

Karnataka Jnana Aayoga (Karnataka Knowledge Commission) Government of Karnataka

MONTHLY REPORT ON KJA ACTIVITIES – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2016

A] IMPORTANT MEETINGS

- Honourable Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the Madivala Biodiversity project – which was recommended by KJA and which is being implemented by KLCDA. Prof. C.R. Babu, Project Advisor for establishing Biodiversity Park at Madiwala – which was recommended by KJA met Chairman, KJA to brief him on the Madivala project progress.
- Chairman, KJA and Member Secretary, KJA held a meeting with ACS, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports on September 19, 2016 to broadly discuss the KJA's Sports Policy recommendations – it was noted that DYES is organising a specific Consultation initiative on KJA Recommendation.
- Member-Secretary, KJA held a meeting with Prof. Gurumurthy, Principal Investigator of Nursing Training Simulator Project on August 5, 2016 to expedite for the completion of NTS project. Subsequently, Chairman, KJA also reviewed the NTS project with Prof Gurumurthy and Chairman, KJA suggested speedy completion of product readiness, positioning of manikins for test in specific hospitals, holding of a NTS user workshop, expert review and review meeting with the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education.
- 3 RTI queries was recd on KJA matters – inputs for RTI responses were prepared under guidance of Chairman, KJA. The inputs for the RTI responses were promptly submitted by KJA to HED for necessary formal response and further action.

B] MAJOR TG/TT HIGHLIGHTS

• Task Force on Karnataka Public Health Policy:

- TF convened its fourth meeting on August 11, 2016 and discussed the draft reports of various sub-committees. Suggestions towards preparing the Final Report by integrating them was discussed.
- TF approved the proposal of Member-Secretary, TF to obtain the KJA sponsorship of Rs. 4.48 lakhs to Association of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI) to facilitate the project on costing. It was also suggested to maintain a separate head of account by AHPI for this project which would be submitted to KJA on completion of the project study.
 - At the recommendation of KJA TF-KPHP, KJA has issued Sanction Order for Procedural Cost of Four Specialities of Non-Communicable Diseases to Association of Healthcare Providers (India).
- TF-KPHP Sub-Committee on Procedural Cost held its meeting on September 9, 2016 to discuss on the methodology of costing.
- The Drafting Committee of TF-KPHP convened three to finalise the draft report of Karnataka Public Health Policy.

• Task Group on Machine Intelligence:

- Member Secretary, KJA held a meeting with Member Secretary of TGMI to expedite TGMI Actions. Status of actions pertaining to conducting IIIT-B workshop and National Workshop, TG Report structure and broad recommendations of TF were discussed.

- The TG Constituted a Sub-Committee on Data Science Curriculum on August 9, 2016, under the chairmanship of Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharyya to define and prepare a MI Curriculum document for UG and PG level, for certificate courses for faculty and for professional training.
- Sub-Committee on Data Science Curriculum held its first meeting and discussed on introducing/revising MI curriculum at UG and PG levels and on introducing short-term courses for working professionals of government and private sector and one year programme for MI aspirants.
- KJA Member Secretary met with TG MI Co-Chairs; Member Secretary of TG and Convenor of TG to review progress of TG activities. Main emphasis was on TG MI report - report structure was discussed with broad chapter title, possible recommendations etc AND holding of TG MI workshop on role of MI in governance for GoK officers. TG was requested to expedite the actions of consultation and report.
- TG MI is planning to hold a consultation workshop on MI for Governance in October, 2016.

- **Task Group on Karnataka State Education Policy:**
 - Chairman, KJA held final review of KSEP Recommendations Report submitted by TG-KSEP on September 3, 2016. The meeting was attended by Member Secretary, KJA, Co-Chairs of TF-KSEP and Member Secretary TG-KSEP.
 - KJA Secretariat had made an assessment of the various KJA inputs/suggestions vis-à-vis the TF report. In addition various key inputs were provided by Chairman, KJA for KSEP. It was decided to include all of these KJA points to finalise KSEP.
 - Member Secretary, KJA was tasked to finalise the KSEP and after Chairman's review the same was circulated to all KJA Members for a final preview/endorsement before submission.
 - Chairman, KJA and Member-Secretary, KJA held a meeting with Sri. S V Ranganath, Mentor, TG-KSEP to discuss the final draft of KJA Recommendations Report on KSEP
 - Member Secretary, KJA formally sent out the Final KJA Recommendation on Karnataka State Education Policy to all the KJA Members for formal approval/endorsement. The KJA Recommendation is now being readied for formal submission to GoK.

- **Study Group on Unmanned Aerial Systems:**
 - Core Team of SG held a meeting on August 5, 2016, with Mr. Maheshwar Rao, Secretary, Agriculture Department, GoK to discuss on Demonstration Projects for UAS imaging for Agriculture. Demo Area and requirements of the Department were discussed in detail.
 - Member Secretary, KJA held a meeting with Member-Secretary of SG, on August 25, 2016 to discuss on the work plan of SG and expedite the SG tasks.

- **TT Skill Development Action plan:**
 - Chairman, KJA and Member Secretary, KJA held a Review meeting with Co-Chairs/Member-Secretary of KJA TT on Skill Development Plan – mainly to discuss the TT report. ACS, Labour Dept. also participated in meeting. A revised draft of TT report was discussed – specifics of un-organised sector and skill scenario, new Skill Ministry, how government sector skilling needs to be developed etc was discussed/suggested. Chairman, KJA has asked TT to consider the suggestions and accordingly relook at the revised draft report.

- **RS and GIS for Archaeology project:**
 - Director, NIAS formally submitted a Detailed Technical Report on KJA sponsored Project 'Cultural Heritage of Karnataka: A Remote Sensing and GIS Perspective' to KJA on August 3,

2016. Member-Secretary, KJA formally forwarded the NIAS report for comments/inputs to Principal Secretary, Dept. of Kannada and Culture and information to Chief Secretary, GoK.

- At the request of Chief Secretary, GoK, Member-Secretary, KJA provided specific inputs on what next steps can be taken by GoK on the NIAS report – especially a possible state-wide project on use of RS and GIS for Archaeology.

- **MPES Project:**

- MPES Monitoring and Guidance Committee (MGC) convened its first meeting on August 26, 2016 under the Co-chairmanship of Dr. Gayatri Saberwal and Prof. M.R.S. Rao. On behalf of MPES, Dr. Srikanth Hegde presented the progress of the project 'Preparing Students for Research Training: A Pilot Study on Environment Pollutants in the Konkan Belt.' The Committee noted the progress and made specific suggestions for strengthening students learning outcomes during the project.

B] KJA SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

- KJA Secretariat joined Prof Babu in visit to Madivala to study the Inlet, Outlet, Storm Water Drain and Sewage systems. KJA Secretariat facilitated appointment of a Junior Research Associate-Mr. Dinesh Kumar to provide research support to KJA Study Group on Unmanned Aerial Systems. Appointment is effective from August 6, 2016 for a period of 3 months.
- Facilitated meeting of CEO, KLCDA with Chairman, KJA on August 29, 2016 to brief him on the developments of Biodiversity Park at Madiwala project.
- KJA Secretariat contacted Manager, Karnataka State Arts & Crafts Emporium to identify good wood-work artisans in state for the proposed KJA Expert Committee to review MU project on 'Karnataka Centre for Excellence in Design and Manufacture of Wood-based Handicrafts'.
- KJA Secretariat visited site of the proposed Cauvery Gallery building at Karnataka Exhibition Centre (KEC), Mysore to gauge the progress of the project. After meeting CEO, KEC and Assistant Engineer, status of the project was reported to Member-Secretary and Chairman, KJA.
- KJA Secretariat visited Channapatna to identify and look at work of artisans engaged in making of Channapatna toys – this was taken up to see in the context of MU proposal on establishing a Centre of Excellence in the Design and Manufacture of Toys and Woodwork.
- KJA Secretariat met with SG-UAS representatives to discuss and expedite on organising a state level workshop on UAS.
- Chairman, KJA met KJA Secretariat to know about the status of respective activities. Chairman noted the progress and gave guidance on speedy completion of the activities.



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To,

- All KJA Members

Cc:

- Personal Secretary of Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education – request to bring this to attention of Hon'ble Minister
- Chief Secretary, GoK
- Additional Chief Secretary, HED, GoK
- Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, GoK
- Members of all KJA TG and TT