

**Karnataka Jnana Aayoga**  
**Government of Karnataka**  
**First Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2009**

**Constitution**

KKC was constituted as per Government order no. ED 110 URC 2008 dated 5th September 2008 under the Chairmanship of Dr K Kasturirangan and 25 members by name and by office.

**Meetings of KKC**

Until now four meetings were held on 12-9-2008, 16-9-2008, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2009. Most of the members attended these meetings. Some of the important decisions were given below.

- Identification of knowledge gaps.
- All libraries have to be digitalized.
- Mechanism of working groups has to be thought for each of the focus areas.
- Budget for 2008-2009 was Rs. 61, 08,000/- and for 2009-2010 was Rs 1, 20, 00,000.
- There is need for working groups on science and technology, technical education, IT, indigenous knowledge and agricultural education.
- Secretaries and others in the Departments of GOK, Directors of national institutes and Vice Chancellors need to be involved in the working groups.
- The recommendations of NKC and other committees and commissions could be used by working groups.
- There has to be consultation with various stakeholders like universities, colleges, students, teachers, administrators, industry and voluntary organizations.
- The Commission could hold sittings in various places of Karnataka.
- Organize various programmes like seminars, workshops, symposiums and conferences.
- Website and logo have to be launched.
- Students can be provided skill development training after 8<sup>th</sup> standard for increasing their employability.
- There is need to introduce Indian traditional medicine in the medical, dental, nursing and physiotherapy colleges.
- Students could be encouraged to think out of the box and send their feedback online also
- Useful and good ideas from students could be certified by KKC.

## **Constitution of working groups**

Six working groups are constituted under the Chairmanship of the following eminent persons.

Prof. C. Seshadri, Retired Principal, Regional Institute of Education, Mysore for School education and literacy.

Prof. P. Balaram, Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for Higher education

Prof. M.S. Valiathan, National Research Professor, Manipal University for Health sector

Prof N.R. Madhava Menon, Member of Commission on Centre-State Relations for Humanities and Social Sciences.

Sri Manish Sabharwal, Chairman of Team Lease Services, Bangalore for Vocational education

Sri N V Satyanarayana, Chairman and Managing Director of Informatics (India) Ltd for Library and Knowledge Networks

These working groups met various times and arrived at the following proposals for the budget of 2009- 2010.

### **Meeting with Sam Pitroda**

Meeting between Dr B. S. Yeddurappa, Chief Minister of Karnataka and Sri Sam Pitroda, Chairman of National Knowledge Commission was arranged at 7-45 pm at 'Krishna' on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2008. This meeting came out with many suggestions to be taken up in the coming days.

### **The Way forward**

The work carried out by the Commission till now has to be viewed in the context of various constraints due to the system of governance as well as the pioneering nature of the Commission in our state. It is only a beginning in the right direction but has a long way to go. The approach and focus has to be concretized. Interaction with stakeholders from different regions has to happen effectively. The secondary data has to be analyzed appropriately. Meaningful and operational recommendations need to emerge. On the whole, consistent effort has to be undertaken on a war footing for building knowledge society in Karnataka.

## Road map for the Commission as appendix I



