

**Proceedings of the 18th meeting of the Executive Committee of
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Samithi held on 19.10.2007 at 10.30A.M.
at the conference hall of the office of the State Project Director,
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Bangalore.**

Members Present is given in the annexure.

Shri Ishwara Bhat, Director (Programmes), SSA welcomed the members.

Subject No 1.	Confirmation of the proceedings of the 17th meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 06.7.2007.
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There were no comments on the proceedings of the previous meeting held on 06.7.2007. The house confirmed the proceedings of the previous meeting held on 06.7.2007.

Decision: E.C confirmed the proceedings.

Subject No 2.	Action taken on the proceedings of the 17th meeting of the E.C., SSA held on 06.7.2007
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The State Project Director explained the action taken on the proceedings of the 17th E.C. meeting. The committee noted the action taken on report and further action was suggested on the following points-

2.1 Mr Meena, Joint Secretary, MHRD suggested that NCERT may be intimated of the changes in the monitoring formats. The reports so collected may be sent to NCERT.

2.2 The Chairman suggested that the "Kalika Andolana" and Remedial Teaching programmes in coordination with Akshara Foundation should not be implemented as separate programmes. Both should be integrated in the 11 districts where Remedial teaching programme is being implemented.

2.3 The Chairman suggested that instead of developing the GIS in house we may request NUEPA to develop it. In the mean time the CRPs may be given the maps of the clusters with the schools located in it. The maps from the census department could also be used for this purpose.

2.4 The Secretary, Women and Child Development department requested that the CD on the Child Census conducted by SSA be shared with them.

2.5 Discussions were held on the data collected by ILO regarding out of school children and the studies conducted further by the DIETs of Bidar and Chamarajanagar on the same. It was decided to communicate the findings to ILO and to make necessary changes in the child census methodology to avoid such undercounting. The Chairman further said that identity cards should be issued to the children who migrate with their parents so that it would help them continue their education even at the place where they migrate to. These cards are already specified in earlier years but re not widely used because they are not made available to individual schools. About 2.00 lakh cards may be printed and distributed to the needy blocks and schools. The census numbers could be used as the identity code for such families.

2.6 Maya an NGO explained the difficulties it faced in starting the Zero grade class in Mysore block. The main difficulty was the reluctance of the parents of the children to remove the children from class 1 and to put them in Zero grade. After extensive discussion it was decided that this activity could be taken up from the academic year 2008-09.

2.7 Mr Meena suggested that the decision of having changed the number of additional teachers sanctioned to Bangalore Rural district as 35 and to Bangalore Urban district as 150 may be submitted to PAB.

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

Subject No 3.	Approval of the decisions of the Procurement Committee
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The proceedings of the procurement committee were noted.

Decision: E.C noted the decisions of the State Level Procurement Committee.

Subject No 4.	Proposal of Akshara Foundation to take up Zero grade in Bagalkot district.
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The house discussed the proposal of Akshara Foundation to start Zero Grade class in Mudhol block of Bagalkot district. It also noted the difficulties faced by Maya an NGO in starting the Zero grade class in Mysore district. To overcome the same problems being repeated in Bagalokot district, the house suggested that the introduction of Zero grade may be taken up in Mudhol block of Bagalkot district during the next academic year. However the proposal of Akshara Foundation was approved. It was suggested that only preparatory activities be taken up during this year. The remaining funds of this year may be released to the department of Women and Child Development for implementing the activities under ECCE.

Decision: E.C approved the proposal of Akshara Foundation to start Zero grade class in Mudhol block of Bagalkot district in the next academic year, and to release the remaining funds of this year to the department of Women and Child Development.

Subject No 5.	Providing management cost for the schools run by Mahila Samakhya
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The committee was informed that there was no provision for the management costs involved in the management of the KGBVs entrusted to Mahila Samakhya in the state. It was further explained that some money would be left unused at the end of the academic year. The permission of the house was sought to permit Mahila Samakhya to utilise the unspent amount towards the management

cost by Mahila Samakhya. E.C decided that the management cost for KGBVs may be taken out of the budget head Contingencies and Maintenance.

Mr Meena expressed the opinion that the proposal may be sent to MHRD for consideration for the forthcoming year as a policy decision may be taken by the GoI on this.

Decision: The Committee approved the management cost for KGBVs to Mahila Samakhya may be taken out of the budget head Contingencies and Maintenance.

Any other subject with the permission of the chair:

The Chairman initiated the discussion and sought the opinion of the house on the subject of extending Nali Kali method of teaching in classes 1 and 2 in all the Government schools of the state. This idea was welcomed by the President of the Primary School Teachers's Association and members of the E.C. The Director DSERT expressed the opinion that such an initiative could be taken up state wide in all the schools from the academic year 2009-10 as it required more time to get the materials ready and also to train the required number of teachers across the state. Samuha an NGO expressed the opinion that parents also need to be informed on the advantages of the new method being introduced to avoid confusion among them. Discussing the modalities, the Director DSERT said that Teleconferencing and Face to Face mode of training of 6 days duration would be employed to train the teachers in this methodology. He also expressed the view that this system could be consolidated and strengthened in about 16,000 schools already having the necessary environment for a start.

The Chairman expressed the view that the cost of printing the cards and workbooks for Nali Kali could be met out of the grants available for printing of the text books.

The committee decided that Nalikali could be strengthened in about 16,000 Government Primary Schools of the state where it is already adopted and steps be taken to introduce the same in the remaining schools of the state in the year 2009-

10. A proposal be sent to Government to issue necessary government order in this regard by SSA and CPI.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

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