

Minutes of the Meeting held under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (HE) & National Mission Director (RUSA), MHRD on 13th April 2019, at RUSA Resource Centre, Mandi House, New Delhi

A meeting to discuss the modalities of the Third Party Evaluation of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) by NITI Aayog was held on 13th April, 2019 at RUSA Resource Centre, New Delhi. The list of participants is at **Annexure I**. The focus of the evaluation, method of evaluation and Terms of Reference for this evaluation study was already shared with the State wide meeting notice dated 5th April 2019 (**Annexure-II**). These points were reiterated through a presentation(**Annexure-III**) during the meeting.

2. At the outset Joint Secretary (HE) welcomed all the participants in the meeting and emphasized the importance of the Evaluation as an instrument of appraisal for continuation of the scheme beyond 2020. This rigorous and comprehensive evaluation by NITI Aayog during May/June 2019 will assess the achievements of the scheme in terms of improvement in quality, access, equity and reforms in higher education post implementation of RUSA. Therefore, the States/UTs were requested to prepare a document on impact of the scheme in their respective States/UTs since October, 2013. At the same time, Project Directors and SPD (RUSA) present in the meeting were requested to brief their Chief Secretaries about the scheme and the progress of the State under the scheme.

3. It was also informed that a six member evaluation team of NITI Aayog will visit the States and UTs covered under RUSA to interview beneficiary institutions, States, students and other indirect beneficiaries. In this regard, it was decided that MHRD will share the template for show-casing the best practices by the States/UTs.

4. States were requested to take immediate actions on the following points :-

- a. Complete and factual updation of the MIS for 3200 institutions by 10 PM, 25.04.2019.
- b. Complete and factual updation of Reform tracker, Template for highlighting the improvements in policy and legislation in all States and UTs over last 5 years and quarterly State briefs and plans to be shared with RRC by 25.04.2019
- c. Complete and factual updation of Fund Tracker for RUSA 1.0 and RUSA 2.0, and sharing of best practices by States –Write-up and sharing of all related data by 30.04.2019.
- d. Composition of State Technical Group and State Higher Education Council to be shared with RRC by 30.04.2019
- e. Prepare document regarding comprehensive impact of RUSA scheme over the years under various components/reform agenda.

5. During the course of discussion the issues specific to each of the States were also flagged as at **Annexure-IV**. NMD, RUSA directed all States/UTs to resolve the issues and furnish necessary documents for facilitating release of funds under various components of RUSA at the earliest. States were requested to contact the PFMS helpdesk regarding any issues on EAT module or PFMS transactions. The contact details of the PFMS helpdesk is available at pfms.nic.in. This was also shared during the meeting.

6. Review meeting on the performance of the States with respect to the decisions taken in this meeting would be held before May 2019.

ANNEXURE I

List of Participants for the meeting on 13th April, 2019**1st half- 9.30 am to 12.30 am**

S.No	Name of the State	Name of the Participants
1	Assam	Smt. Nomita Barua, Planning Officer, RUSA, Assam Angana Das, Accountant, RUSA, Assam
2	Haryana	Shri Hemant Verma, Nodal Officer (RUSA)
3	Himachal Pradesh	Mr. Amarjit Sinha, SPD
4	Chhattisgarh	Dr. P.C. Choubey, Additional Director - RUSA Shri George Lakra, Joint Director (Finance)- RUSA
5	Madhya Pradesh	Dr. Pragyesh Agarwal- OSD, SPD RUSA, Mr Sunil Kumar Jain- Consultant, SPD RUSA Dr. Archana Murhar- Consultant, SPD RUSA
6	Manipur	Malemnganba Wairokpa, SPD RUSA T Ojit Singh, OSD, RUSA L. Lokendra Singh, Consultant RUSA
7	Meghalaya	Shri Ambrose Ch. Marak, MCS, Director of Higher & Technical Education & Deputy Project Director, RUSA Shri Rangsan Mawroh, Principal Consultant, RUSA, Government of Meghalaya,
8	Mizoram	Mr. Thanglura, Additional State Project Director, RUSA -cum-Member Secretary, SHEC Mizoram
9	Nagaland	Shri Dinesh Kumar, IAS Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Nagaland, Kohima
10	Punjab	Sh. L.S Gill – Deputy Director
11	Sikkim	Sh. GP Upadhyay, IAS (Additional Chief Secretary Higher Education Sikkim)
12	Uttarakhand	Mrs. Rachna Nautiyal, Joint Project Director
13	Uttar Pradesh	Mr. Sanjay Diwakar (Deputy Director RUSA)
14	Chandigarh (UT)	Dr Dalip Singh ASPD, RUSA Mr. Puneet – System Analyst
15	Tripura	Sri. Rajesh Bhattacharjee, Joint SPD RUSA Sri. Abir Dasgupta, Consultant (RUSA)
16	Jammu and Kashmir	Shri Talat Parvez Rohella, KAS, Secretary, Higher Education Mohd. Shafique Chak, KAS, Mission Director, RUSA

		Faizan, Programmer RUSA
17	Delhi	Mr. Vinod Thukral, Nodal Officer Dr. Amit Garg, Nodal Officer

2nd half: 2.30p.m - 5.30 pm

18	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Dr.A.Muthamma, IAS Secretary (Education) Dr.BhagwanjeeJha, Nodal officer Rusa
19	Telangana	Dr Soundarya Joseph Nodal Officer
20	Tamil Nadu	Ms. Aruna, Project Manager and Nodal Officer Mr. Kannan, Research Officer
21	Kerala	Dr.Ratheesh – Nodal Officer RUSA
22	Andhra Pradesh	Ms Damayanthi, IAS Secretary HE Sh Hari Prasad – SPD Sh. Prasada Rao – Chief Consultant
23	Pondicherry	Thiru Jayantha Kumar Ray, Add Res Commissioner
24	Karnataka	Shri. B.H. Anil Kumar, Addl Chief Secretary
25	Jharkhand	Shri. ShambhuDayal Singh, Nodal Officer
26	Maharashtra	Shri. Pankaj Kumar, IAS
27	Goa	Shri. R.V. Gaonkar
28	Gujrat	Dr. A.U. Patel, Advisor (KCG) Dr. Yogesh Yadav, Nodal Officer, RUSA
29	Odisha	Sh. Mihir Kumar Das, Nodal Officer (RUSA)
30	Rajasthan	Dr.UrmilTalwar, Joint Director, RUSA Dr.VimleshSoni, Deputy Project Director, RUSA
31	West Bengal	Shri JaydipMukhopadhyay, Special Secretary
32	Daman and Diu	Dr. A. Muthamma IAS, Secretary Higher Education Dr Prashat Pant, Nodal Officer
33	Bihar	Dr.Rekha, Director, BSHEC & ShiveshRanjan, Nodal Officer, RUSA

ANNEXURE-II
Copy of Meeting Notice dated 5th April 2019

ANNEXURE-III
Copy of PPT of RUSA Evaluation

ANNEXURE-IV

State specific issues

S.N	State	Issue
1	Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State has not shared the state share to the University under Component 1: Upgradation of autonomous college to university which was approved in 8 PAB.
2	Puducherry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem regarding allocation of central share has to be resolved. Communication in this regard has gone from Ministry.
3	Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central grants released in June 2018 (Rs. 45 Cr as first instalment to 75 colleges under Infrastructure Grants to Colleges) has not been fully disbursed as yet. Rs. 13.29 Cr has been released in March but the State has informed that the money will be transferred to institutions only after the general elections
4	Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPRs for 04 New MDCs approved in 12th PAB yet to be received • DPR of 1 NPC yet to be received • Inspection reports to be submitted for availing final instalment
5	Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical inspection/ inspection reports for infrastructure grants to some colleges for final instalment needs to be resubmitted/ re-conducted.
6	Manipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilization Certificates below 75% submitted for Component 2: Creation of Universities by Conversion of Colleges in a Cluster and Component 7: New College (Professional).
7	Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State has not passed the act for 2 of the Cluster Universities (approved in the 15th PAB dated January 28th, 2019) and for Creation of Universities by way of Upgradation of existing Autonomous College (approved in 12th PAB dated 25th May , 2018) till date. The DPRs for the same are also pending. • DPR for 13 colleges approved under component 8 (Enhancing

		<p>Quality & Excellence in Select Autonomous Colleges) are yet to be submitted with relevant documents for release of 1st instalment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State needs to submit the utilization certificate against 2nd instalment of Preparatory grants released in 2017.
8	Meghalaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State needs to expedite the utilization of the funds received and submit the Utilization Certificates for Central Grants released for setting up of 2 New Professional Colleges dated 28th February, 2017 and Infrastructure grants to colleges • The State needs to submit the utilization certificate against 2nd instalment of Preparatory grants released in 2017.
9	Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state is yet to submit the revised UCs and physical inspection reports of 8 institutions funded under the component infrastructure grants to colleges (RUSA 1.0) • UCs along with physical inspection report of 1 institution pending for the component Infrastructure grants to universities
10	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technical Support Group for RUSA in the State is yet to be formed. • RUSA portal: UT is yet to take necessary action on the same • The State needs to expedite the utilization of the funds received and submit the Utilization Certificates for Central Grants released for Equity Initiative, Preparatory grants and Erstwhile NMDC.
11	Nagaland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state needs to submit the 02 DPRs (New Professional College) & Equity Initiative (approved in RUSA 2.0)
12	Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first instalment of Central Grants released was Rs. 35.1 Cr for setting up of 3 new professional colleges dated 28th December, 2017. The State is yet to submit UCs. • The State needs to submit the UCs along with physical inspection report for the 2nd Instalment released under RUSA 1.0 under Infrastructure Grants to 6 colleges. • The State needs to expedite the utilization of the 7 Erstwhile MDCs and submit the UCs. • The State needs to submit the utilization certificate against second instalment of Preparatory grants released.
13	Sikkim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow Utilization of funds released for New Professional College, South District Sikkim
14	Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds are not transferred from State to the Guru Nanak Dev University under Component 4 (RUSA 2.0)
15	West Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCs with physical Inspection reports are pending for 6 colleges in RUSA 1.0 for the component Infrastructure grants for

		colleges
16	Tripura	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State needs to expedite the submission of complete UCs and physical inspection report for the Central grants released for 3 Institutions under Infrastructure Grants to colleges. • The State is yet to submit the complete UCs for the 1st instalment released for 3 MDCs dated 31st March, 2014. • The State needs to submit the utilization certificate against 1st instalment of Preparatory & MMER grants released dated 27th February, 2014 & 31st March, 2014.
17	Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCs and Physical Inspection reports of 4 colleges under Infrastructure grants to colleges, 3 universities under Infrastructure grants to University, and 1 College under New Model Degree College are awaited to avail the 3rd and final instalment.
18	Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCs for 1st Instalment of Cluster University are awaited • UCs for components released funds in RUSA 2.0 are awaited. • State needs to set up TSG under RUSA
19	Haryana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State is yet to submit the physical inspection reports to avail the final instalment of central grants for RUSA 1.0 institutions • The State needs to speed up the utilization of PG and MMER and submit the UC for central grants released
20	Goa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State needs to constitute its State Higher Education Council through an Act. • The State needs to speed up the utilization of PG and MMER and submit the UC for central grants released under components.
21	Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The utilization certificate along with physical inspection reports needs to be submitted for universities and colleges for which 2nd instalment was released in 2016. • The DPR for new professional college approved in RUSA 2.0 needs to be submitted
22	Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State needs to submit the Utilisation Certificate of MMER Grant, colleges which have been upgraded to MDC, Cluster University and G.M. University funded under component 1 , for which 1st instalment of central grants have been released. • Physical inspection report for universities and colleges for which 2nd instalment was released needs to be submitted.
23	Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State needs to submit the Utilization certificate for Equity

		<p>initiatives funds released in February 2017 under RUSA 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the New Model Degree College (MDC) approved under RUSA 2.0 is still awaited. • Non- transfer of complete central grants released to autonomous colleges.
24	Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state needs to enact the Cluster University Act passed by the State Legislature to avail the second instalment of funds under the component.
25	Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Inspection report for colleges under Infrastructure grants to colleges may be submitted to avail the final instalment.
26	Jharkhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised DPR for 9 NMDC in RUSA 2.0 may be submitted. • NAAC Grades for 5 colleges approved under Infrastructure grants to colleges in the 11 PAB RUSA 1.0 are awaited till date. The same may be communicated at the earliest.