dharma Rakshit Gautam and Dr. Sarita Anand contributed to the smooth organization and completion of the programme.

Valedictory Session

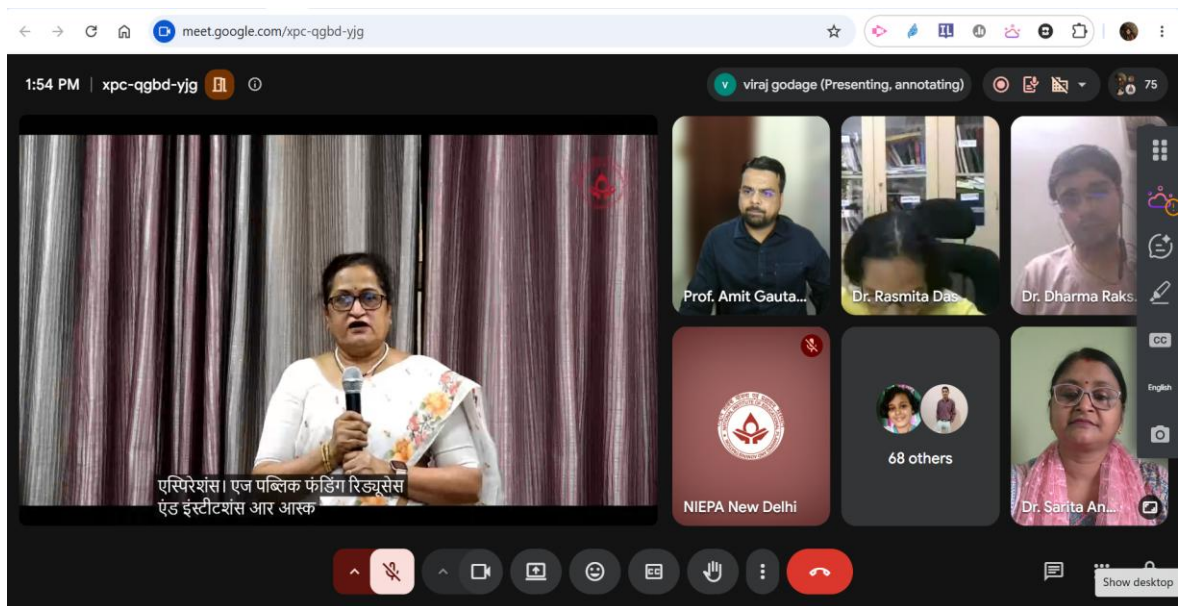
The programme concluded with a formal valedictory session.

The session included addresses by:

- **Prof. Amit Gautam**, Director, UGC-MMTTC, NIEPA;
- **Prof. Rasmita Das Swain**, Programme Batch Director, NIEPA; and
- **Prof. S.S. Bairagya, HoD, Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati.**

The speakers reflected on the significance of the programme, the learning experiences of participants and the importance of translating the vision of NEP 2020 into institutional and professional practice.

- The Vote of Thanks was delivered by **Dr. Sarita Anand**, Programme Batch Local Coordinator, Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, expressing gratitude to the leadership of NIEPA and Visva-Bharati, programme coordinators, resource persons, participants and all those involved in the successful completion of the programme.



Inaugural Session 29.08.2026



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