

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

MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL

The 54rd meeting of the General Council of NCERT was held on 27th June, 2017 at 3.45 pm in Hall No. A & B, First Floor, NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi - 110001. The list of participants who attended the meeting is enclosed at Annexure 'I'.

Shri Prakash Javdekar, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India and President, NCERT, chaired the meeting.

Prof. Hrushikesh Senapati, Director, NCERT welcomed the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development and the members of the Committee. He elaborated on the mandate of NCERT, which is to improve the quality of school education through research, development, training and extension. He said that, every year, the needs of States/UTs are assessed and activities are planned accordingly. Initiatives such as Yoga Olympiad and Kala Utsav are regularly held by NCERT. He also informed that NCERT collaborates with National and International agencies. This year NCERT has signed an MOU with Academy of Korean Studies, South Korea. He requested the suggestions from the members.


HRM welcomed the seven Minister and Education Secretaries from various States/UTs.. He focused on the fact that NCF-2005 was now more than a decade old, and it may be made more modern and relevant. He said that discussion on textbooks developed by NCERT as well as States may be held. E-content is also another area that can be discussed. He requested the ministers and the General Council to discuss these and related issues.

Shri Manish Sisodia Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi stressed that textbooks should be free from ideology.. He added that he has received feedback from several children and teachers about NCERT textbooks, based on which the State has prepared a detailed report already submitted to the ministry. He stated that some major issues need to be addressed immediately, while others may be addressed in the long term. The Hindi textbook contained difficult words which can be avoided. During translation, if NCERT is legally bound to use certain words in Hindi, the legal hurdles may be overcome.

HRM added that there has been no change in the textbooks in past three years, and that the errors existed in the textbooks developed earlier, would be removed. He informed that the NCERT had already invited suggestions from students, teachers and other stakeholders, and so far, more than 600 suggestions have been received.

The Minister of Education, Arunachal Pradesh called for context based learning, and requested for support in capacity building of teachers, particularly in Science and Maths. He requested NCERT to take up initiative in research studies on school education and identify areas of intervention in the State. Such collaborative research would help in designing of curriculum.

HRM stated that contextualizing learning is the work of the SCERT. Since the SCERT has only been recently established in the state, academic support would be provided for capacity building. However, NCERT would provide requisite support. The state may also make use of digital format and material provided through e-pathshala. Collaborative research can be taken up.



The Minister of Education, Gujarat, shared the initiatives to improve school education. The programme *Vanche Bharat* has been appreciated by the country. He said that NCERT textbooks would be used for classes V to XII in the state from the next academic session. A fee-control committee has been established which has got good response. Students in Gujarat get 25X 7 help in different subjects for Classes V to XII through DTH. He said that corruption was found in the two areas of teacher recruitment and transfers; the processes are now made merit-based, transparent and online. The *Shaala Parvesh Mahotsav* has been initiated. There was 75% enrollment in 2003; in 15 years time, it is now 99% enrollment. Evaluation programme *Gunotsav* is conducted. This has also received a favourable response.

He added that 2400 classrooms in 1200 schools have been digitized, and it is hoped that by next year, all schools in Gujarat would be digitized. Further, online training is being provided to teachers for updation and improvement.

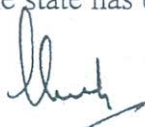
The Minister of Education, Rajasthan, spoke about the consolidation of schools in terms of student population and teacher posts. He also shared about *Shaala Darshan* and *Shaala Darpan*, and the appointment of Panchayat Education Officials. Parent Teacher Meetings are held four times a year; mothers are expected to attend at least once. An *Adarsh* school in every gram panchayat is being established. Regarding change in the curriculum, he suggested that issues such as cleanliness and skills should be focused on. He added that a judicious proportion of local knowledge and knowledge about the nation should be maintained in the textbooks. He stated that residential training for six days has been provided to all teachers in the state. Leadership Programme has been conducted for Principals. He looked to NCERT for academic support in this regard. He stated that the internship of B.Ed trainees should be done in government schools.

The Minister of Education, Madhya Pradesh, said that there should be strict regulation regarding qualification of teachers appointed in private schools. Some schools, through manipulation, avoid giving admission to students as per RTE Act. He suggested that SSA should be extended up to Class XII.

He reiterated that by 2019, all untrained teachers will have to be trained. All B. Ed colleges have been asked to submit affidavits about their status; 75,000 have complied, and the remaining is awaited. An integrated B.Ed programme would be of benefit to improve the quality of education. Teacher training internship programmes should be conducted in government schools only, and the Ministry is working in this direction. No further extension will be granted. Untrained teachers, if any, should immediately register themselves with NIOS. The evaluation of such trainees would be done by the teacher in the concerned government school; student feedback would also be taken into consideration. Good schools would mentor 10-12 schools in the vicinity. He added that we are working towards removing factual errors in our textbooks. Government schools will have pre-primary classes, and NCERT will provide training to teachers of that stage.

The Minister of Education, Chhattisgarh, said that textbooks for Classes IX and X have been developed with the support of NCERT. The State has already prepared a document on Learning Outcomes based on that of NCERT.

Deputy Chief Minister, Telangana, stated that 6000 anganwadis have been located within the premises of primary schools, so that the transition would be easier for children. He requested the support of NCERT in providing special training to teachers of pre-primary stage. He added that the state has developed its own curriculum in 2011 on the basis of NCF-2005, and



revised all the textbooks. He added that 6500 schools have already started digital classrooms in high schools. He expressed the need to restructure teacher training programmes and suggested to have in-service teacher training for at least 15 days or one month every year. He further suggested that the use of audio and video programmes should be encouraged. The gap between the students of government and private schools should be bridged.

Secretary Education, Uttar Pradesh, said that the problem of scarcity of textbooks can be resolved by giving the right of publication to private agencies.

Secretary Education, Maharashtra, shared that they have already digitized 53,000 classrooms in the state, but it has not improved the level of teaching-learning much. He spoke about the Pune pilot project, where the progress of students are being monitored thrice a year, in terms of their basic as well as grade appropriate competencies. He opined that students may be allowed to take part in PISA.

HRM remarked that students are to be tested as per the Indian context and efforts are on for ensuring the same.

Director Incharge, SCERT, Kerala, spoke about the quality of education in his state. There is 100% enrollment and no drop-out. The government has initiated a campaign to strengthen education. The state employs qualified teachers only. With reference to the challenge of getting committed teachers, he suggested that an all-India test like NEET should be conducted.

Commissioner, School Education, Andhra Pradesh, suggested to have Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for pre-primary teachers, modules on teacher education to be prepared by NCTE, and all teachers to be regularly trained by NCERT/SCERTs. She further remarked that in the 2017-18 admission notification of NCERT, RIE Nellore was not mentioned, although it had been promised earlier.

Vice Chancellor, Central University of South Bihar, said that NCERT should do much more in the area of Vocational Education.

Prof. H.C Verma, IIT Kanpur appreciated NCERT's work in all aspects of school education. He also spoke about the importance of teacher training for a longer period, and shared his experience of teacher training at various places. He suggested that such training should be frequent and regular, and focus on the student-teacher relationship. He said that the defects in NCERT textbooks need to be addressed. He further said that NCERT Educational Kits do not reach the grass-root level. He suggested that half-prepared Kits may be handed over to teachers to complete, thus ensuring their involvement.

HRM stated that five Regional Workshops had been held by the Ministry on Quality education in government schools. 150 innovations were presented. A Report has been prepared. A meeting will be held shortly to discuss the same.



Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the General Council held on 12th April, 2016.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 12th April, 2016.


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

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

Action Taken Report, Annual Report and Annual Audit Report for 2015-16 of the Council were approved by the General Council.



Maj Harsh Kumar
Secretary



Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty
Director

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT IN THE 54th GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE NCERT HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2017.

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| 1. | Shri Prakash Javadekar
Union Minister for Human
Resource Development
Ministry of Human Resource
Development; Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi-110001. | Chairperson |
| 2. | Shri Kadiyam Srihari
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Government of Telangana
Telangana Secretariat
Hyderabad | Member |
| 3. | Shri Manish Sisodia
Hon'ble Dy. Chief &
Minister for School Education
Government of National Capital
Territory of Delhi
New Delhi. | Member |
| 4.. | Shri Honchun Ngandam
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar-791111 | Member |
| 5. | Shri Bhupendrasinhji
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Gujarat
Block No. 1, Sachivalaya
Gandhi Nagar-382010. | Member |
| 6. | Shri Kunwar Vijay Shah
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal-462001 | Member |
| 7. | Smt. Aruna Chaudhary
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Punjab
Chandigarh-160017 | Member |

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| 8. | Smt. Deborah C. Marak
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Meghalaya
Meghalaya Secretariat
Shillong-793001 | Member |
| 9. | Shri Vasudev Devnani
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Rajasthan
Government Secretariat
Jaipur-302001 | Member |
| 10. | Shri Anil Swarup
Secretary
Department of School Education & Literacy
Ministry of HRD
Government of India
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi-110001. | Member |
| 11. | Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty
Director
NCERT,
New Delhi-110016 | Member |
| 12. | Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah
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Central University of Karnataka
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Karnataka | Member |
| 13. | Prof. R.C. Kuhad
Vice Chancellor
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| 14. | Prof. H.C.S. Rathore
Vice Chancellor
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15. **Smt. Sandhya Rani** Member
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16. **Shri Preetom Saikia** Member
Commissioner and Secretary
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Government of Assam
Janata Bhawan, Dispur
Assam
17. **Shri Robert L. Chongthu** Member
Secretary, Education
Representing
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
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18. **Dr. Ranbir Singh** Member
Principal Secretary
Representing
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Goa
Goa Secretariat
Panaji-403001
19. **Dr. Kiran Mayee** Member
Director, SCERT
and
Shri Surender Sindhu
Head, Teacher Education & Assessment
Representing
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Haryana
Haryana Civil Secretariat
Chandigarh-160001.
20. **Shri Ghanshyam Chand** Member
SPD, SSA/RMSA HQ
Representing
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla-171002

21. **Shri Ravinder Singh** Member
Director, School Education
Representing
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Srinagar-180001
22. **Dr. S. Raveendran Nair** Member
Director-in-charge, SCERT
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23. **Shri J.D. Sharma** Member
Finance Department
Representing
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24. **Mrs. Loldawngliani Chawngthu** Member
Director, SCERT
Representing
Hon'ble Minister for School Education
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25. **Shri Nand Kumar** Member
Principal Secretary
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26. **Capt. A.S. Tiwari** Member
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Hon'ble Minister for School Education
Government of Uttrakhand
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Uttrakhand.

27. **Shri Sanjay Agarwal** Member
Addl. Chief Secretary
Secondary Education
and
Shri Sanjay Upadhyay
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30. **Prof. Murali Monahar Putti** Member
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31. **Dr. Rakesh Chand Chaturvedi** Member
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32. **Dr. B.C. Das Purkayastha** Member
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33. **Smt. M.P. Devi** Member
Teacher
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34. **Prof. Jyotsna Tiwari**
Head, DEAA
NCERT, New Delhi Member
35. **Prof. Lalchand Ram**
DEL, NCERT, New Delhi Member
36. **Dr. Pramod Kumar Dubey**
Associate Professor
DEL, NCERT, New Delhi Member
37. **Shri Sanjay Kumar**
Joint Secretary (SE-II)
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy)
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi-110001 Member
38. **Ms. Darshana M. Dabral**
JS & Financial Advisor
Ministry of HRD,
(Department of School Education & Literacy),
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001. Member
39. **Shri A.H. Ahmed**
Joint Director
Representing
Chairman
Central Board of Secondary Education
Shiksha sadan 17,
Rouse Avenue, Institutional Area
Near Bal Bhawan
New Delhi Member
40. **Shri Santosh Kumar Mall**
Commissioner
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan
18, Institutional Area
Shahid Jeet Singh Marg
New Delhi-110016 Member
41. **Dr. Anu Goyal**
CMO
Representing
Director
Central Health Education Bureau
(DGHS)
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Kotla Road
New Delhi-110002 Member

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| 42. | Ms. Anuradha Joshi
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| 43. | Shri S. Ajayakumar
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| 44. | Prof. H.C. Verma
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| 45. | Ms. Gerry Arathoon
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| 46. | Major Harsh Kumar
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Special invitee/Other present

1. Prof. Saroj Yadav
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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 R.K. Nayak
CAO, NCERT
11. Shri Anil Kakria
Deputy Secretary (F)
MHRD
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