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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Education**  
**Department of Higher Education**

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**ORDER**

**Subject: Constitution of Education Advisory Council (EdAC) to GoI**

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) states that any policy's effectiveness depends on its implementation. NEP 2020 also emphasises that its implementation must be led by various bodies, ensuring that the policy is implemented in its spirit and intent through coherence in planning, with synergy across all these bodies involved in education.

2. In order to advise the Ministry of Education on critical aspects of implementation of the NEP 2020 and also to facilitate the comprehensive, holistic, synergetic, and systematic implementation of the policy across school and higher education it has been decided to constitute an Education Advisory Council (EdAC) to GoI having members with experience and expertise across vital areas of education including early childhood education, foundational literacy and numeracy, school education, higher education, adult education and lifelong learning, innovative pedagogy, disruptive technologies such as AI, skills and vocational education, and research. This Council will advise, provide expertise to, and bridge the gap among the various existing bodies implementing the Policy to help ensure effective and efficient implementation while reducing duplication of effort.

3. The EdAC shall undertake the following activities as part of its terms of reference:

- (i) Advise MoE and other Ministries, agencies, and institutions involved in education on critical aspects of implementation of the NEP 2020 and facilitate its comprehensive, holistic, synergetic, and systematic execution.
- (ii) Develop an overarching and futuristic roadmap and action plan for holistic NEP implementation across school and higher education – keeping in mind that the goal of NEP implementation is to make India's education system world class, equitable, and second to none in the world.
- (iii) Analyze interventions undertaken so far and their efficacy, and make corresponding recommendations for continuous course correction.
- (iv) Recommend measures for revamping and rejuvenating the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) to strengthen and empower it for greater mandate to enhance coordination and collaboration between the Centre and States.
- (v) Any other matters requested by MoE or other Ministries, agencies, and institutions involved in education.

4. The Education Advisory Council (EdAC) will be an independent body consisting of the following:
  - i. Chairperson (Full Time) – Academician of repute
  - ii. Up to two additional Full Time Members
  - iii. Up to five additional Part Time Members
5. Eminent members will be chosen from academia, philanthropy, and/or industry to represent fields of educational expertise across school and higher education, education policy, educational administration and governance, skilling, and research and innovation.
6. EdAC may involve special invitees on a need basis as per the direction of the Chairperson. EdAC will meet on a regular basis.
7. The Office of EdAC and its supporting Secretariat consisting of about 5-8 persons with expertise in education and administration shall be placed in MoE, which shall provide the requisite infrastructural and administrative capabilities as well as other support as may be desired by the Education Advisory Council (EdAC) to meet its objectives.
8. Joint Secretary (HE) will be the Member Secretary to the Education Advisory Council.
9. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority

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