Karnataka Jnana Aayoga  
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Sub: KJA Task Group on Karnataka State Education Policy (KSEP)

1. Karnataka is one of the leading states in education with a wide range of preferred school, collegiate and professional education system that has evolved over many years. Karnataka has leading science and technology institutions of the country; the state is also now globally acclaimed for its achievement in the higher technology arena and as manufacturing hub. Given this status, Karnataka aspires to rise to greater heights so that its future generations can be assured of a high-quality education that will prepare them for an effective role in state and national development processes.

2. Development is the need of the hour in the state and in the nation. It is recognised that holistic development of school, collegiate and professional education - inter-linked with skill-based education, research and innovation, integrating analytical and technical skills for research and innovation is extremely important. Karnataka has to prepare for a shift in education system from what it is today to a dynamic environment that will create the knowledge professionals of the future.

3. Hon’ble Minister for HE and Tourism, in his vision for the future educational scenario for the state, has envisaged that formulation of a renewed state Education Policy is most timely and necessary at this stage. KJA has been requested to prepare such a Karnataka State Education Policy (KSEP) for the state.

4. For developing such a KSEP, KJA has decided to engage with best of experts and undertake a comprehensive exercise to prepare the policy direction. The following expert Task Group is constituted for this purpose:

- Mr Mohandas Pai, Member, KJA - Co-Chair
- Prof KS Rangappa, VC, Mysore University - Co-Chair
- Vice Chancellor, VTU - Member
- Vice Chancellor, RGUHS - Member
- Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka University - Member
- Mr Chenraj Jain, Jain University - Member
- Director, IISc (or nominated representative) - Member
- Prof HP Khincha, Chairman, KSIIC - Member
- Chairman, National Public School, Bangalore - Member
- Director, IIM-Bangalore (or nominated representative) - Member
- Vice-Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore (or nominated representative) - Member
- Dr Padma Sarangapani, ISEC, Bangalore - Member
- Dr Shukla Bose, Member, KJA - Member
5. Mr SV Ranganath, Vice Chairman, KSHEC will be the Mentor to the Task Group and will be permanent invitee to the TG.

6. The main task of the KJA Task Group on KSEP is to prepare/develop a holistic and all-encompassing policy for forward-looking and futuristic education – encompassing school-, college- and professional-level and research and innovation development with an aim of making Karnataka have a state-of-art education system in a quest to further the cause of creating a knowledge based society based on access, equity and quality. The TG will address, amongst other things, specifically:

- Review the present educational system from a policy perspective and identify critical areas of development
- Study and look at some of the advances that other nations and states have planned in education sector
- Prognostically assess the future (20-25 years) development scenario in the state (and the country) and outline needs of a modernised educational system
- Study the needs of our students in the present globalised context and whether the education systems equips them adequately to face a competitive world
- Propose strategies and plans for the improvement, growth and delivery of the education system – addressing technological, human resources, regulation, institutional and legal frameworks for a futuristic education system with student centricity. Special emphasis to be placed on on public vs private education systems and faculty development and encouraging/motivating teachers – as good teachers are fulcrum to a good education system.
- Consult key stakeholders of the education systems to discuss on the regulation, improvisation and enhancement of the sector and suggest a forward looking regulatory system at the State Level.
- Outline a broad-level action-plan for institutionalisation of the Policy tenets through specific action-oriented schemes and programmes.
- Any other related issue that Task Group may consider important
Towards preparing the detailed report, the Task Group may undertake wide consultations across the state and holistically study all aspects of Education Policy. The outcomes can then be internalized by the Task Group into a report. Once the report is developed by the Task Group it may be presented to KJA for formal endorsement/approval. The Plan can then be formally submitted by KJA to Government of Karnataka (GOK) for implementation actions.

Other experts, as identified/approved by Co-Chairs and Member-Secretary, KJA, may be co-opted to the Task Group and/or invited for specific meetings, as required.

Specific budget will be approved/earmarked by KJA for the Task Group activity. The expenses of the Task Group would be met from this approved budget of KJA. For administrative purposes, the expenses for meetings, any travel/fees/honorarium and any other meeting expenses etc could be met from KJA funds, as per KJA procedures, allocated for the Task Group activities. Funds related to this activity will be expended upon approval of Co-Chairs of Task Group and as per procedures of KJA.

The term of the Task Group will be for a period of 9 months from the date of issue of this order by which time the final report may be submitted. A draft consultation report maybe prepared and made available for discussions/consultations within 6 months.

This order issues with the approval and under authority of Chairman, KJA.

(Mukund Rao)
Member-Secretary, KJA

To,

- All Members of KJA Task group on KSEP
- Mentor to TG/Vice Chairman of KSHEC

Copies for information to:

- PS to Hon’ble Minister of HE and Tourism – with a kind request to bring this to the notice of Hon’ble Minister
- All Members of KJA
- Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka
- Principal Secretary, Dept of Higher Education, GOK – formal information/intimation of the establishment of this KJA Task team as decided/approved by KJA