

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 46TH MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN), DEHRADUN HELD ON 27.11.2024 (WEDNESDAY) AT 02:00 P.M. AND ON 07.12.2024 (SATURDAY) AT 11:00 A.M.

The 46th meeting of the General Council was held on 07.12.2024 at 11:00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India through virtual mode.

Members present in the meeting:

1. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal,
Chairman
President, General Council (NIEPVD) &
Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan),
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
New Delhi
2. Shri Rajeev Sharma,
Member
Chairman, Executive Council (NIEPVD) &
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan),
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
New Delhi
3. Ms. Debolina Thakur,
Member
Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor,
MSJ&E, Room no. 610, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi
4. Shri Vineet Singhal
Invitee **Special**
Director NI,
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan),
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
New Delhi
5. Shri Prakash Chandra
Member
Director,
Department of Social Welfare,
Government of Uttarakhand
6. Dr. Sayana
Member



Director, Medical Health Service,
Govt. of Uttarakhand

7. Ms. Avanthi Mokireddi
Member

S. - Pusapati Towers, Doctors Colony,
Vishakhapatnam- 530007

8. Dr. Yadvendra Singh

Member

Sangam Eye Hospital, Transport Nagar,
Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh 273016

9. Er. Manish Verma,
Member Secretary
Officiating Director,
NIEPVD, Dehradun

The following are the members absent for the 46th General Council Meeting of the NIEPVD, Dehradun held on 7th December, 2024 through hybrid mode:

1. Ms. Swati Dhare

Member

Parkriti 12—13 Vipra Nagar,
Behind Mayur Hospital,
Poorvi Ring Road,
Indore- 452016, Madhya Pradesh

2. Shri Lalit Anand

Member

House No. 116, Shanti Apartment,
Pocket 6, Rohini Sector- 23, Delhi- 1100085

3. Shri Anoop Kumar Pandey

Member

Jai Loknath Vihar, Beside Amba Park,
Lingiyadhi, Bilaspur, Postoffice SECL 495006,
Chattisgarh

4. Shri Amit Singh

Member

29, Kailash Vihar, Khandari Bypass
Behind St. Conrad's School, Agra



The Member Secretary welcomed the President and Members for the 46th GC meeting of NIEPVD, Dehradun followed by brief introduction of the members.

**ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE 44TH & 45TH MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL
COUNCIL AND RATIFICATION OF DECISION IN 45TH
MEETING HELD THROUGH CIRCULATION**

Decision taken on 27.11.2024:

Since no comments were received, the Council confirmed the Minutes of the 44th and 45th meetings of the General Council held on 02.12.2022 and through circulation respectively.

**ITEM NO. 2: REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN ON THE
MINUTES OF THE 44TH & 45TH MEETING OF THE
GENERAL COUNCIL**

Decision taken on 27.11.2024:

The Council noted the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 44th & 45th meetings of the General Council held on 02.12.2022 and vide circulation respectively and the following instructions were given the Chairperson, General Council:

- i. To inform the utilization of rooms built in new building for the Training Centre for the Adult & Blind as well as the upcoming plan of utilization of the current buildings after completion of Second Floor of DSER Building and TCAB Building.
- ii. To review all the items of the Braille Workshop for patent eligibility and send a list of the eligible items to DEPWD.
- iii. To display temporarily the assistive technology devices available in the Centre of Excellence room opposite to the room allocated to National Book Trust at Hellen Keller Bhawan, to give hands-on experience to Persons with Visual Impairment.
- iv. To focus on qualitative research publications.
- v. To take steps to empower the visually-impaired students and make them self-dependent by promoting technology-based learning.
- vi. To emphasize on reverse inclusion and suggested to include the term Low Vision in the modified name of the Model School of the Institute.
- vii. To achieve 100% UDID target in Model School for the Visually Handicapped.
- viii. To publish draft manual of the Bharti Braille on the website of the Institute for 21 days and it will be released on 04th January 2025.



ix. To release minimum 21 NBT books in accessible format at the earliest.

ITEM NO.3: TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.

Decision taken on 07.12.2024:

The Council appreciated and approved the draft Annual Report of the Institute's activities for the year 2023-24 and suggested to reduce the number of pages in the report from the upcoming financial year. The Joint Secretary proposed to circulate a uniform format for Annual Report of all the NIs working under the ambit of the Department.

ITEM NO. 4: TO CONSIDER ANNUAL ACCOUNTS WITH BALANCE SHEET & AUDIT REPORT WITH AUDIT CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.

Decision taken on 07.12.2024:

The Council approved the Audited Annual Accounts with Balance Sheet for the year 2023-24. It also perused and approved the final Separate Audit Report (SAR) received on 05.12.2024 from the Principal Director of Audit (Central), Allahabad for the year 2023-24.

ITEM NO. 5: TO CONSIDER REVISED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025-26.

Decision taken on 07.12.2024:

The Revised Estimates for the year 2024-25 and Budget Estimates for the upcoming financial year 2025-26 were perused by the Council. Budget estimates and revised estimates were approved by the Council for Salary and General Head.

Further, Revised Estimates for the year 2024-25 under the sub-head Building of Capital Head were approved by the Council for Ongoing Major Capital Projects only.

ITEM NO. 6: DISCONTINUATION OF GRANT TO NGO's/TCTVH's NEIPVD AND STATUS REPORT.

Decision taken on 07.12.2024:

The Council considered and approved the action taken regarding Discontinuation and final payments done up till August 31st, 2024 as per direction of the General Council.

ITEM NO. 7: TO CONSIDER BRAILLE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND DECISIONS ON BRAILLE COUNCIL OF INDIA (BCI)

Decision taken on 07.12.2024:



The Council thanked the Braille Council of India for competing its activities and releasing the Manual of Bharti Braille. Focus should now shift to increase the compatibility of Bharti Braille to technology, tactile maps, talking books, printed Braille, refresher Braille display device, Braille format, etc. Accordingly a new Committee should be constituted.

ITEM NO. 8: ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Decision taken on 07.12.2024:

1. The Council directed to allow students with other Disabilities in Radio Jockey Course.
2. As regards Sugamya Pustakalaya, Chairperson General Council suggested that no or minimal quick vetting should be required for NIEPVD considering its specialization in the field of Visual Disabilities. All the students to be registered on Sugamya Pustakalaya and Bookshare by the Institute. Efforts for shifting Sugamya Pustakalaya on NIC server to be made.
3. The Council was updated about the status of New Building under construction at CRC Sundernagar.
4. The Council was informed that the building of CRC Gorakhpur has been handed over by CPWD as per the directions of the Executive Council in its 118th meeting dated 05.03.2024. A sum of Rs. 3.98 Crores including GST was intimated to be due to CPWD.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

