



Karnataka Jnana Aayoga (Karnataka Knowledge Commission) Government of Karnataka

MONTHLY REPORT ON KJA ACTIVITIES – JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2017

A. MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Government has extended the term of Karnataka Jnana Aayoga (KJA) for a period of 3 years till December, 2019. A notification regarding this extension has been issued vide GO ED 354 URC 2016 of December 26, 2016 from the Higher Education Department (HED).
- Chairman, KJA met Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education on February 01, 2017 to review the recommendations that have been provided by KJA. Hon'ble Minister appreciated the contribution of KJA to the State under the leadership of Dr. K Kasturirangan as Chairman, KJA. The activities of KJA were reviewed – the 9 recommendations that have been submitted were discussed for next actions. In specific, the KSEP implementation was discussed and Hon'ble Minister mentioned that the KSEP is being placed before cabinet soon. It was also noted that status of implementation of Cauvery gallery, Madivala Biodiversity Park, K-GIS etc needs to be taken up. In addition, importance of Centre for Machine Intelligence, UAS Pilot Projects etc were also discussed. Hon'ble Minister also mentioned the need for Skill Action Plan and whether a Skill University is considered – it was clarified that KJA TF on Skill is addressing this. Chairman, KJA also mentioned the need for a State Water Policy.

Considering all these activities of KJA Recommendations which are being implemented by departments, Hon'ble Minister suggested that it is time for an overall status review of KJA Recommendations implementation by Hon'ble Chief Minister where all the concerned Ministers and Heads of Departments could be invited/present. Hon'ble Minister requested Member Secretary, KJA to quickly suggest Agenda for the meeting.

Hon'ble Minister agreed to Chairman, KJA's proposition on the need to add 4 new Members to KJA and also for relieving Ms Sudha Murthy who has officially resigned from KJA due to inability to contribute and also one more person who has not attended any meeting and responded anytime to be dropped. Hon'ble Minister agreed to the suggestions of re-composition and requested Chairman, KJA to send a list for re-composition of KJA. Chairman, KJA thanked Hon'ble Minister for the extension of KJA for 3 more years and mentioned that KJA would continue to follow and adopt the methods and practices that KJA has approved in past 3 years – thereby providing best of support to the Government.

- Chairman, KJA and Member secretary, KJA met the Chief Secretary on February 15, 2017 and discussed on the KJA activities – especially the proposed review by Hon'ble CM that has been suggested by Hon'ble Minister for HE. Chief Secretary was provided an overview of the 9 KJA Recommendations that have been submitted and also the status of 11 other activities that are being taken up. In specific, the importance of KSEP implementation, Sports Policy implementation, K-GIS implementation, Cauvery Gallery, Madivala Park, TDU project and the importance of Water Policy, UAS for Governance, Machine Intelligence, Future Governance etc were discussed.
- Chairman, KJA and Member secretary, KJA met the Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) on February 15, 2017 and discussed on the need for budgetary support for implementing importance KJA recommendations – especially KSEP implementation, Sports Policy implementation, NTS for nursing institutions, UAS pilot-project for Governance, Machine Intelligence, Future Governance etc. The need to thrust K-GIS implementation was also discussed. ACS-Finance also suggested that KJA should look into how science education in schools can be improved/popularised. ACS-Finance assured that FD

would provide budgetary support for proposals that are KJA Recommendation implementation by Departments, if received.

- Hon'ble CM had directed Chief Secretary, GoK to convene a meeting of ASC/PRS to review the progress of action taken on the recommendation of the KJA in their respective departments. The meeting was held on February 25, 2017 – under the Co-Chair of Chairman, KJA and Chief Secretary, GOK. The meeting noted that KJA's recommendations have brought to the table innovative ideations that come from experts and after a lot of consultation – thus, the KJA recommendations are very useful to the government for developmental activities. Chief Secretary mentioned that every Department that has received recommendations from KJA now have to work out and implement them through possible short term, mid-term and long term goals, action plans, responsibilities within specified time frame. Key actions were identified – a separate CS level review of K-GIS; taking up cabinet discussion on KSEP; CS review for Sports Policy implementation; introducing NTS in nursing education; importance of Water Policy from KJA; furthering Machine Intelligence in state; undertaking a pilot for UAS usage in Governance and many other items.
- KJA had notified call for consultants on annual contract for KJA Secretariat. KJA Recruitment and Review Committee(R&RC) - Co-Chaired by Prof. S Sadagopan, Member, KJA and Dr. Gayatri Saberwal, Member, KJA held its 5th meeting to select candidates for KJA Secretariat consulting assignments. The meeting was held on February 14, 2017 and recommendations made to Chairman, KJA.
- KJAs Monitoring and Guidance Committee for MPES (“Preparing Under-Graduate Students for Research Training: A Pilot Study on Environment Pollutants in the Konkan Belt”) project held its 2nd review meeting on January 25, 2017 and reviewed the status of MPES project. The status of 2 batch of students who have undertaken graduate projects were evaluated. Committee felt the need of a KJA team for an on-site visit to assess and have first hand information on the project progress.
- KJA Team comprising Prof. M R S Rao, Member, KJA; Dr Mukund Rao, Member Secretary, KJA and Mr Deepak, SRA visited MPES college campus on Feb 28, 2017 to review the progress of MPES project. The team interacted with the 60 students who have undertaken water and soil quality assessment projects – including field planning, field visit and survey, sample collections, sample analysis etc. The team also visited the MPES Under-graduate Research centre at MPES and also interacted with faculty.
- Chairman, KJA and Member-Secretary, KJA reviewed progress of NTS project at IISc on January 13, 2017. After reviewing the project readiness, it was agreed that NTS team must demonstrate the NTS project solution to Dr. Devi Shetty, Member, KJA on January 24, 2017 for his review and suggestions.
- Chairman, KJA and Dr. Devi Shetty, Member, KJA, along with Dr Alex and others, reviewed the demonstration-presentation of NTS project on January 24, 2017. Dr. Devi Shetty appreciated the efforts made by IISc to develop the simulator and the next effort has to be to provide the NTS to the nursing and doctor community.
- Chairman, KJA and Member-Secretary, KJA reviewed Draft Report of Task Force on Karnataka Public Health Policy (KPHP) on January 24, 2017. The review meeting was attended by Dr. Devi Shetty, Member, KJA and Chair, TF-KPHP, Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept of Health & Family Welfare and Dr. Mukund Rao, Member Secretary, KJA. Dr. Alexander Thomas, Member Secretary of the Task Force made presentation on the Policy Recommendations. Number of suggestions were provided to Dr Alex for the report.

B] KJA TT/TG/TF and KJA PROJECTS ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- KJA Study Group on UAS had its 4th Meeting on January 05, 2017. The SG deliberated on the outcome of the UAS Workshop and drafting the UAS Report. It was agreed to start collating and compiling the final report and also to finalise the UAS Pilot Project proposal for governance areas – agriculture, urban, police and civic operations. Member Secretary, KJA held review meeting with Member Secretary, SG_UAS on the progress of the SG-UAS Report on January 19, 2017.
 - The Report of KJA SG UAS Workshop on “UAS Technology, Application and Policies” held on October 24, 2016 at NIAS was formally published – with key recommendations that SG is considering. The report is available on KJA website.
- KJA Task Force on Karnataka Public Health Policy had its meeting on January 17, 2017 where Co-ordinators of 12 Sub-Committees of TG discussed on the roadmap and implementation mechanisms of the recommendations being proposed in the TF-KPHP report.

C] KJA SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

- Coordination with University of Mysore was continued to obtain revised proposal, in line with the suggestions of the KJA Expert Review Committee, on establishing ‘Centre of Excellence in Design and Manufacture of Wood-based Handicrafts’.
- KJA Secretariat took up tasks for advertising and recruitment of additional contract personnel for KJA Secretariat. Coordination for meeting of KJA R&RC was also completed.



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To,

- All KJA Members

For information:

- Personal Secretary to Hon’ble Minister for HE – with a request to kindly bring to notice of Hon’ble Minister
- Chief Secretary, GoK
- Additional Chief Secretary, HED, GoK
- Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, GoK
- KJA TG, TT, TF and SG Members