



# Financing Higher Education

## Concept Note

Higher education was a small and elite sector and in most of the countries it is used to be funded by the public exchequer. When the sector started expanding and it became massified, the public resources became inadequate to support the increasing social demand for education. This led to alternative modalities of financing higher education.

The diversified strategies included privatisation measures in the public institutions and encouragement of private higher education institutions in the provision of higher education. The cost-recovery measures and income generating activities liberated the public sector in funding higher education. Though institutions mostly rely on cost-recovery measures to meet their resource requirements few of them are successful in exploring income generating activities.

Today the demand for expanding higher education continues to be high but the public funding to support that expansion may not come from the public sector. This will influence the future directions of providing higher education. Distance education, online education, blended mode of education etc. expected as the cost-saving measures to provide higher education. The flexible pathways to acquire higher qualifications and the possibilities of credit transfer and academic bank of credits will influence the way one pursues opportunities of higher education and how the sector will respond.

UNESCO is organising the World Higher Education Conference on “Re-inventing the Role and place of Higher Learning for Sustainable Future” which is scheduled for May 2022 at Barcelona, Spain. In this context, NIEPA in collaboration with AIU has planned to organise a Webinar to discuss about the emerging trends and the future implications of financing of higher education. The Webinar is scheduled to be organised on 30 November 2021 from 15.30 hrs to 17.00 hrs IST.

The sub-themes of the Webinar are as follows:

- Strategies to provide affordable quality higher education
- Optimizing public investment in higher education development: impact and accountability
- Private sector investment in higher education development
- Developing/sustaining a global fund for higher education development

Eminent speakers having expertise in financing higher education are invited to the Webinar.

### Convenors:

**Dr. Amarendra Pani, AIU**

**Dr. Jinusha Panigrahi, CPRHE/NIEPA**

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## Consultative Meeting-cum-National Webinar

### on Financing Higher Education

Jointly Organised by NIEPA & AIU

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Tuesday), 1530 hrs - 1700 hrs IST**



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