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■ ***Working Group/Study Group Meetings***

- Meeting with Working Group on Libraries and Knowledge Networks was held on April 9, 2010. The meeting was convened to discuss on the implementation of recommendations and projects such as Arivu – Functioning and effective High school libraries and Upgradation of Indira Priyadarshini Children’s library. The group finalized the deliverables and methodology of two research studies Samudaya Jnana Kendra and Library Survey.
- Series of meeting with Core Committee for Selection of Government High School Library Books held on April 12, 2010, May 7, 2010 and May 24, 2010 to discuss on the Arivu Workshop, selection of book list and Library manual. The committee selected 73 Kannada books, 71 English books and 8 A/V materials for proposed 225 Government High School Libraries.
- Study Group on Delivery of Health Services met on April 27, 2010. The group discussed and decided with regard to Interim report on health services delivery in Karnataka.
- Core Committee for Selection of Government High School Library Books met on June 22, 2010 to follow up of Arivu project and future course of action. It was decided to have one more workshop in Dharwar on July 12, 2010.
- The meeting with Working Group on Libraries and Knowledge Networks held on June 26, 2010. The group decided to envisage on the theme ‘what kind of library, for today and future generation’ and discussed to come out with the Vision document. It was also proposed to have a mission group on public libraries that could also focus on review of public libraries act of 1965, one of the recommendations of Aayoga.

■ ***Interaction with the Departments and Experts***

- The meeting with Karnataka Vocational Training and Skill Development Corporation (KVTSDC) and Department of Collegiate Education (DCE) was held

on April 7, 2010, to discuss on the status of undergoing skill training program for final year graduate students, scheduling of the job fairs and on infrastructure building such as procurement of computers and peripherals.

- Interaction with the Department of Health and Family Welfare Services pertaining to the health related recommendations held on April 19, 2010. An elaborate discussion held on implementation of recommendations. It was decided to identify the existing budgets under state and central scheme and agencies can be identified for health projects if required.
- Interaction with the Department of Primary and Secondary Education pertaining to the department related recommendations was held on May 5, 2010. Specific action by Karnataka Jnana Aayoga and action by the department was listed out and it was decided to work in the same mode.
- The members of the 'Expert Committee on Reforms and Rejuvenation of Universities of Mysore and Karnatak' along with Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman, KJA, the Chief Secretary Sri S.V. Ranganath and Sri K. V. Raju, Chief Economic Advisor to the Chief Minister of Karnataka met H.E. The Governor of Karnataka Sri Hansraj Bharadwaj on May 15, 2010 at Raj Bhavan to apprise him on the features of the Innovative Universities Bill. Honourable the Governor of Karnataka, Sri Hansraj Bharadwaj suggested few modifications and expressed his support in seeing through the legislation.
- The meeting with KVTSDC and DCE was held on May 18, 2010. The meeting was convened to present the status of ongoing Sahayog program. In the meeting DCE gave a brief statistics on no. first grade colleges covered under Sahayog program, no. of colleges in which the program is under way, no. of colleges to be covered after the final examination and no. of colleges in which the program is completed.
- Meeting with Department of AYUSH was held on May 24, 2010 to discuss on Swastta Vritta program, developing regional pharmacopeias and digitalization of medical manuscripts, to fine tune the project management, budget and flow chart for each above said recommendations.

- A Review Meeting of the recommendations on Higher Education had been convened on June 8, 2010 under the chairmanship of Sri Madan Gopal, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Karnataka. It was attended by Commissioner and representatives of DCE and State Higher Education Council and members of Working Group on Higher Education. The status of implementation of each recommendation was reviewed and further action points were chalked out.
- A meeting on Trend Analysis of SSLC and PU results in the State with the experts was convened on June 14, 2010. It was proposed and presented the approaches to identify the trends and it was decided to seek the feedback from the concerned officers from the Department of Primary and Secondary Education.
- The meeting with Department of Labour and Working Group on Vocational Education met on June 18, 2010. The meeting was convened to review the status of recommendations proposed by the group and few suggestions were discussed to implement the recommendations.

■ *Status of Implementation of Recommendations*

Out of forty five Recommendations made in the both First and second set, eighteen recommendations were identified as priority recommendations. Among those nine have been are on the way of implementation strategy:

Recommendations	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To bring about reforms in pre-service and in-service teacher education by revising D.Ed. and B.Ed. curriculum.... (R.No.7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A study on 'Pre-Service Elementary Education in Karnataka' has been completed by R.V. Education Consortium, Bangalore. A draft report will be submitted to Aayoga in the first week of July.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To create an Autonomous Certification and Administrative Body in Karnataka to bring in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A concept note has been submitted and a copy was sent to all the concerned departments.

<p>more dynamism and contemporariness to the vocational education and training.... (R.No.8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Umakantha and Dr. Padmavathi discussed on the concept and structure of Autonomous Certification and Administrative Body in Karnataka under the guidance of Prof. Dhananjay, Director (Technical), J.S.S. Mahavidyapeetha, Mysore on June 30, 2010.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To develop and depute one mobile internet van in every district of Karnataka.... (R.No.9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Propose to integrate it with all the 34 districts mobile science labs of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyana run by Agasthya Foundation. ▪ Working on the layout of labs and integrating this model with the existing ones in the State.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To upgrade Indira Priyadarshini Children’s Library.... (R.No.14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Received the working proposal by EduMedia India Pvt. Ltd. ▪ Holding an interaction with the Secretary and Director, Department of Public Libraries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To design and launch state level programs on swastta vritta.... (R.No.23) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on the integrated approach under the segments of health. propagation/awareness, health education and health care. ▪ Approached Ayurveda Academy and BAIF Institute for Rural Development (BIRD-K) to prepare a note along with the budget estimation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To introduce awareness and information on vocational knowledge and skills at secondary level of education.... (R.No.31) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Knowledge Commission has prepared a brief note on the need for introducing awareness on vocational education at secondary and higher secondary level.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To set up Samudaya Jnana Kendra (SJK) at the grass root levels of our state.... (R.No.35) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepared expectation note to invite proposals for a study on developing a model on SJK from the different organizations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Had interaction with the three NGOs who are working at the grass root level organizations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To introduce Public Health Cadre in the Health & Family Welfare Department of Karnataka.... (R.No.36) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submitted the Working paper on Public Health Cadre to the Department of Health and Family welfare services for the consideration. ▪ The Department and Karnataka Health System and Development Reforms Project (KHSDRP) are working on the proposal.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To improve and strengthen primary health centres (PHCs).... (R.No.41) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studying the various reports and preparing a concept paper. ▪ The concept paper will be submitted to the Department of Health and Family Welfare and Mission Director, National Rural Health Mission.

■ *Projects*

Kanaja

KVTSDC was identified as the agency to technically process the Kanaja project. iSOL Corporation was considered as the project implementation and review agency. To develop and to maintain the project interest was taken from Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore (IIITB). In this regard meeting was held on March 23, 2010. Kanaja was awarded to IIITB and office order was issued dated June 28, 2010 from KVTSDC.

Around 900 articles are ready to be processed before uploading in the Kanaja server. Three topics were identified for the year (June 2010 - May 2011) for maximum content aggregation and they are: (i) Kannada language and literature (ii) Agriculture (iii) Science and Technology.

Arivu

The Core Committee for Selection of Government High School Library Books (CCSGHLB) convened **Arivu** project workshop of 225 Government High School Libraries on June 5, 2010 at Shikshak Sadan, Bangalore. The program was inaugurated and manual (**Annexure I**) was released by the Dr. R. G. Nadadur, Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary. Sri. K. R. Shashidhar, Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, Sri. D. S. Rajanna, Director of Public Instruction, Primary Education, Sri. V. G. Talawar, Vice Chancellor, Mysore University, Mysore, Smt. Sobha Nambisan, Chairman, CCSGHLB and Prof. M. Muniyamma, Member, KJA were present in the workshop. Around 78 school teachers represented in the workshop. Opinion of students and teachers was sought on issues concerning school libraries.

■ **Stakeholders Consultation**

- I. A consultation with youth and student organizations was convened on April 23, and May 24, 2010 to discuss on mega survey '**A Study on Perception, Aspirations, Expectations, Attitudes and Suggestions of Youth of Karnataka**'. Wide range of suggestions flowed in the meeting. 10 organization members attended the in the first consultation.
- II. The Consultation with the UG/PG students and Teachers, Research Scholars, Non Teaching Staff, Student Organizations, Syndicate Members, Deans, College Principals, Management of Educational Institutions, Public Organizations and NGOs of Gulbarga University was held on June 11, 2010 to discuss on Higher Education and its system in Karnataka. Around 200 stakeholders attended the session.

■ **Research Studies**

M/s PricewaterhouseCoopers working on the research study, '**Building Knowledge Society in Karnataka**', and Centre of Research in Social Science and Education (CERSSE), Jain University, working on the research study '**Aspirations, Expectations**

and Suggestions of Youth of Karnataka' have submitted an inception report and in the next phase they will carry out in depth survey and stakeholder consultation.

■ **Field Visits**

Mandya

Observation team visited Mandya - Gejjalagere Grama Panchayat Office, Gejjalagere Gram Panchayat Library, Gejjalagere Primary Health Centre, Mandya Agricultural University, Mandya First Grade College for Women, Mandya First Grade College (Autonomous), Channapattana First Grade College on April 29, 2010. The team interacted with the Doctors, Nurses, College Lecturers and Students, Librarian and personnel of Agricultural University to understand the system, services and its utilization by the target group.

Gulbarga

The team visited Gulbarga on June 12, 2010, covered Kusnur Government School, Shirasagi Taanda Government School, Mahagoa 24X7 Primary Health Centre (PHC), Akshara Foundation and Government College, Gulbarga. The team had an interaction with the school teachers, school children, doctor, nurse, attenders, ASHA worker of the PHC and principal of the college on few issues such as awareness on new schemes and facilities by the Government and team were able to pull out few suggestions from all of them.

The team has submitted the both the Mandya and Gulbarga field visit reports to the Commission. (**Annexure I and Annexure II**)

■ **Others**

United Nations Solutions Exchange had organized a two day '**Knowledge Building Workshop**' on June 18 and 19, 2010, where about 100 participants from all over Karnataka participated to share their experiences on knowledge building at grass root level. KJA showcased its efforts in achieving the mandate of transforming Karnataka into Knowledge Society during past one and half year. On the second day on behalf of the Commission Dr. Padmavathi B. S., Senior Research Associate, KJA

put forth the objectives and functions of Aayoga and discussed on State Commissions role in implementation issues with various NGOs across the State.

■ ***Conclusion***

The rapid and very significant progress has been made in implementing the recommendations, some of which were already in progress. In this endeavour, Commission requires the string support of various stakeholders and concerned departments. The interactions with the departments are on. So far Commission received great amount of support and suggestions, opinions from its stakeholders. But the work is not yet done. With the adoption of right strategy we now have a project/recommendation management/implementation structure in place that will help us not only realize the goals, but will also contribute to the intra and inter government collaboration.
