

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2018 to Review the performance of States under RUSA 1 & RUSA 2

A meeting with State Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (Higher Education) under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Higher Education) and National Mission Director (RUSA) was held on 1st November, 2018 to review the progress and performance of States with respect to implementation of RUSA since inception.

2. At the outset, the NMD welcomed all the participants. During the review, the following issues were deliberated upon:

3. RUSA 1

- a. All States and UTs were directed to submit utilisation certificates of at least 85% utilisation of grants released under RUSA 1.0 by 30th November, 2018, failing which the States would be required to surrender the balance funds with interest.
- b. The UCs for the penultimate instalment should be accompanied with physical inspection reports in the format circulated by MHRD.
- c. It was observed that many States and UTs have not released their matching state share as per Annexure-I. It was directed that the respective matching shares have to be released by 5th November, 2018.
- d. The State of Tamil Nadu was requested to update the status of 2 new professional colleges approved under RUSA 1.0. The State was reminded to speed up the process of utilisation.

4. RUSA 2

- a. The States of Maharashtra and Karnataka were requested to expedite passage of Acts for component 1 at the earliest, failure of which will lead to cancellation of their approval.
- b. Under component 4, six universities which are yet to submit their action plan were requested to do so by 10th November 2018.
- c. Tendering (float tenders & award contract to agencies) in respect of new MDCs, Professional Colleges sanctioned under RUSA 2.0 has to be completed by 30th November, 2018. IP Address, broadband, connectivity, plaque, connectivity, power backup, nodal officer, District Collector's coordinates, and exact location/ venue of the digital launch needs to be communicated, to MHRD. A review of the updated positions will be undertaken by Secretary (HE) in the VC to be held on 5th November 2018.
- d. The States of Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Telangana and Uttarakhand were directed to submit complete DPRs including land document for the MDCs approved under RUSA 2 within a week.
- e. States should also submit all the other pending DPRs and Action Plans of the institutions approved under RUSA 2.0 within a week so that release of funds can be processed.

5. General decisions under RUSA

- a. With respect to Secretary (HE)'s Video Conference on 5th November 2018 States and UTs were requested to prepare and submit 3 to 4 slides PPT clearly bringing out the way they have benefitted out of the implementation of RUSA, where the gaps remain and how best these can be addressed and the way forward.
- b. Link of NHERC-MIS, user ids and password will be shared with the States and UTs. Data on the beneficiary institutions of RUSA must be posted in this portal by 15th November, 2018.
- c. All States and UTs must develop action plans for improving quality of higher education, including mandatory accreditation of institutions by 15th November, 2018.
- d. Mandatory compliance to information by all States on Fund Tracker by 30th November, 2018. The State level workshops/ consultations on the same would also be organised shortly.
- e. All States and UTs are required to provide the documentation on best practices along with photographs, for updation on the State's corner on the RUSA website.

6. Matters other than RUSA

- a. The State Government and institutions were encouraged to make use of the Central Government's newly launched/ to be launched schemes such as Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC), IMPactful REsearch in Social Sciences (IMPRESS) and LEAdership development Programme (LEAP).
- b. MHRD has identified 75 National Resource Centres with specific domain areas, the details of which would be shared shortly. The States were asked to get the faculty development programs conducted through these NRCs.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the participants