

## **Minutes of the Meeting to discuss about the implementation of NEP 2020 and smooth functioning of the NCERT**

An urgent meeting of the Joint Directors, Deans, Principals of RIEs, and Faculty Members under the Chairpersonship of Director, NCERT was held on 10th December 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Hall, 1st floor of Zakir Hussain Block, NIE, NCERT, New Delhi. The meeting was conducted in hybrid mode (via-Zoom Platform) with the following agenda:

### **Agenda of Meeting:**

1. Status of Research Papers developed or being developed by the newly recruited faculty members.
2. Chapters on the Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 by the RIEs, NIE, CIET and PSSCIVE in their respective areas.
3. Status of Induction Programme (being conducted by DTE).
4. Status of the Implementation of NCF-FS, NCF-SE and new textbooks developed by the NCERT in the States and UTs.
5. Status of implementation of Jaadui Pitara in the States and UTs.
6. Orientation Programme for Newly Recruited Faculty Members.
7. Visit of NCERT faculty members in the states and UTs on the invitation of State and UT- Setting up of a mechanism.
8. Setting up of a mechanism to showcase the programmes and activities being conducted by all the constituent units in the media.
9. Orientation of pre-service students (ITEP, B.Ed. and M.Ed.) on the NCF-SE and new textbooks (to be conducted and reported by the each RIE).
10. Discussion with all DM teachers on NCERT's newly developed textbooks to be chaired by Director, NCERT (In the presence of Principals and Textbooks Coordinators).

### **Proceedings of the Meeting:**

At the outset, **Prof. Ranjana Arora, Head, DCS&D** welcomed **Prof. D. P. Saklani, Director, NCERT**, and all the attendees of the meeting. **Prof. Arora** briefly introduced the agenda of the meeting stated highlights of the last meeting held on **21.10.2024**, as well as extended thanks to Director, NCERT for chairing this meeting, which has now become a regular monthly feature for progress appraisal of academic tasks undertaken by all the constituent units of the NCERT.

### **Agenda Item-1: Status of Research Papers developed or being developed by the newly recruited faculty members.**

**Prof. D. P. Saklani, Director, NCERT** at the outset stating the importance of such monthly meetings being held regularly emphasised that regular meeting to maintain discipline in the

system about the tasks we undertake and ensure timely completion of the tasks. **Prof. Saklani** highlighted the following points:

- a) All faculty members of NCERT including newly recruited faculty members must publish quality Research Papers in Scopus Indexed Journals, High Impact Factor Journals and UGC Care listed Journal having high impact factor.
- b) For confirmation of services of newly recruited faculty members, there will be a mandatory requirement of publication, i.e., publications of at least one research paper and one accepted research paper in such journals as above. For publications of papers, areas to be identified first, based on the various aspects covered in NEP, NCFs and other related areas.
- c) The Principals/Heads of Departments/Mentors need to guide the faculty members in this regard. The Mentors and Heads are required to submit a report of Mentorship provided by them and impact there-off in the improvement of the functioning of Faculty by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- d) He expressed his concern on improper submission of CAS applications by faculty members and said that it is being repeatedly said that applications are not submitted carefully. Hardly any application is found in order. All must be aware of eligibility criteria for promotion, only after that then applications need to be filled up properly and be submitted with proper valid documents to avoid rejection. In addition, the eligible candidates for CAS interview must prepare well in fundamental/basic content knowledge, research areas, outcomes of research, and accomplishment of various activities organised, so as to present before the committee confidently.
- e) **Prof. Saklani** emphasised on quality of PAC Programmes. These programmes must have some justifications and goal oriented to meet the NCERT mandate. Quality of proposals must be fairer selected at Department level first and the Heads must not recommend, if the proposal does not fulfil the objectives of Council. Heads are responsible to assess the proposal in terms of Objectives, Methodology, likely outcomes, and time schedule for the completion of the programme for the very level. If the Heads are not satisfied, they should not recommend the proposal. The money spent on organising/conducting the programmes are of the public, we must be careful about this as to protect the credibility of NCERT.
- f) Department of Teacher Education at NIE needs to plan induction programme in January 2025. Faculty members from RIEs / NIE and other constituent units will join the programme online.

**Agenda Item-2: Chapters on the Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 by the RIEs, NIE, CIET and PSSCIVE in their respective areas.**

**Prof. D. P. Saklani** emphasised on the status of implementation of NEP 2020, NCF-FS, NCF-SE and new textbooks developed by NCERT in the States and UTs. In this context, he stated that we are going to complete five years in 2025 of NEP 2020. On the eve of this 5<sup>th</sup>

year, we need to publish compiled volumes on various activities like publication of research papers, thematic articles, outcomes of research studies, training programmes, outcomes of many similar events related to the implementation of NEP 2020 and NCFs. All the constituent units including departments at NIE need to make ready these documents. The chapter developed by the constituent units and departments at the NIE need to be sent to Head, DCS&D in her official mail by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 without fail. DCS&D will return the chapter with comments if any need for revision. Revised chapters will again be sent to DCS&D by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025. DCS&D will compile the chapters and send the compiled document to the Editorial Board to be constituted by the NCERT by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Editorial Board will finalise the document/compendium on 'Implementation of NEP 2020 by 15 March 2025.

The number of volumes will be decided based on category, number, and relevance of documents. This compilation work of the compendium will be completed by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. During documentation, all concerned need to examine critically to find the gaps where the more efforts are required to minimise the gap and reflect upon to move forward in implementations of NEP, proper utilisation of resources, educational kits, TLMs etc. that will lead to the perfection.

### **Agenda Item-3: Status of Induction Programme (being conducted by DTE)**

**Prof. Sharad Sinha** briefed about the induction and orientation programme for new faculty members. She stated that 11 programmes have been conducted so far, covering various themes, such as NCERT's structure and functions, National Education Policy, 2020, Indian Knowledge Systems, PARAKH and Assessment Reform, Inclusive education, Art Integrated Learning, Vocational Education, Content Creation and Publication of Text Books, Multilingual Education, Language Pedagogy and NEP 2020, Role of NCERT in the present educational context, Initiatives undertaken by the Department of Elementary Education in the light of NEP 2020 and School Curriculum in India: Perspectives and Practices.

**Prof. Saklani** emphasized that the purpose of this programme is academic orientation of the new faculty members and suggested that feedback of every resource person need to be collected and submitted. He suggested creation of google form for the collection of feedback.

### **Agenda Item-4: Status of the Implementation of NCF-FS, NCF-SE and new textbooks developed by the NCERT in the States and UTs.**

Prof. Saklani said that as mentioned in the last meeting, all the RIEs, CIET and PSSCIVE need to collect status of implementation of NCF-FS, NCF-SE and new textbooks in the states and UT under their purview. This status needs to be sent to Head, DCS&D for compilation. So that NCERT will have comprehensive database of implementation of NEP 2020 in school education from across the states and UTs.

Prof. Arora said that a format for the collection of curriculum related data has already been shared with all concerned.

#### **Agenda Item-5: Status of implementation of Jaadui Pitara in the States and UTs**

**Prof. D.P. Saklani** expressed his deep concern on the implementation of Jaadui Pitara which is most valuable and effective TLM for foundational stage developed by NCERT. He said that NCERT has made it available at GeM portal and an information in this regard has been published in the Council's website dated 29.11.2024. But instead of taking NCERT's Jaadui Pitara, States are buying readily available pirated material. Since, we do not have comprehensive data on the status of Jaadui Pitara like- number of training programmes organised on Jaadui Pitara; number of teachers received training on this TLM -State/UT-wise; Status of States/UTs made demand for Jaadui Pitara; and number of States/UTs which have already taken Jaadui Pitara; Why states are not taking NCERT's Jaadui Pitara; Follow-up action taken so far, etc. Time has come to analyse critically to find out the reasons why the States are not taking ours Jaadui Pitara. The Department of Elementary Education and the Faculty in-charge of Jaadui Pitara/Foundational Stage need to take note of it, and provide this data as soon as possible, as Government is asking several times on this matter. Prof. Varada M. Nikalje, today representing Head, DEE was advised to note down this point for providing requisite data. Prof. Srinivasan, Head, PD was advised to look into the piracy of Jaadui Pitara and how it is being made available by private parties. He was advised to issue a public notification on our website on 'Pirated Version of Jaadui Pitara' being available by unauthorised private parties which violates copy right policy and the authentic version is available on GeM portal.

**Prof. Saklani** further added that Patent should be filed for Jaadui Pitara. Prof. Varada M. Nikalje, representing Head, DEE was advised to note down this, and intimate to Head, DEE for initiating patent process immediately. He advised to Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Dean (Research) and Prof. Bharadwaj, Head, DER to initiate process for getting patents on all research findings. They were advised to submit updates on this work, in a week's time.

**Prof. Sharad Sinha** stated that the department of Teacher Education during training programmes advised States to introduce Jaadui Pitara through SCERTs and DIETs. She added that, we may print information of Jaadui Pitara on front or back cover of our journals and books for wider circulation of such information.

#### **Agenda Item-6: Orientation Programme for Newly Recruited Faculty Members.**

**Prof. D.P. Saklani** mentioned about the orientation programme for newly recruited faculty members, to be organised by IIM, Nagpur in two slots with 30 members in each slot. The IIM, Nagpur will provide dates for the orientation program soon. RIEs will depute faculty members keeping in mind that regular teaching and/or other activities of the institute will not be hampered. Senior professionals having rich experience in the field will be taking sessions in the training programme. NCERT has taken all the initiatives for this programme.

**Prof. Sharad Sinha** briefed about the orientation programme for new faculty members. She stated that 21 days programme has been framed based on Gurudakshita module of UGC with some changes in topics compatible to NCERT mandate and shared the first draft with all

Heads, Deans, Principals and comments are started coming from their side. Once it is finalized, it will be put up in next week.

**Agenda Item-7: Visit of NCERT faculty members in the States and UTs on the invitation of State and UT- Setting up of a mechanism.**

**Prof. D.P. Saklani** further emphasised the need for setting up of a mechanism about the visit of NCERT faculty members in the States and UTs on their request. The principals should submit suggestions on the creation of this mechanism in next two-three days. Such visits should not be confined to only Head, as holding the post of Head is a responsibility on rotation basis, so other faculty members of the Department must be groomed appropriately, so that all may have fair knowledge. Therefore, all members must be given ample and fair opportunity and exposure. In next ten-days, all the Heads should submit the list of faculty members of their respective departments mentioning, name of programme organised in the States/UTs, names of faculty members deputed for the programme, frequency of visit of each faculty member, if any faculty member is not allowed to visit, the valid justification/reason must be mentioned in the report for non-participation. The department should represent as a whole not as any member. Each one has to learn from visit and assignment.

**Agenda Item-8: Setting up of a mechanism to showcase the programmes and activities being conducted by all the constituent units in the media.**

**Prof. D. P. Saklani** emphasized on the publicity of every programme and said that all the Heads of Departments need to assign responsibility to their faculty members to circulate the activities in social media platforms within 24 hours on completion of programme through proper channel. So also, information about availability of Jaadui Pitara should be published in social media for wide circulation. RIEs and other Constituent Units do have their in-charge for social media handle, additionally they should send all such news with some good photographs reflecting activities to NIE, and to Prof. Amarendra Prasad Behera, Joint Director of CIET. All information should also be sent to Head, DCS&D for record.

**Prof. Amarendra Prasad Behera** said that all faculty members and constituent units should send a paragraph along with 8-10 relevant photographs to NIE & CIET on its dedicated e-mail id as well as through dedicated WhatsApp number. On receipt of these, selected photos with some text will be published in social media for wide circulation. No one from NIE, CIET, RIEs, PSSCIVE is allowed to share any text and/or photos of any programme personally in social media. He requested all to reshare all published information for wider circulation and publicity.

**Agenda Item-9: Orientation of pre-service students (ITEP, B.Ed. and M.Ed.) on the NCF-SE and new textbooks (to be conducted and reported by each RIE)**

**Prof. D.P. Saklani** further said about the orientation of pre-service students (ITEP, B.Ed. and M.Ed.) on the NEP, NCF-FS, NCF-SE and new textbooks. This is the responsibility of all the faculty members to make the student-teachers aware of documents, programmes, LTMs, pedagogy, textbook. It should be mandatory for all the interns to report how they covered all the components of NEP, NCF FS & NCF SE during their internship. The

institutes should mention in the internship reports of student-teachers how they cover different components, contents, pedagogy, assessment practices etc., while transacting curriculum in schools. Their reflections on these documents and suggested practices within that must be examined. Each DM school should prepare a report on implementation of joyful learning, Jadui Pitara, toy- based pedagogy and how they have practically applied with students. Each RIE is required to send a report in this regard in a week's time.

**Agenda Item-10: Discussion with all DM teachers on NCERT's newly developed textbooks to be chaired by Director, NCERT (In the presence of Principals and Textbooks Coordinators)**

**Prof. D.P. Saklani** said that a meeting will be convened with the teachers of all DM schools to discuss on NCERT's newly developed textbooks. The Director, NCERT will chair the meeting and there will be one-to-one interaction in the meeting to explore how they are practicing new pedagogies, Jaadui Pitara, etc. Each DM school should be used as the pedagogy-laboratory to make experiments on all new pedagogies. The HMs of DM Schools are advised to take feedbacks on Jadui Pitara, and Textbooks of Grade 1, 2, 3 & 6, which will be discussed in the meeting. The date of meeting will be notified by DCS&D in next 15 days. The DCS&D, DTE, DEE, the Coordinators of Textbooks (old & new), will be involved in the meeting.

**Director, NCERT invited open discussion on agenda of the meeting. Following are the highlights of the open discussion:**

**About CAS application, Dr. Abhay Kumar** suggested two points – 1) Development of a checklist of documents for CAS application, and 2) Policy for publication in social media. In this context, **Prof. D.P. Saklani** advised him to prepare a policy for social media in consultation with Prof. A.P. Behera. Further, **Prof. Saklani** pointed out that the 'Indian Journal of Educational Technology' has no Advisory Board. This is required. **Prof. Saklani** suggested to formulate advisory board for each journal with reputed domain scholars from national and international level.

**Prof. P.C. Agarwal** sought advise how to depute newly recruited faculty members for orientation programme to be held in January 2025, as most of the faculty members at RIE, Bhubaneswar are new and are involved in taking classes of student-teachers. Prof. Saklani made it clear that orientation programme will start at about 04:00 PM dai ly. All the deputed faculty members will take classes prior to the programme, preferably in the first half of the day and time-table should be prepared accordingly to accommodate them. Additionally, it was advised to have a discussion separately with **Prof. Sharad Sinha** for scheduling the programme.

**Mr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra**, PGT, DM School Bhubaneswar raised a concern about promotion of DM school teachers.

**Prof. Sridhar Srivastava** suggested that about CAS application format, the respective Heads/ Principals should forward the application with proper review of documents, annexures, paginations etc. and with proper signature at the specified space, for smooth process of application at the NCERT level.

**Prof. Y. Sreekanth** informed that they have constituted a committee for screening CAS application before sending to NCERT. Regarding deputation of faculty members to States for visits, Dean (C) may be given responsibility of looking at the deputation of Faculty Members in the state/UT.

**Prof. Ranjana Arora** acknowledged the suggestions of Prof. Y. Sreekanth on deputation of faculty members to visit in States and said that let feedback come from other constituent units in this regard. Prof. Arora recalled the earlier practice of preparing a database on visit of faculty member to states. She added, our purpose is not to restrict anybody, but it should be in proper and. Proportionate manner.

**Dr. Akash**, Head & Librarian, LDD took permission to demonstrate the process of finding NCERT journals from a single platform i.e., OJS platform and retrieve articles. He demonstrated OJS site for information of concerned. **Dr. Abhay Kumar** informed that Indian Journal of Educational Technology (IJET) is already available on OJS platform.

**Shri Aman Sharma**, Secretary of NCERT, informed that there is a plan to hold Building Works Committee and Establishment Committee meetings this month (December 2024). RIEs have already been requested to send proposals for infrastructure under the Building Works Committee. He reminded RIEs for the proposal with all details within a week time.

**Prof. Ranjana Arora** expressed a formal vote of thank to the Chair, other dignitaries, Principals, Heads, and faculty members for joining the meeting.

\*\*\*