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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 19th March, 2024

To

The Director,
NCERT
Sri Aurobindo Marg,
New Delhi.

Subject: Circulation of Minutes of the meeting with NCERT to review the outcome of collaborations with Foreign Entities and to discuss the future roadmap -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Meeting Notice of even number dated 27.02.2024 to review the outcome of collaborations with Foreign Entities and to discuss the future roadmap held on 13.03.2024 under the chairmanship of Secretary, SE&L and to forward herewith the duly approved Minutes of the said meeting for information and further necessary action as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,



(Rajan Bhasin)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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Encl: As above.

copy for information and further necessary action:

1. Head, IRD NCERT
2. PPS to Secretary (SE&L)
3. PPS to JS (I&T), SE&L
4. PS to JD (NCERT Division), SE&L

Minutes of the meeting with NCERT to review the outcome of collaborations with Foreign Entities and to discuss the future roadmap

A meeting on review of MoUs signed by NCERT with the foreign entities as well as the domestic institutes/ organisations/ entities was held on 13.03.2024 under the chairmanship of Secretary, SE&L.

2. The following participants had attended the meeting:

- (i) Ms. Prachi Pandey, JS(I&T)
- (ii) Prof. R. Meghanathan, NCERT
- (iii) Ms. Anu Jain, JD (NCERT)
- (iv) Dr. Anshu Kumari, Chief Consultant
- (v) Sh. Rajan Bhasin, US (NCERT)
- (vi) Sh. Sateesh Kumar, SO (NCERT)

3. At the outset, JS (I&T) briefed about the collaborations that NCERT has entered into with foreign as well as domestic entities and organizations.

4. Prof. R. Meghanathan gave a detailed presentation on the various MoUs.

5. JS(I&T) advised that NCERT should take into consideration the areas where in collaboration is required and finalize the decision to sign an MoU accordingly. The signing of MoUs should also be taken as an opportunity to disseminate NEP foreign countries and its implementation may spread to foreign lands.

6. Secretary SE&L asserted that one of the main themes of the G-20 was FLN. The NCERT should comprehensively study the FLN practices of G-20 countries and understand how they can inform the implementation of FLN in India. Further, it may be seen whether these MoUs have had any significant impact on the policies / initiatives that DSEL has undertaken.

7. Secretary SE&L reviewed each of the MoUs and made the following observations:

- Scalability, impact and outreach of the courses, modules, and MOUs signed with different foreign entities as well as Indian institutes, organizations, and entities appears to be limited.
- Milestones or key performance indicators of the MoU are vague and ambiguous.

- Work done w.r.t curriculum developed as an outcome of collaboration with foreign entities as well as Indian institutes, organizations, and entities appears to be limited and in silos. CBSE does not appear to be involved.
 - The activity in respect of 4 out of 6 of the MoUs appears to dormant in recent years.
8. Secretary SE&L reiterated that the NCERT should share its expertise with foreign countries, especially the Global South. NCERT should offer them the kind of services that we have developed in the domains of FLN, DIKSHA, PARAKH, and VSK.
9. The Director, NCERT, is directed to hold a meeting and review all six of the MoUs that have been signed with the foreign entities and assess the aims / objectives, outcomes achieved and rationale to continue with them. If it is felt that the MoU is adding any value, then they may come back to this Department with proper justification, milestones, and an action plan for the extension or continuation of the MoU.
10. Similarly, the Director of NCERT, along with the Joint Director of CIET, is directed to review 50 plus MoUs and assess their relevance to the continuation of these MoUs signed with domestic entities and institutions. The NCERT should share the outcome/s of the review meeting and rationale for continuation in the proper format vis-à-vis the objectives of MOUs with this Department.
11. The Secretary SE&L directed that NCERT should come up with workable plan taking into account all the aspects of MoUs by second or third week of April.
12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
