

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
SRI AUROBINDO MARG, NEW DELHI

MINUTES OF THE 103rd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 103rd meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held on 27th June, 2017 at 2.30 a.m. in Hall A & B, First Floor, NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi. Shri Prakash Javadekar President, NCERT and the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, chaired the meeting.

The list of participants who attended the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-I.

The meeting commenced with Prof. Hrushikesh Senapati, Director, NCERT, extending a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development and the members of the Executive Committee. Following this, the Secretary, NCERT, with due permission of the Chair, took up the agenda items for deliberation, as below.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 12th April, 2016.

The minutes of the 102nd meeting of the Executive Committee, held on 12th April, 2016, were circulated to the members. Since no comments were received from any member, the Executive Committee confirmed the minutes.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 12th April, 2016

The Secretary, NCERT reported the Action Taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, which was noted by the members.

(i) The proceedings of 45th Establishment Committee was placed before the House which has two agenda, one of Recruitment Rules for non-academic staff of NCERT and the proposal for enhancement of age of superannuation of NCERT academic staff from 62 to 65 years, both the proposals have been kept in 44th Establishment Committee too. After deliberate discussion and details by Secretary, NCERT regarding changes incorporated as suggested by 44th and 45th Establishment Committees, the house approved the recruitment and promotion rules of non-teaching staff and the proposal for enhancement of age of superannuation of NCERT Academic staff from 62 to 65 years with the pending action of ratification of enhancement of superannuation age from 60 to 62 years. The EC also approved the proceedings of 44th & 45th Establishment Committees.

(ii) Secretary, NCERT informed that to facilitate digitization of textbooks training of 30 States/ UTs covering 450 MRPs/KRPs has been completed by NCERT. Books of some states have already been digitized and made available on e-pathshala; digitization of books of other states is awaited.

The Hon'ble HRM emphasized that new members should be apprised of e-Pathshaala. Prof. Hrushikesh Senapati, Director, NCERT shared in brief about e-pathshala. He explained that besides textbooks, different kinds of audio and video materials have been prepared and uploaded, which are meaningful and beneficial to children and other stakeholders.



Prof. Amarendra Behera, JD (Incharge), CIET informed the members that exercise related to development of e-contents started a year ago and so far 3000 e-contents have been developed and nearly 1000 have been validated and uploaded on National Repository of Educational Resources (NROER). These are curriculum-based and are available in different formats such as audios, videos, images, interactives, maps, digital charts, timelines, graphics, animation etc. He assured that the remaining 1000 e-contents will be produced within 6 months. HRM enquired about the number of people using the portal. Prof. Behera informed that these are being visited by 1,74,65,160 visitors including teachers, students, parents and teacher educators. He added that programmes developed in NCERT are discussed and analysed regularly during weekly pre-view meetings at CIET-NCERT.

Prof. Behera informed that the app has a rating of 4.3 out of 5 on Google play store, 3 out of 5 on Apple Store, and 4.5 out of 5 on Windows Store. In all 8,57,327 users have downloaded the app from Google Play Store, 50,725 from Apple Store and 23,204 from Windows Store. There are 36,51,131 Total Youtube views of programmes on ePathshala. Total no of programme on YouTube are 2840 (Total no of Audio on Youtube are 1455, Total no of Video on Youtube are 1385). Total no of ePub are 650 and Total no of Flipbook are 504. With active support from NCERT Haryana SCERT have digitised its books and made available through Mobile app "Meri E-Pustak" Six states i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh have started digitization of textbooks and submitted 65 books on epathshala. ePathshala has been listed on the UMANG app of Govt. of India

The Hon'ble HRM suggested that a detailed plan be developed and presented to the Ministry.

HRM inquired from Andhra Pradesh about the analysis of such programmes. The representative from Andhra Pradesh informed that the analysis of the number of students and schools using such programmes is in process.

HRM desired to know about the activities and initiatives undertaken by CIET. Prof Behera described six initiatives in detail:

1. Digitization of textbooks and support to States /UTs through e-pathshala
2. Development of e-contents
3. Development and rolling out of online courses for school education through SWAYAM MOOCs platform
4. Telecast of programmes for classes IX and XII through a 24x7 DTH TV Channel "Kishore Manch" on "Swayam Prabha" network.
5. Development and maintenance of National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER)
6. ICT Curriculum for classes VI to VIII and its roll out in all States/UTs.

He also informed that the maximum use of Direct to Home (DTH) TV channels is in Gujarat. A toll-free number has been created and efforts are being made to obtain feedback through e-mail, letters and phone calls. HRM suggested for short presentation to be prepared on how schools can have access of "Swayam Prabha"

HRM inquired whether there was any feedback on Swayam Prabha. The representative from Andhra Pradesh informed that 4000 schools are using the DTH-TV channel.

Prof. R.C.Das Purkayastha from Guwahati, suggested that etextbooks on epathshala should support text to speech features and help the specially abled students. This would reduce the cost of smart classes, as it would directly project from the mobile itself. Further, he also suggested that it is necessary to reduce eye-strain of users and features may be added to facilitate low vision learners. HRM directed that NCERT should work out the details.

Director, NCERT informed about the status of distribution of textbooks. HRM instructed that since now onwards CBSE will not be publishing textbooks. NCERT to anticipate the correct number of textbooks required so that it should be provided on time and there should be no shortage of books anywhere in the country. HRM appreciated the success of Tamil Nadu in providing books to students on the very first day of the academic year. He also shared feedback received about reducing the load of the school bag. HRM remarked that in Chhattisgarh, students have one set of textbooks in the school and one set at home.

Madhushree Shahane, EC Member from Maharashtra spoke about a *Mitra* Mobile app which provides references linked to textbook content, which would help to reduce the load. In this connection, HRM instructed that NCERT should have a small working group to discuss and come out with the plan to ease the burden of school bags on students.

Secretary NCERT informed about titles published by NCERT on inclusive education. HRM inquired about the response to *Barkha Reading Series for All* which had additional features to aid early reading in inclusive settings. Prof. Anupam Ahuja, Head, DEGSN, NCERT stated that these books have been developed in print and digital forms based on research. The books can be read by sighted and visually impaired children. She added that this series has been well appreciated. The House was also informed about *National Outreach Programme Workshop on Practices of Inclusion*, as well as development of modules for promoting vocational skills among differently-abled children. HRM appreciated the good work of NCERT.

The Status Report on the Establishment of new RIEs was placed in which representative from Andhra Pradesh raised the matter for execution of RIE, Nellore which was noted for early action.

All other States were to be sent fresh reminders with detail and request to reply in time limit so that something concrete can be planned.

Item No.3: To approve the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2015-16

The Annual Report of the Council for the year 2014-15 was approved.

Item No.4: To approve the Audited Accounts of NCERT for the year 2015-16

The Audited Annual Report of the Council for the year 2015-16 was approved.

Item No.5, 6 & 10: Approval of the minutes of the 131, 132 and 133 Finance Committee meetings held on 05.07.2016, 26.09.2016 and 28.02.2017.



The minutes of the 131, 132 and 133 Finance Committee meetings were approved.

Item No.7: Approval of the minutes of the 42nd Building and Works Committee meeting held on 15.06.2016.

The minutes of 42nd Building and Works Committee was approved.

Item No.8: Approval of the minutes of the Programme Advisory Committee meeting held on 21-22 March, 2016.

The minutes of PAC meeting held on 21-22 March, 2016 was approved.


Additional Item 1: To consider the proposal regarding selection process by NCERT.


Additional Item 2: Sharing of land allotted to Field Advisor's Office NCERT, Pune between NCERT and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samite, Pune.

The additional agenda items were taken up. The proposal regarding selection process by NCERT and to consider and approve allocation of fund out of internal receipts (short term investment of the Council) to meet out the expenditure on construction of building and creation of capital assets viz.:

- a) Proposal for construction of Auditorium of 1500 persons in NCERT Campus.
- b) Proposal for construction of Girls Hostel at Regional Institute of Education's (Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Mysore and NIRIE) to accommodate more girls students.
- c) Establishment of new Production-cum-Distribution Centres (RPDCs) at Ajmer, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Pune.

This included the matter of sharing of land for Pune with Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS). All the above matter were deferred and House authorized the Hon'ble HRM, President, NCERT to take decision on it.


Maj Harsh Kumar
Secretary


Prof. Haushikesh Senapaty
Director

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT IN THE 103rd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NCERT HELD ON 27th JUNE, 2017.

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| 1. | Shri Prakash Javadekar
HRM/President, NCERT
Ministry of HRD
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110001 | Chairperson |
| 2. | Shri Anil Swarup
Secretary
Department of School Education & Literacy
Ministry of HRD
Government of India
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty
Director
NCERT, New Delhi-110016 | Member |
| 4. | Smt. Madhuree M. Shahane
Assistant Teacher
A-304, DSK Kunjaban, Punavale
Pune (Maharashtra) | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Murali Monahar Putti
FF2, Shreya's Apt.
Asmanghad
Malakpet, Hyderabad
Telangana. | Member |
| 6. | Dr. B.C. Das Purkayastha
Retd. Prinipal of Pandu College
H.No.21, Ananda Nagar
Lane-3, Adabari
Guwahati-781012 Assam | Member |

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| 7. | Dr. Rakesh Chand Chaturvedi
Teacher
Shriji Baba Saraswati Vidya Mandir
F-57, Govind Nagar
Near Shri Krishna Janmsthan
Mathura (UP)-281001 | Member |
| 8. | Smt. M.P. Devi
Teacher
Vyasa Vidya Peethom
Senior Secondary School
P.O. Kallekkad
District Palakkad
Kerala - 678006 | Member |
| 9. | Prof. Jyotsna Tiwari
Head, DEAA
NCERT, New Delhi | Member |
| 10. | Prof. Lalchand Ram
DEL, NCERT, New Delhi | Member |
| 11. | Dr. Pramod Kumar Dubey
Associate Professor
DEL, NCERT, New Delhi | Member |
| 12. | Shri Sanjay Kumar
Joint Secretary (SE-II)
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy)
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi-110001 | Member |
| 13. | Ms. Darshana M. Dabral
JS & Financial Advisor
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy),
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 14. | Major Harsh Kumar
Secretary
NCERT
New Delhi. | Member-convener |

Special invitee/Other present

1. Prof. Saroj Yadav
Dean (A)
2. Dr. Sridhar Srivastava
ESD
3. Prof. A.K. Rajput
Head, DEE
4. Dr. Indrani Bhaduri
Head, ESD
5. Prof. Ranjana Arora
Head, DCS
6. Prof. Dinesh Kumar
Head, DESM
7. Prof. Anupam Ahuja
Head, DEGSN
8. Dr. Anjum Sibia
Head, DEPFE
9. Dr. K.C. Tripathi
Head, DEL
10. Shri Anil Kakria
Deputy Secretary (F)
MHRD
11. Shri R.K. Nayak
CAO, NCERT
12. Dr. P.D. Subhash
Associate Professor, PMD
13. Shri Gautam Ganguli
CBM, Publication Division
14. Dr. Varda Mohan
Associate Professor, DEE
15. Dr. Seema S. Ojha
Assistant Professor, DESS