Proceedings of the 3rd meeting of RUSA Technical Support Group (TSG)

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Following members were present:

1. Registrars and RUSA Coordinators of Kannada University, Hampi; Gulbarga University, Kalaburgi; Karnataka State Women’s University, Vijayapur and Davanagere University, Davanagere.
2. Dr. Bhagyawan S. Mudigoudra, State RUSA Nodal Officer, Bangalore.
3. RUSA Nodal Officer, Department of Collegiate Education, Bangalore.
4. RUSA Nodal Officer, Department of Technical Education, Bangalore.
5. Special Officer & RUSA Coordinator of proposed New Engineering College, Naragund.
6. Principals and RUSA Coordinators of Government First Grade Colleges whose proposals have been accepted for funding under Component1,2,5&7
7. Officials of Canara Bank
8. Officials of KSHEC.

The Chairman welcomed the members and congratulated the Universities and Government First Grade Colleges which have succeeded in getting funds under various components of RUSA in the 9th Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) held on 1st of December, 2015 through Video Conference under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD, New Delhi. He applauded the efforts of Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, Sri. Bharat Lal Meena, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education, GOK: officials of Universities, DTE, DCE and KSHEC in this process. He briefed about the proposals submitted by the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka, which were recommended for funding under RUSA.

1. Creation of Universities by way of up gradation of existing Autonomous Colleges under **Component-1**- Govt. College Mandya (Autonomous) to University
2. Creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster under **Component-2** with Maharani’s Science College for Women, Bangalore, as Lead College
3. Infrastructure Grants to 4 Universities under **Component-3**-Kannada University, Hampi; Gulbarga University, Kalaburgi; Karnataka State Women’s University, Vijayapur and Davanagere University, Davanagere
4. Up gradation of existing colleges into Model Degree Colleges under **Component-4**- Government First Grade College, Jawargi
5. New Colleges (Professional) under **Component-6**-Govt.Engineering College, Naragunda
6. Infrastructure grants to Colleges under **Component-7**- 32 Govt. First Grade Colleges

Sri. Bharat Lal Meena, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education, GOK addressed the meeting as a special invitee. He congratulated the Universities and Government First Grade Colleges which have succeeded in getting funds under various components of RUSA for being better than the remaining institutions with NAAC “A” or “B” grades. He advised them to strive hard to attain excellence with respect to academics & transparent in administration. He also asked to reap maximum benefits from the ICT initiatives launched by the Department of Higher Education which is first of its kind in the whole country. To ensure the security of the assets of educational institutions he advised to insure the properties wherever possible & necessary and also to appoint
security personnel. He also directed DCE Nodal Officer to bring this matter to CCE and make necessary arrangements to appoint security to all the Government Colleges.

The presentation of the Chairman highlighted on the following issues:

- For creation of Universities by way of up gradation of existing Autonomous Colleges under Component-1 the state has to frame an act and for this a committee will be formed where Principal of Govt. College Mandya (Autonomous) will be one of the member.
- For Creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster under Component-2 the state has to frame an act and for this a committee will be formed with the Principal of Maharani’s Science College for Women, Bangalore,(Lead College) as its one of the member.
- While utilizing the funds under Infrastructure Grants to Universities under Component-3 and Infrastructure grants to Colleges under Component-7 the following pattern should be followed:
  1. 35% - Creation of New Facilities
  2. 35%-Up gradation / Renovation of Existing Facilities
  3. 30%-New Equipments and Purchases
- While upgrading Government First Grade College, Jewargi into Model Degree College under Component-5 the college should follow RUSA guidelines and give more priority for creating facilities for disabled students.
- Government Engineering College, Naragund will be established with the funds released under Component-6- New Colleges (Professional). They have to submit the DPR as per RUSA guidelines.
- The Chairman gave the following directions regarding RUSA bank accounts:
  1. Under RUSA, a mandatory practice of joint signatories exists which should be in accordance with the RUSA guidelines on finance, accounting and fund flow. Hence institutions participating in the program shall maintain a separate joint account in the name of RUSA.
     a. Colleges: Principal & RUSA Coordinator
     b. University: Finance Officer & Registrar
     c. New Professional College: DTE RUSA Coordinator and RUSA Coordinator of Government Engineering College, Naragund
     Two of those can jointly sign cheques/issue electronic instruction for e-banking to operate bank account.
  2. The account details should be shared with KSHEC, and any subsequent changes in account must be done in consultation with the KSHEC.
  3. No funds would be kept in the form of Fixed Deposit or any other investment of any nature other than the saving bank account. Moreover, savings accounts should be simple savings bank accounts and not in smart savings bank accounts.
  4. The releases made to institutions should be as per the approved Institutional Plans and after adjusting unspent balances from the previous year.
- He briefed about the fund flow mechanism:
  1. Karnataka State Higher Education Council will release the fund to each of the Universities directly to their RUSA A/c.
2. All Colleges should open RUSA A/c in Canara Bank, since RUSA A/c of KSHEC is in Canara Bank to make the flow of fund easy from KSHEC A/c to college A/c and for them the amount will be released against the bills submitted to the RUSA Bank A/c of the respective Colleges.

- He informed that the institutions should put RUSA name plate on the items which they have purchased with RUSA grants. The name plate should be in the following format: RUSA funded /Name of the item/item number/ cost/year.
- He asked to submit the following duly attested documents: valid/LOI/IEQA/SSR certificates NAAC, 2f, 12h, GO regarding the establishment of the institution, land records & DCF/DPR/IDP by 19.12.2015. He also asked to provide information for GIS Mapping.

After the detailed discussions and deliberations with the members the Chairman advised that while procuring the items the institutions should adhere to KTPP rules. He suggested that the institutions can procure items as per GO NO/ED/45/HPC 2015, Bengaluru, dated: 29.09.2015.

Dr. Bhagyawana S. Mudigoudra, State RUSA Nodal Officer, informed about the ICT initiatives of Department of Higher Education.

Smt. Gayatri K.S., RUSA Nodal Officer briefed about the documents need to be prepared and submitted by the Government First Grade Colleges which will receive funds under various components of RUSA.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and the members.

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Executive Director, KSHEC& Chairman, RUSA TSG

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1. PS to Vice-Chairman, Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bangalore.
2. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka, M.S. Building, Bangalore-01.
3. PS to Commissioner, Department of Collegiate Education, Bangalore-01.
4. Director of Technical Education, Bangalore-01.
5. The Registrars of Kannada University, Hampi; Gulbarga University, Kalaburgi; Karnataka State Women’s University, Vijayapur and Davanagere University, Davanagere
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