



Karnataka Jnana Aayoga
(Karnataka Knowledge Commission)
Government of Karnataka

MONTHLY REPORT ON KJA ACTIVITIES – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2016

A] IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- Chairman, KJA formally submitted KJA Recommendation on Karnataka State Education Policy (KSEP) 2016 to Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Hon'ble Minister for Primary & Secondary Education at a meeting in Vidhana Soudha on November 5, 2016. The meeting was also attended by ACS and officials of the Higher Education Department and PS and officials of Primary & Secondary Education Departments. KJA Members and TG KSEP Members were also present. Members from media/press also participated. After formally submitting the KJA Recommendation on KSEP, Chairman, KJA outlined the salient points of the Policy – especially Vision and Foundational Principles of KSEP; important recommendations for school and higher education; the proposed Governance Structure for Education and other aspects. Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Hon'ble Minister for Primary & Secondary Education appreciated the initiative of KSEP and mentioned that the Government would examine the recommendations and soon take up next steps towards its formalisation and implementation.
- Member-Secretary, KJA had a meeting with officials of DST, GOI on National GIS. Meetings were also held with Secretary, Ministry of Earth Science on Data Analytics and Policy aspects of Earth Science.
- Member Secretary, KJA participated and moderated The High-Level Panel on Machine Intelligence at the IT.Biz. The Panel discussed on specific aspects of Machine Intelligence – especially on Data Analytics; Data Science; society benefits from MI; industry role in MI development; manufacturing aspects of MI and so on. Member-Secretary, KJA also Co-Chaired the Karnataka-GI Session at IT.Biz and participated in the GIS Panel discussion.
- Shri. Aruna Shahapura, Member of Legislative Council had raised 2 questions in the LC on KJA recommendations given State Education Policy and recommendations recently submitted. The inputs for these LC queries were submitted to HED for finalising response to LC and submission.
- Member Secretary, KJA delivered keynote address in the one day National Conference on 'Geospatial Applications' held on 14 December 2016. Issues of geospatial data gaps and the need for a nation-wide drive for GIS data generation and applications development were highlighted.
- Government of Karnataka has issued a GO on December 26, 2016 wherein the term of KJA has been extended for a period of 3 years from December 27, 2016.

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

- KJA Task Force on Karnataka Public Health Policy:
 - TG held its 5th Meeting on November 7, 2016 to deliberate on the draft KPHP report. Some important observations/inputs with regard to the draft policy were provided by Principal Secretary, Dept. of Health and Family Welfare Services - formation of health ombudsman, attract young doctors to the rural health services, community engagements and address shortage of specialists. Principal Secretary also suggested to come out with a road map

comprising of comprehensive strategic approach to sustainability with short, mid and long term actions to ensure greatest impact in the health sector.

- Member Secretary, KJA provided detailed inputs to the KPHP – especially on Vision and Mission statements; need for specifying healthcare technology aspects; old age and geriatrics; healthcare training and its automation; alternative and affordable medicines; a state tele-medicine network; inputs on Ombudsman and other aspects. These have been suitably incorporated into the KPHP draft.
 - On November 30, a review meeting with two of the Drafting Committee members was convened on request by TF Member Secretary to deliberate and consider inputs/suggestions of TF members.
 - On December 2, 2016 a meeting with Co-ordinators of 12 Sub-Committees of TG was convened to discuss on the roadmap and implementation mechanisms of the recommendations being proposed in the TF-KPHP report. Framework for the roadmap was drawn in the meeting and the same was shared with the Co-ordinators of the Sub-Committees for their inputs.
- Task Team on Arts Management had its 3rd meeting on November 9, 2016 to consider the draft Arts Management Strategy Report. The TT deliberated on the Report Recommendations in length and decided to incorporate few points covering funding, Administration and other best practices for the better management, promotion and curation of Arts, Culture and Museum Institutions.
 - Member Secretary, KJA had a review of Nursing Training Simulator on November 25, 2016. In the meeting, NTS team provided an update of the current status of the project and a demo was presented. Member-Secretary, KJA suggested a set of tasks to be accomplished before closure of the project, including a workshop for instructors in nursing colleges and meeting with the Principal Secretary, DHFWs and an external review meeting by the end of December, 2016.
 - Mr. Chris Elstoft, Deputy High Commissioner, Australian High Commission, New Delhi visited KJA on November 28, 2016 to meet Member Secretary, KJA. The two discussed on ways and means to bring collaboration and cooperation between India and Australia in Knowledge and Innovation with Businesses and Technology Centers playing key role.
 - KJA TG MI held its 4th meeting on December 20, 2016 under the co-chairmanship of Mr. Venkatesh Valluri and Prof. Bhattacharyya. Members deliberated in length on the draft report of the Sub-Committee on Data Science Curriculum. Discussions were also held on broad content and submission of TG MI report to KJA. TG decided not to hold the proposed TG workshop and not to seek further extension of the term of the TG. Members agreed to submit the TG draft report by January 15, 2017.
 - Member Secretary, KJA reviewed the UAS Workshop report prepared by KJA SG-UAS Member Secretary – workshop was held on October 24, 2016 at NIAS. The report outlined the deliberations in workshop and MS, KJA helped in finalising the recommendations of the workshop for the report.
 - The term of the KJA SG on UAS has been extended for 3 months based on the request of the 2 Co-Chairs. The Study Group is finalising its report.
 - Based on the suggestions of the KJA Expert Review Committee, University of Mysore forwarded a revised proposal on CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF WOOD-BASED HANDICRAFTS. The expert committee is to review the revised proposal.
 - KJA sponsored project 'Preparing students for Research Training: A Pilot Study on Environmental Pollutants in Konkan Belt' sanctioned to MPES, Honnavar held 2 major activities - field work was

undertaken in 9 locations in Udupi District to collect samples AND an Orientation course for student on Lab Safety measures was conducted.

B] KJA SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

- Member-Secretary, KJA undertook a review of KPHP draft report with KJA Secretariat Members on November 21, 2016. Member-Secretary, KJA provided critical inputs/suggestions and the same communicated to Member-Secretary, TF-KPHP for incorporating in the draft health policy.
- KJA Secretariat attended the training workshop organized by the St. John's Nursing College on December 8, 2016, for nurses from across the country, wherein the prototype NTS was demonstrated.
- KJA Secretariat facilitated the process of extension of TF-KPHP term for the fourth time. The term has been extended upto February, 2017.
- KJA Secretariat attended Centre for Civil Society's New Education Policy (NEP) Round table as part of "Leaders in Education, Advocacy and Policy" initiative on December 07, 2016. The Round Table attempted to obtain inputs on the pressing needs in the Education Sector and present them to Government of India for consideration in New Education Policy.
- Coordination with University of Mysore has 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 undertook an exhaustive analysis of global Arts Centre and Cultural Centres – especially the scope, the activities, design and contents, public participation etc. This exercise was taken up to generate basic inputs for the Bharat Mata Cultural Hub that TT-Arts Management is considering based on HED ideation.
- On completion of the consulting contract terms of Dr Padmavathi; Dr Jayashri; Mr Ashok Kumara and Mr Ravi of KJA Secretariat, based on the recommendation of KJA R&RC, the 4 consultants were awarded a new consulting contract for 1 year in KJA Secretariat.
- KJA Secretariat members participated in the IT.Biz organised by GOK on Nov 29-30, 2016.



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To,

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- Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, GoK
- KJA TG, TT, TF and SG Members