



NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

***NEP 2020 in Action:
Institutional Readiness, Governance and Undergraduate Reforms
in Higher Education with Special Reference to Himachal Pradesh***

Organised by
Department of Economics
St. Bede's College, Shimla
(NAAC Re-Accredited 'A' Grade)

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has introduced significant reforms in higher education, including multidisciplinary and holistic learning, flexible curricula, multiple entry and exit provisions, the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), skill integration, internship-based learning and the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP). These reforms seek to make higher education more learner-centred, flexible, inclusive and responsive to emerging academic and employment needs.

The implementation of these reforms requires higher education institutions to redesign curricula, strengthen governance and institutional processes, build faculty capacities, integrate technology, establish effective credit-transfer mechanisms, and align academic programmes with changing employability requirements. In Himachal Pradesh, universities and affiliated colleges are undertaking the transition towards undergraduate frameworks aligned with NEP 2020. This transition presents opportunities as well as challenges related to institutional preparedness, infrastructure, faculty readiness, multidisciplinary course offerings, student mobility and quality assurance.

The seminar will provide a national platform for academicians, researchers, educational administrators, policymakers and other stakeholders to deliberate on the implementation of NEP 2020, share institutional experiences and best practices, and examine practical strategies for strengthening undergraduate reforms. The discussions will particularly focus on educational planning, governance, institutional management, curriculum reforms, digital transformation, faculty development, employability and quality assurance.

The seminar is aligned with contemporary concerns of educational planning, management and governance and seeks to generate practical, policy-oriented recommendations for effective and sustainable implementation of NEP 2020 in colleges and universities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar aims to examine the current status of NEP 2020 implementation in higher education and assess the preparedness of institutions for the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP), multidisciplinary education and flexible curricular structures. It seeks to discuss the implementation of the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), credit transfer, student mobility and multiple entry-exit provisions, while exploring curriculum and pedagogical reforms that promote holistic, experiential and competency-based learning. The seminar will also deliberate on strategies for enhancing students' employability, skills and career readiness through internships, apprenticeships, entrepreneurship and industry-academia linkages, as well as examine the role of Artificial Intelligence and digital technologies in teaching, learning and assessment. Further, it aims to identify requirements for faculty development, institutional capacity building, quality assurance, accreditation and effective governance under NEP 2020. With special reference to Himachal Pradesh, the seminar will provide an opportunity to document institutional experiences, share innovative practices, identify implementation challenges and develop practical, policy-oriented recommendations for the effective and sustainable implementation of NEP 2020 in colleges and universities.

ABOUT NIEPA

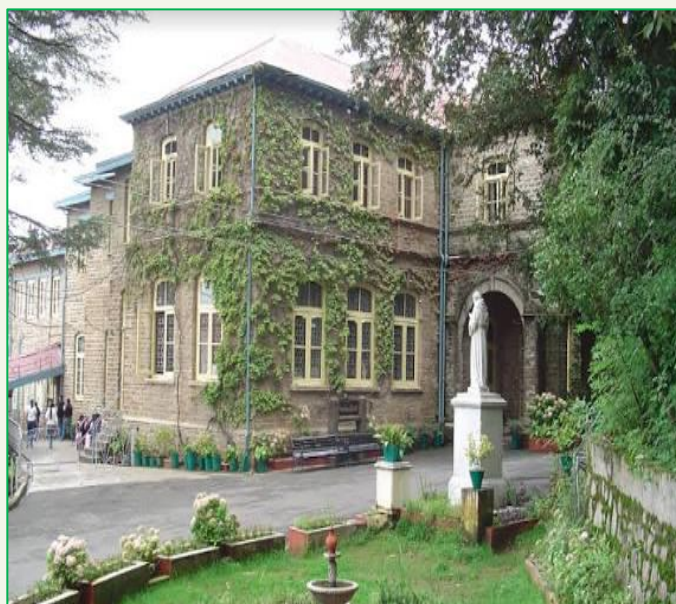
The **National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)**, New Delhi, is a premier national institution under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, dedicated to educational policy, planning and administration. Established in 1962 and accorded the status of a Deemed to be University in 2006, NIEPA undertakes research, teaching, training and capacity building, while providing academic and professional support for educational planning and management. The Institute also serves as a platform for policy dialogue, knowledge exchange and professional development in education.



ABOUT ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE, SHIMLA

St. Bede's College, Shimla, established in 1904, is one of the historic institutions of higher education in Himachal Pradesh, with a legacy of more than a century of academic service. Located amidst the scenic surroundings of Shimla, the college has evolved from its early beginnings as a teachers' training institution into a multidisciplinary institution offering programmes across Arts, Science, Management and Commerce. Affiliated with Himachal Pradesh University, the college places strong emphasis on academic excellence, holistic development, research, innovation, skill enhancement and value-based education.

Guided by its motto, "Non Nobis Solum" (Not for Ourselves Alone), St. Bede's seeks to develop young women who are intellectually capable, socially responsible and prepared to contribute meaningfully to society.



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The **Department of Economics**, St. Bede's College, Shimla, is committed to developing students' analytical, critical and problem-solving abilities through the study of economic theory and contemporary economic issues. The Department combines classroom learning with interactive, experiential and activity-based approaches, encouraging students to relate economic concepts to real-world situations. Through academic, co-curricular, interdisciplinary and outreach activities, the Department seeks to nurture economically aware, intellectually curious and socially responsible learners.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited on the following themes.

- ✓ NEP 2020 and Transformation of Higher Education
- ✓ Implementation of FYUGP and Multiple Entry-Exit System
- ✓ Academic Bank of Credits and Student Mobility
- ✓ Multidisciplinary Education and Curriculum Reforms
- ✓ Employability, Skills and Career Readiness
- ✓ Student Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Era of NEP 2020
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence, Digital Learning and Higher Education
- ✓ Faculty Development and Institutional Capacity Building
- ✓ Quality Assurance, Accreditation and Governance
- ✓ Experiences and Best Practices from Himachal Pradesh

**Note: The above themes are indicative in nature. Authors are free to bring in their own perspectives, reviews and experiences.*

REGISTRATION FEE AND PROCESS

All participants are requested to complete the registration process through the designated registration link. Participants presenting papers should submit their abstracts in accordance with the guidelines provided in this brochure.

Category	Regular Fee	Early Bird (by 15 October 2026)	On the Spot Registration
Delegates	₹1,000	₹800	₹1500
Research Scholars / Students	₹600	₹500	₹1000

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission	31 October, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	15 November, 2026
Last Date of Registration	20 November, 2026
Full-Length Paper Submission	30 November, 2026
Click to Register https://forms.gle/BMcVMX3Zw9rZNY3u7	

MODE OF PAYMENT & SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Registration fee may be paid through RTGS/NEFT/UPI in the account mentioned below.

Account Name	St. Bede's College
Account Number	635301007621 <i>(Six Three Five Three Zero One Zero Zero Seven Six Two One)</i>
Bank Name	ICICI Bank
Branch Name	The Mall Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
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Participants are requested to submit their abstracts using the following link:

Abstract Submission Link (*as per the guidelines given below*)

nationalseminarniepa@gmail.com

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Abstract should not exceed 300 words.
- Font: Times New Roman, 12; line spacing: 1.5.
- Include title, author's name(s), affiliation(s), email ID and 4–6 keywords.
- Clearly indicate the theme/sub-theme.

Full Paper Submission Guidelines

- Full paper should be 3,000–5,000 words.
- Font: Times New Roman, 12; line spacing: 1.5.
- Include title, abstract (up to 300 words), keywords (4–6), main text, conclusion and references (APA style).
- Tables, figures and references should be properly cited.
- Submit through the designated submission link.
- Submitted papers must be original, free from plagiarism, and must not have been published or be under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Awards & Certificates

- **Best Five Papers:** Certificate of Research Excellence
- **Selected Papers:** Publication in an edited book volume with ISBN, subject to the editorial process.
- **Accepted Abstracts:** Publication in the Seminar Souvenir.
- **Paper Presenters:** Certificate of Presentation.
- **Registered Participants:** Certificate of Participation.

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About Shimla

Nestled in the beautiful Himalayas, Shimla, the capital of Himachal Pradesh, is a charming hill city known for its pleasant climate, colonial heritage and scenic mountain landscapes. Participants can explore its historic architecture, Mall Road, Ridge, Christ Church, Jakhoo Temple and nearby viewpoints while enjoying the unique cultural and natural beauty of the region. With its peaceful surroundings and rich heritage, Shimla offers an inspiring setting for academic exchange and meaningful interaction.

How to Reach

By Air:

The nearest airport is Shimla Airport (Jubbarhatti), approximately 20 km from the city centre. Limited flights connect Shimla with major cities. Chandigarh Airport, about 120 km away, offers wider air connectivity.

By Rail:

Shimla is connected to Kalka by the historic UNESCO-listed Kalka–Shimla narrow-gauge railway. Kalka is well connected to major cities of India by train. Taxis and buses are available from Kalka to Shimla.

By Road:

Shimla is well connected by road with Chandigarh, Delhi, Kalka and other major cities of North India. Regular HRTC and private buses, as well as taxis, are available. Chandigarh is approximately 115–120 km from Shimla.

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