



# Karnataka Jnana Aayoga

(Karnataka Knowledge Commission)

Government of Karnataka



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## Quarterly Report

**Fifteenth Quarter**

*(For the Period between April-June, 2012)*

### ***In this Quarter:***

- Commission Meeting
- An exclusive meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister and Chief Secretary of the State
- Chairman's interaction with MG/TF/RC
- Second AMMM
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### **COMMISSION MEETING**

- The Sixteenth Meeting of Commission was convened on June 20, 2012. The roadmap for KJA with the timeline was approved in the meeting.

- **Submission of Interim recommendations by the Mission Groups and Task Force (MG/TF)-End of July 2012**
- **Final Report by MG/TF-End of August, 2012**
- **Consolidation of the reports submitted by MG/TF-End of September, 2012**
- **Final Report/Knowledge Society Report by KJA-End of Dec, 2012**

The re-designed website of KJA was launched and Jnana Shodha, 2012 was approved to encourage participation of diverse stakeholders and it is an invitation to institutions to undertake research studies in the specified areas. Totally, five projects were approved in the meeting. Discussion on Jnana Habba was also held.

### **AN EXCLUSIVE MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE STATE**

- KJA had an Interaction with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka on June 20, 2012. The status of overall work of KJA was reviewed. Documentary on Jnana Fellowship and the manual pertaining to the same was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

### **CHAIRMAN'S INTERACTION WITH MG/TF/RC**

- The members of Mission Groups (MG), Task Force (TF) and Research Committee (RC) congregated to interact with Dr. K. Kasturirangan. Members of the respective groups shared their views and experiences to the meet. Various issues with regard to education, skill, public health and ICT were raised in the meeting.

### **SECOND AMMM**

- The Members congregated to discuss the status of Mission Groups and Task Force and to seek the opinions pertaining to Jnana Habba.

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**TEACHER DEVELOPMENT**

- Karnataka Jnana Aayoga is working towards evolving long term changes in the state level policy for high quality teacher professional development. A state level teachers' needs assessment survey was undertaken during Feb–March 2012. To assess the needs, a questionnaire to solicit teacher's views was designed. Subsequently, database of needs analysis created and was discussed with the Dept. of Primary and Secondary Education. Apart from this, Mission Group has undertaken a study on Strengthening and empowering of resource institutions of Karnataka and has assigned to Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai.

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

- Chapter on Vision for Higher Education, Chapter on Status of Higher Education and Chapter on Policy Interventions in Higher Education and Chapter on Strategies to accomplish the vision were broadly identified by the Mission Group. MG is discussing on the critical issues of higher education which will evolve the policy.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND AYUSH**

- Nutrition, Affordable Medicines for Karnataka, Primary Health Care in Urban Areas, Community based prevention and management of chronically ill and bedridden patients including old age using a palliative approach and human resources development. [Secretary, Dept. of Health and Family Welfare Services, GoK requested Mission Group on Public Health (MGPH) to consider HR as a priority area] In close collaboration with Mission Group on Community Knowledge and Practices and Task Force on K-GIS, Accreditation of tradition health and development of Health GIS would be taken up. To discuss the above in focus areas and to explore the relevance, MGPH members are meeting Directors of Karnataka State Health System Resource Centre (KSHSRC) and Karnataka State Institute of Health and Family Welfare (KSIHFW) and Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS). In the meanwhile, MGPH is exploring to convene a Stakeholders Consultation in

the Month of July, 2012. The Status Report on An overview of Public Health Challenges in the State and recommendations especially on focus areas selected would be submitted to KJA by the end of August, 2012.

#### **SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

- First Meeting of Mission Group on Skill Development (MGSD) held on June 6, 2012. The meeting discussed on empowering youth through skill development-A proposal for implementing life skill and vocational skill activities at UG level in the colleges affiliated to Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary submitted by Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary. It was deliberated on strategies to integrate skill component with education system and to enable certification of traditional skills and skills learnt through non-formal means.

#### **COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES**

- KJA organized a brainstorm meet to discuss on Community Knowledge Practices in Karnataka, as an outcome, a pool of ideas/suggestions were generated. Taking cognizance of this, the Sub-Committees on Agriculture with special focus on water, seed and soil; Food through Health and Knowledge Systems were constituted under Mission Group on Community Knowledge and Practices (MGCKP). The MGCKP has charted the roadmap for the functioning and has evolved a system for the work to be undertaken by MGCKP. With the aforesaid ideas of the roadmap, it was decided to have the following sequence of activities: Inventory, Projects/Research, Programs and Operationalization of initiatives.

#### **KARNATAKA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM**

- Task Force on K-GIS (TF K-GIS) would be responsible to conceptualize and structure, guide and co-ordinate the establishment of K-GIS. In conceptualizing and designing the K-GIS, TF would develop a Report on Stakeholders and User Needs of GIS after a wide range of stakeholders' consultation with the Government, citizens, industries, academicians and civil society organizations at different stages and prepare a detailed User

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Needs Assessment Report for K-GIS. The consultation would have in-depth and detailed discussion with all the target groups for determining the application and data needs for K-GIS. The inputs on User Needs Assessment Report would be treated as a basis for the K-GIS design. Karnataka State Remote Sensing Application Centre (KSRSAC) would be the operational agency to process the K-GIS and its application services, and responsible to work out the K-GIS design under the auspices of TF. KJA sought a clearance from the Dept. of Information Technology and Bio-Technology, Science and Technology, GoK to allot KSRSAC as an operational agency for K-GIS. KSRSAC has prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) to float a tender for Assessment, Analysis and Preparing a Report of Karnataka GIS Vision document detailing stakeholder expectations and K-GIS User Needs. TF is contemplating to prepare a K-GIS standard document in detail to address the content, spatial framework, schema, metadata etc. For the preparation of a GIS Standards document, KSRSAC and Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) would refer the NNRMS, NSDI standards with appropriate technical updation for K-GIS needs. Along with this, TF would be focusing on the project-Public Assess Mapping of Gram Panchayats using Geospatial technologies and to commission a study on management of GIS in the system in the 5 years.

***YOUTH POLICY***

- Steering and Drafting Committees were constituted. Website on Youth Policy was launched on June 25, 2012 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka. KJA has played a key role in all these issues.

***JNANA FELLOWSHIP***

- Jnana Fellowship (JF) is one of the flagship initiatives of the Commission. 18 Jnana Fellows for nine Departments were identified. The scheme was completed in the month of May, 2012. The Documentary on Jnana Fellowship and the manual pertaining to the same was released by Hon'ble Chief Minister on June 20, 2012. Valedictory of JF and distribution of certificates was held on May 11, 2012. Dr. Kasturirangan congratulated JF on successful completion.

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## RESEARCH STUDIES

- Research Committee of Aayoga has its first meeting on April 2, 2012 to formulate guidelines and norms for according research studies and to approve the research study 'A World-Class University System for Karnataka'. It was decided to circulate draft research guideline of the Committee.
- To encourage participation of diverse stakeholders, Aayoga has launched **Jnana Shodha-2012** on June 20, 2012 in its Sixteenth Commission Meeting and advertised in daily newspapers on June 21, 2012. Jnana Shodha is an invitation to institutions to undertake research studies in Public Health, Higher Education, Teacher Professional Development, Skill Development, Community Knowledge Practices and Building Knowledge Society which is specific to Karnataka. The maximum study duration is 3 months from the date of issuing of Office Order.

## PROJECTS

- KJA has initiated following projects and were approved in its meeting on June 20, 2012:
  - **Assessment, Analysis and Preparing a Report of Karnataka GIS Vision document detailing stakeholder expectations and K-GIS User Needs:** Proposal to KSRSAC, GoK
  - **Promotion of Social Science Talent Search 2012-13:** Proposal of Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore
  - **Survey on Folklore and Documentation of Haveri District:** Proposal of Karnataka State Folklore University, Haveri
  - **Empowering Youth through Skill Development:** Proposal of Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary
  - **Establishment of a Knowledge Society in Karnataka: An evaluation of the processes involved in KJA's work:** Proposal of Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore
- IL & FS, Bangalore is preparing a Vision Document of Indira Priyadarshini Children Library as part of the **Odhu Putaani** Project. The broad areas

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such as resource procurement, library schemes, improvement in the existing mobile libraries of the Dept., strategic tie-ups/networking, amendment to the C & R rules, marketing strategies layout plan, building plan, detailed plan, interiors and PPP interventions etc have covered in the Vision Document of the Library.

**OTHERS**

- KJA has organized a meeting of Chief Secretary, Officers of Government of Karnataka and Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Bangalore on April 5, 2012 to discuss on the future venture of collaboration of GoK and KIST.
- Prof. M K Sridhar represented KJA in the meeting of Issuing of standard notification to use **Kannada Unicode** to all the phases of Govt. Administration which was convened under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GoK on April 9, 2012.
- To discuss and review the first phase of Health related recommendations of Aayoga, KJA had an interaction with Secretary, Dept. of Health and Family Welfare Services on April 19, 2012.
- Dr. B. S. Padmavathi and Ms. Jayashri M. represented KJA at the summit on **Innovation for Growth** at New Delhi on April 26 and 27, 2012 organized by Intel to discuss how to work in a collaborative mode to ensure to create an environment where innovation can thrive.
- Expert Group Committee of State Planning Department convened a meeting on April 26, 2012 to discuss a **Draft Sector Analysis Paper on Governance and Innovation for Twelfth Five Year Plan**.



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