

**National Council of Educational Research and Training
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi**

Minutes of 106th Executive Committee Meeting

The 106th meeting of the Executive Committee of NCERT was held on 5th January, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Committee Room-C, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India and President of NCERT, chaired the meeting. The list of the participants who attended the meeting is attached herewith as Annexure – I.

Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director, NCERT welcomed the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development and the members of the Executive Committee. Hon'ble HRM also welcomed the members of the Executive Committee.

Following this, with the permission of the Chair, agenda items were taken up for discussion in the House.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 104th & 105th Executive Committee Meeting held on 11th April, 2018 and 25th April, 2018 respectively.

The minutes of the meeting of the 104th & 105th Executive Committee, held on 11th April, 2018 and 25th April, 2018 were circulated to all Members and no comments have been received. The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of these meetings.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 104th & 105th Executive Committee Meeting held on 11th April, 2018 and 25th April, 2018 respectively.

The Secretary, NCERT reported the action taken on the decisions taken in the 104th & 105th Executive Committee Meeting held on 11th April, 2018 and 25th April, 2018 and the same was noted by the Members.

Item No. 3: To approve the Annual Report of the NCERT for the year 2017-18.

The Executive Committee approved the Annual Report of the Council for the year 2017-2018.

Item No. 4: To approve the Audited Annual Accounts of NCERT for 2017-18.

The Executive Committee approved the Annual Accounts of the NCERT for the year 2017-18 for laying it in the Houses of Parliament.

Hrushikesh Senapaty

[Signature]

Item No.5: Ex-post facto ratification for implementing the age of superannuation from 60 years to 62 years in respect of faculty members in accordance with Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD No.F.1-22/97U.I dated 27th July, 1998.

The proposal was submitted to the Executive Committee for ex-post facto ratification for implementation of the age of superannuation of academic faculty members of NCERT from 60 years to 62 years in accordance with Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD letter No. F.1-22/97/U.I dated 27.07.1998. The Executive Committee ratified the proposal.

Item No. 6: Recent Initiatives taken by NCERT.

Appreciating the Learning Outcomes document brought out by the NCERT, **Hon'ble HRM** stated that the document clearly specified the Learning Outcomes in each class and also noted that it evinced no negative feedback from anywhere. While not making the NCERT Textbooks mandatory, he appealed to all the private schools to utilize the NCERT Textbooks. Many States and UTs have been using the NCERT Textbooks and some others have obtained the copyright permission from the NCERT. He would further impress upon the parents to request schools to make use of the NCERT Textbooks. Terming the National Achievement Survey (NAS) as a landmark step, he stated that the survey was conducted in a scientific manner and the district report cards were prepared. These were sent to all the Members of Parliament and the Chief Ministers of the States/UTs by the **Hon'ble HRM**. While stressing the importance of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE), he requested teachers to follow the progress of each child on a weekly basis. In this regard, he mentioned the guidelines for implementation of CCE recently prepared by the NCERT. Referring to the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan – an integrated scheme for school education from pre-school to Class XII – he informed that NCERT has recently developed the curriculum for pre-primary stage. He lauded the NCERT for publishing energized textbooks with QR codes. NCERT has also developed e-content and SWAYAM courses. Noting the concern expressed regarding curriculum overload, he stated that his proposal for 50% reduction was welcomed. However, this reduction is to take place in a phase-wise manner. Self-assessment by teachers is crucial. The good efforts made in the last two years by NCERT have to be taken to their logical end. He highlighted the need to effectively disseminate the Learning Outcomes document further. Stating that a huge amount was spent for translation of this document into different languages of the States, he was keen that this document reach the grassroots level.

Prof. Murali Manohar Putti of the National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), Hyderabad, highlighted the importance of experiential learning. Prof. Putti emphasised the need to promote creativity, innovation, motivation and encouraging students to ask questions. **Hon'ble HRM** advised NCERT to look into NCRI curriculum.



Prof. Chand Kiran Saluja of the Sanskrit Promotion Foundation, Delhi requested that the B.Ed. and M.Ed. courses be introduced in Sanskrit. Hon'ble HRM stated that these courses are offered in Sanskrit universities. He further stressed that language is the basis of education. While appreciating the work done by NCERT in pedagogy of science, mathematics, English and Odia, he requested NCERT to focus on pedagogical issues in language education and the learning of languages. Mentioning about the Ph.D fellowships awarded by NCERT, he suggested that research on topics which are hitherto unexplored. The research publications of NCERT may be widely disseminated. Appreciating the good work done by NCERT in fields such as inclusive education and publication of History Dictionary, he suggested that similar work may be undertaken in other disciplines. He further requested that Sanskrit medium be introduced from classes VI to XII and Sanskrit publications brought out by his organisation be disseminated. He emphasised the necessity for capacity building. Quoting Vygotsky, he stated that language is the basis of education. NCERT, especially RIEs, may focus more on research in Indian languages. NCERT, NCTE, CBSE should work together. As the name NCERT makes it evident, research and training should go together. **Hon'ble HRM** asked NCERT to start in one of the RIEs on an experimental basis.

Dr. Pramod Kumar Dubey, NCERT, informed that a conference on multilingualism and pedagogy would be organised by NCERT in February 2019.

Smt. Madhuree M. Shahane, Assistant Teacher, Pune, Maharashtra, requested NCERT to recognise the best practices all over India. NCERT may coordinate the work of creating a national repository of innovative practices and provide support to the States and UTs. **Director, NCERT** informed that NCERT conducts competitions to select innovative practices.

Praising NCERT's work in the past 2 years, some EC members expressed desire to associate themselves further in the work of NCERT. **Hon'ble HRM** asked NCERT to involve the EC Members, depending on their areas of interest and availability.

Prof. Amarendra P. Behera, Joint Director, CIET, informed that 22 courses are in place on the SWAYAM MOOCs platform and more courses are in the pipeline.

Hon'ble HRM asked NCERT to improve them further. He stressed the need to orient parents about examinations. He referred to the Exam Warriors, authored by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Narrating from his personal experience, parents have to be oriented first. A handbook may be developed for orienting parents. Noting less research in language education, he reiterated that language is the basis of communication. Apart from education in mother language, multi-lingual education may be promoted amongst students. NCERT publications have to reach B.Ed. colleges. Instead of duplicating, we should coordinate. He also referred to the course introduced by CBSE, *Knowledge Traditions and Practices of India (KTPI)*. Given our glorious past, a sense of pride about India must be instilled. NCERT may bring out a better and simpler textbook to promote this course.

Item No.7: Approval of the minutes of the 137th Finance Committee meeting held on 21.06.2018.

The Executive Committee approved the minutes.

Item No.8: Approval of the minutes of the 138th Finance Committee meeting held on 16.08.2018.

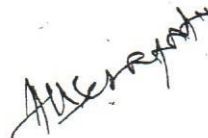
The Executive Committee approved the minutes.

Item No.9: Approval of the minutes of Special Meeting of Finance Committee held on 30.10.2018.

The Executive Committee approved the minutes.

Terming NCERT as a worthy institution, Hon'ble HRM noted that it was a fruitful meeting.

The Committee ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



ANNEXURE

**LIST OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT IN THE 106th EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE NCERT HELD ON 05th January, 2019**

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| 1. | Shri Prakash Javadekar
HRM/President, NCERT
Ministry of HRD
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110001 | Chairperson |
| 2. | Ms Rina Ray
Secretary to the Government of
India, Ministry of HRD,
Department of School Education
& Literacy, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi- 110001 | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Hrushikesh Senapaty
Director
NCERT
New Delhi-110016 | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Chand Kiran Saluja
Retd. Professor
Sanskrit Promotion Foundation
11204/5, Mandir Marg
Gaushala Marg
Doriwalan
Delhi-110006. | Member |
| 5. | Smt. Madhuree M. Shahane
Assistant Teacher
A-304, DSK Kunjban, Punawale
Pune (Maharashtra) | Member |
| 6. | Prof. Murali Monahar Putti
FF2, Shreya's Apt.
Asmanghad
Malakpet, Hyderabad
Telangana | Member |
| 7. | Dr. B.C. Das Purkayastha
Retd. Prinipal
H.No.21, Ananda Nagar
Lane-3, Adabari
Guwahati-781012
Assam | Member |

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| 8. | Dr. Rakesh Chand Chaturvedi
Teacher
F-57, Govind Nagar
Near Shri Krishna Janamsthan
Mathura-281001 | 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. | Major Harsh Kumar
Secretary
NCERT
New Delhi. | Member-convener |

Special invitee/Other present

1. Prof. A.P. Behara
Joint Director, CIET
2. Prof. Saroj Yadav,
Dean (A)
3. Prof. A.K. Srivastava
Dean (R)
4. Prof. Sridhar Srivastava
Dean (C)
5. Prof. Siraj Anwar
Head, PD
6. Prof. A.D. Tiwari
Head, PMD
7. Prof. Ranjana Arora
Head, DCS
8. Prof. Indrani Bhaduri
Head, ESD
9. Prof. Suniti Sanwal
Head, DEE
10. Prof. Anjum Sibia
Head, DER
11. Prof. Dinesh Kumar
Head, DESM
12. Prof. Gauri Srivastava
Head, DESS
13. Prof. Sandhya Singh
Head, DEL
14. Prof. Anupam Ahuja
DEGSN
15. Prof. A.K. Rajput
DEE
16. Dr. Varada Mohan
DEE
17. Dr. MVS Prasad
DCS
18. Shri S.S. Bisht
Deputy Secretary, C&P
19. Mrs. Rajni Dhall
Under Secretary, C&P