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### ■ **Commission Meeting**

Thirteenth of KJA was held on September 24, 2011 at Chancery Pavilion, Bangalore under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan. Third set of recommendations, Projects were briefed. Release of Term End Report, Publications, Research Studies and Felicitation of Members were also held. Sri. Vishweswara Hegde Kageri, Hon'ble Minister for Primary and Secondary Education released the publications and report of the Commission. A press conference was addressed by the Chairman, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education and Member Secretary subsequently. Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education announced that the Commission extended for two more years and in the next phase, Commission would focus on the newer areas. Get together of the Members, closely associated/worked with the Commission and Staff of Aayoga was also organized.

### ■ **Meetings and Interactions**

- Meeting on **Jnana Fellowship** held on July 2, 2011, to discuss and to design induction programme for the candidates who would be selected under the Jnana Fellowships - 2011 scheme.
- Meeting of Experts on Assessment of Rural Students held on July 5, 2011 at KJA office. Professor of Psychology, Bangalore University; Head, Student Solutions, Eduquity Career Technologies Pvt Ltd.; AGM – National Corporate Accounts, MeritTrac Services Private Ltd; Brit India Company; Head (HR), SKF India Ltd; CEO, Ladder Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.; Vice President, Human Networking Academy attended the meeting.
- Discussion was held on July 14, 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 and Smt. Usha Mukunda, Member, WGLKN, Sri. Anand Parthasarathy, Managing Director, Online India Tech Pvt Ltd, Bangalore and Sri M. S. Sridhar, Rtd librarian, ISRO as a special invitee.

- Jnana Fellowship Advisory Committee had its first meeting on July 19, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Sri. Meenakshi Sundaram, to discuss on the next phase of action.
- A meeting held with MeritTrac on August 8, 2011 at KJA office with regard to conducting test for Jnana Fellowship applicants.
- Meeting was convened with Sri. Mandar Kelkar, Director, Strategic Development Unit, Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration, Pune on August 11, 2011 to discuss on the initiatives of KJA.
- Meeting held with personnel of Tech Mahindra on School Nurturing Program and support in other project initiatives of KJA on August 18, 2011.
- Application verification and written test for Jnana Fellowship at Government R.C. College of Commerce and Management, Bangalore held on August 21, 2011. Totally 292 applicants went through with the verification and written test.
- To create linkages between RMSA and NGOs in mentoring process of Arivu, a meeting held with Ms. Mamatha and Bala of Vivekananda Youth Movement on August 26, 2011 at KJA office.
- Second Meeting of Advisory Committee on Jnana Fellowship held on August 29, 2011 at Vikasa Soudha.
- Meeting with Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore on KJA stakeholders' audit was held on September 13, 2011.
- 48 candidates were interviewed for Jnana Fellowship by the Selection Committee on September 17, 2011.
- KJA announced the list of 24 Jnana Fellows, 2011 on September 29, 2011.

### ■ *Interface with the Departments*

- Meeting with Commissioner, Department of Employment and Training held on July 12, 2011, to discuss on the proposed autonomous body and on apprenticeship policy.

- Aayoga had an interaction session with the Director, Pre-University Board on July 13, 2011. Session discussed on performance of the students in the exams, rural bias in English language and felt to address the issue of compartmentalization of PUC into Science, Arts and Commerce and to bring an integrated approach between school education and higher education. It was decided that, the PU board has to come out with the Detailed Project Report on Capacity building for lecturers in English and Sciences and submit to Aayoga.
- Discussion held with Deputy Director, City Central Library, Department of Public Libraries on July 20, 2011, about **Odhu Putaani** project schedule and the various phases, progress of base line survey, infrastructure available at Indira Priyadarshini Children's Library and other issues.
- A meeting held with Commissioner of Public Instruction on August 9, 2011 to discuss on the implementation of Department related recommendations.
- An Interaction Meet held with Department of Primary and Secondary Education on August 18, 2011 with regard to the recommendations.
- Aayoga had a meeting with Department of Public Libraries on August 18, 2011 to review the Department related recommendations.
- Meeting held with State Project Director, SSA on August 24, 2011 at SSA office to discuss on mentoring process of Arivu 225 schools and extension to 500 more schools under Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan.
- Meeting with Department of Collegiate Education held on August 24, 2011 at Karnataka State Council for Higher Education to review Daksha, eMahiti and Sahayog Projects.
- To discuss and to work out the details to design and develop catalogue and digitalization of medical manuscripts of Karnataka and to constitute a multi-user and multi-lingual traditional medicine portal for Karnataka State, KJA had an interaction with the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare Services and Sri Darshan Shankar, Vice Chairman, Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine, FRLHT on September 8, 2011. With regard to Medical Manuscripts, FRLHT has agreed to send an overall proposal and budget

estimation to Department of AYUSH and Concept note on traditional medicine portal to Aayoga.

- Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister was held on September 24, 2011. Chairman and MS & ED briefed on the status of the work undertaken by the Commission and also submitted the term end report 'Jnana Pallava' to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Extension of the Commission for two more years was announced and pertaining to extension, Government Order No. ED 110 URC 2008 Bangalore Dated September 23, 2011 was handed over to Dr. K. Kasturirangan by the Chief Minister.

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

Commission held series of meetings with the concerned Departments for their feedback. Among the total of 60 Recommendations, 12 Recommendations were implemented in collaboration with concerned Departments, 22 Recommendations are on the verge of completion and remaining are under active consideration. Aayoga has come out with the Report which gives the Status of each of the Recommendation and expected future course of action.

### ■ **Projects**

- Discussion held with Director, DSERT on **Samarth** project on July 4, 2011.
- Meeting held with Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) on July 11, 2011, to finalize the activity plan for **Odhu Putaani** project.
- Review meeting with Resource Institutions held on July 18, 2011 as part of **Samarth** project.
- Meeting of Steering Committee of **Kanaja** held on July 18, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Sri. Chiranjeevi Singh, Rtd. Additional Chief Secretary.
- Pertaining to Unicode, font development guidelines were drafted by Kanaja team and submitted to Commissioner, Kannada and Culture Department August 3, 2011. In turn it was submitted to the Secretary of Kannada and Culture Department from the Commissioner on August 26, 2011.

- Internal discussion on Kanaja project was held on September 12, 2011 with Dr. S. Rajagopalan, Professor, IIIT-B and Sri Belur Sudarshan, Consultant coordinator, IIIT-B.
- Review Meeting of Project Samarth was held on September 14, 2011 with the Director, DSERT and Resource Institutions of Project Samarth - CLAMPS and RVEC. Resource Institutions briefed on the status of projects undertaken by the DIETs and other issues pertaining to assessment and procurement were discussed.
- Meeting on e-Mahiti project was held on September 26, 2011 with Sri Sanath Roy, Leader ICT, APF and Sri Ramesh Reddy, Information Officer from Dept. of Collegiate Education to discuss on the technical aspects of the project.

#### ■ ***Research Studies***

- Final report of University Finances: A Study of Karnataka State Universities by Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore was submitted to KJA on August 9, 2011.
- Draft report of a Study on Gross Enrollment Ratio in Higher Education was submitted by Dr. Manasa on August 15, 2011.
- PriceWaterHouseCoopers submitted the final report of the Study on Building Knowledge Society in Karnataka on August 16, 2011.
- Term End Report of KJA – Jnana Pallava, A Study on Building Knowledge Society in Karnataka, A Study on Aspirations, Expectations and Suggestions of Students and Youth of Karnataka, A Study on Gross Enrolment Ratio of Higher Education in Karnataka, Finances of Universities and Report on Stakeholders Consultation were released on September 24, 2011 by Sri. Vishweswara Hegde Kageri, Hon'ble Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Dr. K. Kasturirangan and Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education.

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

24 candidates were selected as Jnana Fellows to ten Departments of Government of Karnataka such as Planning Dept., Dept. of Primary and Secondary Education, Dept.

of Health and Family Welfare Services, Dept. of Higher Education, Dept. of Horticulture, Youth Services Dept., Dept. of Personnel and Administration Reforms (Services), Dept. of Personnel and Administration Reforms (Elections) and Dept. of Women and Child Development. They represent various districts of Karnataka like Koppal, Bagalkot, Haveri, Dharwad, Davanagere, Tumkur, Mangalore, Kodagu, Shimoga and Bangalore. They have work experience of 5 to 15 years. There are 10 women, 7 Doctorate holders and 9 professional degree holders among them.

### ■ *Visits*

Member Secretary and Executive Director, KJA visited Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Tamilnadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and held discussion with Dr. K. Kasturirangan on July 8, 2011. Many of the good practices which are relevant for Karnataka were discussed such as online examination, degree for farmers, release of 561 crops varieties, nano-science technology centre, food processing business incubator, community radio station, market intelligent cell, program for school students and teachers on bird watching etc.

### ■ *Others*

KJA handed over **Arivu** – Open Library Manual to Rashtriya Madhyamika Shikshana Abhiyana on July 4, 2011, as part of Arivu project.

### ■ *Conclusion and Way Forward*

Karnataka Jnana Aayoga has completed three years of its term on September 30, 2011. Transforming Karnataka into a vibrant Knowledge Society as the vision of the Aayoga since its inception. It has strived hard to work towards achieving this vision through various Recommendations, Studies, Projects, Consultations and Interactions with various Department s of Government of Karnataka.

The Commission is working on dissemination of the Publications and other Reports. An extensive work is happening in order to draw a Road Map for two more years.

