

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

MINUTES OF THE 103<sup>rd</sup> EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The 103<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.**

The minutes of the 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee, held on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 45<sup>th</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> Establishment Committee too. After deliberate discussion and details by Secretary, NCERT regarding changes incorporated as suggested by 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

