

**Proceedings of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee  
of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi held on 9.2.2007 at 2.30 P.M.  
at the conference hall of the office of the State Project Director,  
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Bangalore.**

Members Present is given in the annexure.

State Project Director, SSA welcomed the members.

<b>Subject No 1.</b>	<b>Confirmation of the proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 23.12.2006.</b>
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There were no comments on the proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> E.C. meeting. The proceedings were confirmed.

***Decision: E.C confirmed the proceedings.***

<b>Subject No 2.</b>	<b>Action taken on the proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 23.12.2006.</b>
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The action taken on the proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> E.C. meeting was explained. The committee noted the action taken with following suggestion on further action:

2.1 The quarterly monitoring formats were finalised by the sub-committee under the chairmanship of the Director of Public Instructions (Primary Education). The same was placed before the house for approval. The committee after detailed discussion felt that the same should be test checked in all the varieties of schools; urban, rural, LPS, UPS etc. Mr. E. Nanjappa, P.O. SSA was entrusted with this task and with a direction to submit a report in the next meeting.

2.2 A uniform set of registers was developed and the same may also be test checked before being supplied to all schools during the next academic year.

2.3 A brief presentation was made by the Agastya Foundation on its activities in Koppal and Kolar districts, where mobile science laboratory was being used to expose students and teachers to science. The Committee invited the foundation to extend its activities to Gulbarga, Raichur and Yadgir districts as these districts needed special attention. The Commissioner for Public Instructions felt that the

existing science centre at Raichur should be used for developing the capacities of science teachers. He also felt the Karnataka Rajya Vignana Parishad's branches in the districts should be actively used in development of science teaching. The Agasthya foundation agreed to submit a proposal regarding science centres and mobile science laboratories. The Committee suggested that under the innovative activities of the year 2007-08 mobile science labs should be extended to more districts particularly in the north eastern part of the state.

2.4 The committee noted the action taken on the issue of beggar children in traffic signals. The chairman instructed that the DDPIs of Bangalore North and South districts be invited for the next EC meetings to monitor the progress in this direction.

2.5 The chairman also instructed that detailed reports of action taken on proceedings of the previous meetings be placed in the next meeting.

***Decision: E.C noted the action taken on the proceedings of the previous meeting, after taking the above decisions on further action.***

<b>Subject No 3.</b>	<b>Approval of the Annual Work plan and Budget for 2007-08</b>
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The Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Dharwar and Ex officio Project Coordinator, SSA, Dharwar, made a presentation of the AWP&B of Dharwar district. The State Project Director explained in detail the summary of the annual work plan and budget to be submitted to GOI. The committee examined the AWP&B in detail and felt that the requirement of additional teachers in Gulbarga district may be re-examined by the concerned DDPI and accordingly necessary revision may be made in the AWP&B of state plan. The committee also gave the following suggestions on the utilisation of funds and proposals for the AWP&B:

- a. To achieve quality in education the savings under the heads Action Research and Teacher training may be utilised.
- b. Funds should be provided for support to School Academic Plans out of the funds available under remedial teaching based on the results of KSQAO.

- c. Repair and maintenance grants for the buildings of CRCs constructed under earlier DPEP programme may be asked in the AWP&B 2007-08, under the head major repairs.
- d. BRCs may be given additional funds for development of their resource base in TLM.

Subject to these modifications the AWP&B for 2007-08 was approved by the E.C.

***Decision: E.C approved the AWP&B for 2007-08 to be submitted to GoI.***

<b>Subject No 4.</b>	<b>Introduction of a reading cards programme as part of remedial teaching.</b>
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The State Project Director explained that a good proportion of school children are not able to read and there was a need for development of reading competencies among school children particularly beyond second grade. He further informed that the committee that Akshara Foundation and SSA under the Karnataka Learning Partnership had introduced reading cards, first in some schools of Bangalore city and later in the entire Bangalore Urban district (1400 schools in North and South Educational districts) as part of an accelerated reading programme. The Akshara Foundation had found the programme of 45 days of reading support to be effective. The SPD also informed the Committee that under the District Quality of Education Project in Chamrajnagar district, The Promise Foundation and NIAS has taken up Kannada Kalika Kosha with 100 reading cards in 28 schools. The two approaches were different: Accelerated Reading Programme was a 45 days programme with 45 cards, where as the Kannada Kalika Kosha was a year long programme where cards were used for reading comprehension and activities during the kannada language period. The SPD requested for the advice and decision of the EC on up-scaling reading support initiatives throughout the state as part of the remedial teaching initiative of the SSA under the 2007-08 AWP & B.

The Committee discussed this subject. Member Padma Sarangapani felt that accelerated reading programmes perhaps were not very effective in long term development of language reading with comprehension. While she preferred a more relaxed process driven long term support programme, she felt carefully designed

reading cards could be effective. Ms. Rohini Nilekani of the Akshara Foundation presented details and outcomes of the Accelerated Reading Programme in Bangalore district.

The Commissioner for Public Instruction while appreciating the Akshara's efforts in the direction of reading support in schools, felt that the Bangalore Urban district pilot was not mature enough for upscaling. He felt that acceleration in reading did not take care of sustainability and mere reading would not be sufficient in remediation. He felt that external evaluation of the ARP was required before a decision on up-scaling was taken.

After the discussion it was decided to refer this matter to a committee consisting of experts and practitioners for a recommendation to the Committee.

***Decision: E.C. decided that a committee would examine the approach, content, methodology of ARP and the Kannda Kalika Kosha and to suggest to E.C. in the next meeting on the upscaling of reading support programmes.***

<b>Subject No 5.</b>	<b>To sanction 10 posts of Assistant Project Coordinators.</b>
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It was placed before the committee that North Eastern Districts of Karnataka have a large number of Out of School Children. Mainstreaming of these children requires concerted efforts like tracking, persuading and timely action. This requires additional monitoring at the district level. As such it was placed before the committee to consider sanctioning 10 posts of Assistant Project Coordinators to the selected districts with large number of out of school children. The committee approved to sanction 10 posts of Assistant Project coordinators to NEK districts, Bijapur, Bagalokot and Bangalore urban districts.

**Decision: E.C. approved to sanction 10 posts of Assistant Project coordinators to NEK districts, Bijapur, Bagalokot and Bangalore urban districts.**

<b>Subject No 6.</b>	<b>To sanction additional posts to e-governance section .</b>
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It was explained to the committee that the e-governance section has been introducing various activities like less paper office, launching and maintaining departmental website, providing computer based training etc. This requires more man power such as experienced computer programmers and data entry operators. As such, the committee was requested to accord sanction for one post of Programme Officer of the cadre of Assistant Director, One post of Technical Officer, Five posts of Computer Programmers and one post of data entry operators. The committee approved to sanction the said posts.

***Decision: The committee approved the following posts- one post of Programme Officer of the cadre of Assistant Director, One post of Technical Officer, Five posts of Computer Programmers and one post of data entry operators. technical and other posts to be filled on outsourcing basis from agencies. No contractual appointments to be made.***

<b>Subject No 7.</b>	<b>Enhancing the duration of 4 months residential bridge course to 6 months</b>
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It was placed before the committee that the short term residential bridge courses have been started to contain the children of migrating families dropping out from the schools. But the duration of 4 months for these courses is felt to be too short. As such permission of the committee was sought to increase the duration of 4 months residential bridge courses to 6 months. It was also placed before the committee that the number of beneficiary children may be increased from the present 16125 children to 25000 children during 2007-08.

***Decision: The committee approved to enhance the duration of residential bridge course centres for the children of migratory population from the present 4 months to 6 months and to extend the benefit to 25000 children.***

<b>Subject No 8.</b>	<b>The proposal of "Namma Shale" by the Policy Planning Unit</b>
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The Policy Planning Unit of the office of the Commissioner of Public Instructions had presented a proposal titled "Namma Shale" a pilot project to

mobilize community to improve quality of education. The committee discussed the matter in detail and decided to refer the matter to a committee of experts.

***Decision: The Committee deferred the matter to next meeting.***

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

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