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■ *Commission Meeting*

Twelfth meeting of Aayoga was held on April 23, 2011 in Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore. Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka was also presented in the meeting. The members of KJA interacted with Chief Secretary on adult education, promotion of science education, quality learning and Skills. Member Secretary and Executive Director, KJA presented the progress made on/updated Projects, Research studies and on implementation of Recommendations. Concept, Objectives and other issues on Jnana Fellowship scheme were surfaced in the meeting.

■ *Milestones*

- State Government has constituted ***Karnataka State Innovation Council (KSInC)*** under the Chairmanship of Prof. H. P. Kincha, to promote innovation in the State and the members of the Council are drawn from diverse fields. Government Order for setting of KSInC was issued on June 1, 2011.
- Karnataka State Innovative Universities bill, 2011 was passed in the State Assembly on June 6, 2011 and passed in the Council on June 7, 2011.

■ *Meetings and Interactions*

- Two meetings held with personnel of Agasthya Foundation on April 1 and April 19, 2011 to understand and design the internet aspects into the mobile van and to discuss about the ***Jnana Vahini*** project implementation.
- Meeting of Steering Committee of ***Kanaja*** held on April 19, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Sri. Chiranjeevi Singh, Rtd. Additional Chief Secretary. Joint Director and Additional Director of Kannada and Culture Department attended the meeting. IITB presented the action taken report on the decisions in the first meeting of the Steering Committee and gave an online presentation about the new features adopted in version 1.1 of Kanaja portal. Details of the tools that are embedded were also mentioned. Decision with regard to content, promotion of Kanaja and technology related issues were taken in the meeting.

- Chairman of KJA, MS & ED of KJA, Sri. G. Kumar Naik, Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education and IN-Charge Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department and Dr. K. V. Raju, Economic Advisor to Chief Minister had a meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. B. S. Yeddyurappa on April 24, 2011 at the residence of CM, to discuss about the progress of KJA and the future plans.
- A meeting of core group of Jnana Fellowship was held on April 28, 2011 at KJA office to work out the modalities to take the scheme forward.
- Meeting was held on April 30, 2011 with Research Institutions, C-LAMPS and RV Educational Consortium to discuss **Samarth** project.
- Internal review meeting of Project **Kanaja** held on May 20, 2011 at International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore. Suggestions were made with regard to working and constitutions of the panel for Impact analysis, dissemination to reach out to more people and to conduct a need analysis to find out the information need of the target group.
- A meeting was held with Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Director, IIM-B on May 20, 2011 at IIM-B regarding recommendations of Aayoga.
- Aayoga had a meeting with Public Affairs Centre for social auditing and assessing of the work done by the Commission on May 20, 2011. Assessment approach and methodology of an evaluation were discussed. It was proposed in the meeting that, PAC to prepare a brief note on the audit for the purpose of circulation among the stakeholders whose views can be solicited for an assessment.
- A meeting was held with Prof. Jayadev M, Associate Professor, Finance and Control Area and Prof. G. Ramesh, Associate Professor, Centre for Public Policy Area of IIM-Bangalore on May 20, 2011 at Indian Institute of Management – Bangalore regarding the Study of **Finances of Universities: A Study of Karnataka**.
- Meeting was held on May 25, 2011 regarding **A Vision Document on Libraries and Knowledge Networks in Karnataka** with Sri. N. V. Sathyanarayana, Chairman, Working Group on Libraries and Knowledge Networks (WGLKN)

and Smt. Usha Mukunda, Member, WGLKN and Sri. Anand Parthasarathy, Managing Director, Online India Tech Pvt Ltd, Bangalore.

- Pre-bid meeting with regard to **Odhu Putaani** project was held at KJA office on June 1, 2011. Representatives from Hippocampus, Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS), India Comics and Officers from Department of Public Libraries and KVTSDC were attended the meeting.
- A letter from Director, DSERT has been sent to Commissioner of Public Instruction (CPI) on June 2, 2011 to direct the Centralized Admission Cell (CAC) to match the admission process of B.Ed courses with the school calendar.
- Jnana Fellowship Core Group had its meeting on June 4, 2011 to evolve a blue print to implement the Jnana Fellowship scheme. Group members discussed on advertisement, application format, application processing and induction programme.
- Expert Committee on Public Libraries (ECPL) had its preliminary meeting on June 10, 2011. Current status of Public libraries in the State and the critical aspects of improvement were discussed. Members also discussed about the approach to be followed in amending the existing Public Library Act.
- Technical Evaluation meeting for **Odhu Putaani** project was held on June 15, 2011.

■ **Interface with the Departments**

- Meeting of Task Force on Linkages between Department of Primary and Secondary Education (DPSE) and Universities was held on April 6, 2011 at DSERT. An elaborate discussion took place on B.Ed curriculum.
- Meeting held with Commissioner, Department of Collegiate Education on April 12, 2011 at Karnataka State Council for Higher Education to discuss about the project **Daksha**.
- Program Advisory Committee (PAC) formed in DSERT. KJA and DSERT jointly organized the first PAC meeting on April 12, 2011 at Vikasa Soudha.

- Review meeting on Recommendation was convened under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on April 19, 2011. Heads of Departments briefed on the efforts being made and action taken on each Recommendation. The Departments were requested to send a small note on each Recommendation which comes under their purview.
- Meeting with Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education was held on April 25, 2011, to discuss about Innovation Universities and Innovation Council.
- Meeting to review the implementation of Recommendations was held with Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare Services on May 5, 2011 at the office of the Secretary.
- A series of meeting held with Principal Secretary, Higher Education was held on May 18, 23 and 24, 2011 regarding various issues pertaining to Aayoga.
- Meeting with Chief Secretary on Recommendation of the Aayoga held on May 30, 2011. Department of Labour, Health and Family Welfare Services and Medical Education participated and reported on implementation of Recommendations.
- Core Committee meeting held on June 8, 2011 at Directorate of Ayush to review the status of the Projects - Swastya and Dravya Kosha.
- Seven proposals from 7 DIETs as part of Samarth project have been approved by KJA on June 15, 2011. In turn, an office order was issued to Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation (KVTSDC) and to the Principals of 7 DIETs on June 16, 2011.
- Meeting with the Secretary, Department of Labour was held on June 17, 2011 to discuss on the implementation of Department related recommendations – to create an Autonomous Certificate and Administrative Body in Karnataka and to make amendments to Apprenticeship policy. Commissioner, Training and Employment, Executive Director, KVTSDC attended the meeting. It was decided that KJA has to submit a detailed note on the proposed autonomous body which would be structured on the lines of Company act and KJA to facilitate a meeting of concerned departments and Sri. Manish Sabharwal, Chairman, Working Group on Vocational Education to discuss the issues

pertaining to making amendments with regard to Apprenticeship policy in detail.

■ ***Status of Implementation of Recommendations***

The Commission held several interactions with the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and with concerned Departments to seek their feedback and collaboration in implementation of its Recommendations. (***Annexure I***)

■ ***Projects***

I. As part of ***Arivu*** project, Proposal for Open library in 500 schools submitted by Rashtriya Madhaymika Shikshana Abhiyana to MHRD on April 26, 2011.

Aayoga is in receipt of first draft on project proposal by RMSA for Mentoring 225 schools under Arivu project on June 20, 2011.

II. Version 1.1 of ***Kanaja*** portal was released on April 4, 2011, the day of Ugadi. Kanaja in terms of hits/visits from April to June: 9580 visitors. Kanaja website now has more than 23 lakh words apart from explanation to 65000 words from major five dictionaries in Kannada.

III. Aayoga has finalized seven projects across seven DIETs as a part of ***Samarth*** project.

IV. Tender Notification on ***Odhu Putaani*** – Upgradation of Indira Priyadarshini Children’s Library was published in the News papers on May 5, 2011. Technical bid was opened on June 4, 2011. Tender has been awarded to IL& FS on June 29, 2011.

■ ***Research Studies***

I. To identify the trend of UG courses based on the comprehensive data on enrollment of youth for UG courses in the colleges across the State, to compare the policy announcement, to identify the challenges hindering the increase of the GER and suggestive measures to increase the GER, Aayoga commissioned the ***Study on Gross Enrollment Ratio*** on April 1, 2011.

- II. **Study on Samudaya Jnana Kendra** (SJK) was awarded to IT for Change (ITfC). MoU between KJA and ITfC for conducting study was signed on April 6, 2011.
- III. For conducting **Study on Finances of Universities**, MoU between KJA and IIM-B was signed on April 13, 2011.
- IV. Final report of **Study on Perceptions, Aspirations, Expectations and Attitudes of Youth in Karnataka** was submitted on April 23, 2011 by Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CERSSE), Bangalore.

■ **Jnana Fellowship – Take a break and work with the Government**

Jnana Fellowship is instituted with the objective of allowing deserving scholars/professionals/youth the opportunity of carrying out research, development, new initiatives project management training related activities in various fields, sectors and departments of Government of Karnataka. With regard to this, Chief Secretary, GoK had a meeting with Principal Secretary/Secretary/Officers of Department of Social Welfare, Medical Education, Women and Child Development, Horticulture, Primary and Secondary Education, Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Law, Kannada and Culture, AYUSH, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation, Agriculture, Science and Technology, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Youth Services, Labour, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Elections), Employment and Training, KVTSDC and Higher Education on April 19, 2011. The Departments were requested to fill the Job profile format and send to Aayoga to chalk out the needs of the Departments in the meeting.

Consequently, Advertisement of Jnana Fellowship was released on June 27, 2011.

■ **Workshops**

- I. A workshop was organized on April 19 and April 20, 2011 at DSERT for the 7 selected DIETs under **Samarth** for finalizing the proposals of their respective projects.
- II. A visioning workshop conducted for the officers of DSERT on April 27, 2011 in Pyramid Valley, Bangalore. The DSERT's main functions and objectives were analyzed in the panel discussion. The strengths and weaknesses and devising

tools and techniques to overcome weaknesses were also enlisted. DSERT faculty has been given the opportunity to submit the proposals to KJA. Around 20 DSERT officers attended the workshop along with the Director of DSERT.

III. A workshop on NCFTE was organized on May 23 and May 24, 2011 at Chikkaballapur DIET as part of ***Samarth*** project. Dr. Padma Sarangapani, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and Dr. T.K.S. Lakshmi conducted the program.

IV. Brainstorming workshop on working of KJA for the purpose of audit by Public Affairs Center was convened on June 11, 2011.

■ ***Others***

I. A program about Aayoga was broadcasted by Akasha Vani on April 29, 2011 at 2.30 PM.

II. Presentation on International Institute for Food, Energy and Water Security was made by Dr. Ajay Jha of Colorado State University, USA on June 13, 2011.

■ ***Conclusion and Way Forward***

Implementation of Recommendation is in the process of discussion with the concerned departments and departments were requested to submit the action report on each recommendation. The recommendations offer a new way forward, they are comprehensive and need to be implemented in a coordinated way. Few of the Projects are at the final phase and few are in the process. Extensive studies are happening in order to bring next set of recommendations. These studies carry the mantle of creating and disseminating Knowledge to educate the public and bring accountability with respect to system.
