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■ ***Meetings***

- The Committee for Selection of High School Library books met on August 24, 2010. A detailed discussion was held on mentoring and effective implementation of Arivu project. It was proposed that the Principals of the DIETS and the Block Resource Centers should be involved in the mentoring process.
- First Meeting of Expert Committee on Skill Development (ECSD) to discuss the Terms of Reference of the Committee and way forward was held on August 13, 2010.
- Second Meeting of ECSD convened on September 3, 2010. Deliberations on themes for Add-On courses were held and a decision to hold stakeholders consultation meetings for all the three general undergraduate courses was made.

■ ***Interactions with the Departments & Experts***

- The meeting with District Institute of Educational and Training (DIET) Principals was convened on July 3, 2010 at Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT) office and the need to carry out a visioning exercise for DIETs across the state was articulated.
- A meeting with the Honourable Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Sri. Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri was held on July 8, 2010 at the office of the Minister, to review the status of implementation of Recommendations relating to Primary and Secondary Education.
- The meeting with ayurvedic experts along with the Department of AYUSH was held on July 14, 2010. Ayurveda Academy and BAIF – Institute for Rural Development (Karnataka) attended for the meeting to present their proposal on swastha-vritta. An elaborate discussion was held on health related projects - Swastta Vritta and Development of Regional Pharmacopeias.

- Interaction with the Department of AYUSH was held on July 16, 2010, to review the decisions of July 14, 2010 meeting. It was decided that Swastta Vritta and regional pharmacopeias both the projects will be executed by the Dept. of AYUSH.
- A meeting on upgradation of Indira Priyadarshini Children's Library (IPCL) was convened on July 24, 2010 with experts/agencies. It was proposed to come out with a Blue Print on IPCL and a detail project report along with the budget.
- Meeting was convened with the Department of Public Libraries on July 26, 2010, to discuss on the recommendations involving the department. Specific action points were chalked out and decided to work in the same mode.
- Interaction with the Secretary, Department of Labour convened on July 26, 2010 to discuss about apprenticeship policy in the State. It was proposed that the labour department have to expand organised sector by amending and simplifying the existing labour laws to bring the unorganised sector under the umbrella of organised work force.
- The meeting with KVTSDC and DCE on implementation of Sahayog I Phase was held on August 3, 2010. The meeting was convened to present the status of ongoing Sahayog program.
- Meeting with Secretary, Labour Department pertaining to the creation of an Autonomous Body for Vocational Educ. and Training in the state was held on August 11, 2010. A stakeholder's consultation meeting with industries and concerned government department was decided to be organized.
- A meeting with Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, was held on August 27, 2010 at the office of the Department of Planning. An elaborate discussion held on status of implementation of Commission's recommendations.

- Interaction with the State Project Director and Director of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was held on September 2, 2010 to discuss recommendations coming under the school education. Specific action by KJA and action by the department was listed out and it was decided to work on the same lines.
- The meeting was convened with the Director, DSERT on September 3, 2010, to discuss about the status of recommendations, relating to DIETs and D.ED.
- The meeting with KVTSDC and DCE was held on September 8, 2010, about implementation of Sahayog II phase. A decision to expand the number of first grade colleges from 118 to 200 was made.
- A meeting with heads of industries and corporate sector was convened on September 16, 2010, to discuss on the possibilities of introducing Associate Degrees in the State. The deliberations were based on the Associate Degree concept presented by Dr. Pawan Agarwal.
- The meeting with the Director, DSERT was held on September 29, 2010, to discuss on strengthening of DIETs and reforms in pre-service and in-service teacher education by revising D.Ed and B.Ed curriculum. It was decided to hold one more workshop of DIET Principals on either 12 or 13 of October, 2010 to discuss on the revised action plan prepared by DIETs and to organize a meeting with Education departments of universities and Department of Primary and Secondary Education personnel to discuss about B.Ed curriculum and other issues in III week of October, 2010.

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

Out of the 45 recommendations, five are implemented, process started in the case of 17 and remaining are under active consideration.

| Recommendations | Status |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>(R.No.1) To have a functioning and an effective school library with appropriate books and audio-video</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented as a pilot project in 225 government high schools. |

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| <p><i>materials for the use of students and teachers in atleast 10% of the government schools in every educational block of our state during the year 2009-10.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two workshops were conducted in Bangalore on June 5, 2010 and Dharwar on July 12, 2010. • A manual on Open Library has been published. • Books and Audio-Video materials reached to the schools. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.5) To transform two of the existing Universities into Model.....</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary Affairs and Higher Education Departments have cleared the draft bill. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.6) To strengthen and empower DSERT, DIETs, BRCs and CRCs in the state of Karnataka for becoming decentralised lead resource institutions.....</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two day workshop for DIET principal for Building Vision was conducted. • Follow up and facilitating action plan implementation. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.7) To bring about reforms in pre-service and in-service teacher education by revising D.Ed. and B.Ed. curriculum; by upgrading elementary teacher education to degree level programmes.....</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft report on Pre-service education (D.Ed.) colleges is under review. • Final report subsequent to department interface. • Facilitating a consultation meeting of DPSE with faculty of education of all universities in the state on B.Ed. Curriculum. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.9) To develop and depute one mobile Internet Van.....</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with Agasthya Foundation for design and operation. • To seek technical support (broad band) from ISRO. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.25) To impart skill training in retail business, communication</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented in the name of SAHAYOG in 118 first grade collegess |

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| <p><i>skills, life skills, data entry operation, entrepreneurship etc. to the present students pursuing BA course.....</i></p> | <p>spread across 22 districts covering 7000 final year graduate students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual on Life Skill is in progress • The SAHAYOG project has extended for 82 more colleges in the State during 2010-11. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.27) To introduce add-on course comprising of life and vocational skills to all students of UG programs in different Universities of Karnataka.....</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Expert Committee has been constituted on July 28, 2010. Committee has eight members. • Three stakeholder consultations were held so far. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.30) To introduce the accreditation of schools based on the robust and reliable quality standards on voluntary basis. Such an accreditation has to be external and professional in nature.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports available on accreditation been obtained from DPSE and UNESCO. • Review and consultation with educationists. • Department has accepted in principle. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.36) To introduce Public Health Cadre in the Health & Family Welfare Department.....</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Health and Family Services constituted a Committee of officials to take this forward. |
| <p>▪ <i>(R.No.45) To undertake a special drive to promote and enlist 'School Nurturing Programme'.....</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several organizations are being approached and awareness is being created about the program. • Youth for Seva has taken up several interventions in 8 government schools through voluntaries which look at academic and soft skill aspects. • RV consortium has taken up library reading process improvement in two |

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| | of the government schools and has come up with proposal for building up capacity of 25 teachers of government teachers on various aspects. |
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■ *Research Studies*

- I. M/s Pricewaterhousecoopers (PWC) have submitted a draft report on ***'Building Knowledge Society in Karnataka'***. Centre for Research in Social Science and Education (CERSSE), Jain University, working on ***'Aspirations, Expectations and Suggestions of Youth of Karnataka'*** have completed the field research and are working on the analysis of the collected data.
- II. The study on ***'Pre-Service Elementary Teacher Education in Karnataka'*** - A Status Study of D.Ed. Colleges was completed on September 15, 2010. The study surveyed 108 D.Ed colleges spread across the state.

■ *Workshops*

- I. One day Arivu project workshop was convened for High School Libraries on July 12, 2010 at DIET, Dharwad. Around 152 teachers and department personnel attended the workshop. Opinion of students and teachers was sought on school libraries.
- II. Two day workshop on visioning exercise for DIET principals and senior lecturers was held on July 30 and 31, 2010 at Sri Vivekananda Anusandana Smasthana, at Jigani. It was inaugurated by Sri Vishveshwar Hegde Kageri, Hon'ble minister for Primary and Secondary Education, GoK and attended by Dr. R. G. Nadadur, Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education and other officials of the department. About 75 people including DIET and CTC principals and senior lecturers participated in the workshop. Action plans were prepared by each DIET/CTE based on this. Later on feedback was given for the purposes of revised action plan.

■ ***Stakeholders Consultation***

- I. Inter-State Consultation meeting on professional education bill was convened on August 28, 2010 at State Council for Higher Education. Approximately 35 members attended the meeting from Maharashtra, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamilnadu and Kerala.
- II. A consultation with Science faculty members on Add-on courses was held at Basaveshwara Vidhya Vardaka College, Bagalkote on September 22, 2010. An interaction with graduate students and science faculty members was also held. Around 350 students and 45 teachers attended.
- III. A Stakeholders Consultation meeting of Arts faculty members on Add-On courses was held at Jain School of Graduate Studies, Bangalore on September 23, 2010. Around 7 faculty members participated from different colleges.
- IV. A Stakeholders Consultation meeting of Commerce faculty members on Add-On courses was held at R.C. College of Commerce, Bangalore on September 28, 2010. Around 9 faculty members participated.

■ ***Conclusion and Way Forward***

The Commission recognized certain recommendations for action and strategies be used for implementing. Successful implementation of the recommendations for action depends on sustained partnerships with the community and long-term commitment from the concerned department to facilitate coordinated implementation.
