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Subject: Minutes of the meeting for 10 State Universities funded under component 4 of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) held on 30th May, 2019

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the minutes of the meeting for 10 State Universities funded under component 4 of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) held under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (Higher Education) on 30th May, 2019 at Rusa Resource Centre, Mandi House, New Delhi for action as indicated in the minutes.

Encl: As above

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6. Shri. Kannan, RO, SPD, RUSA Tamil Nadu
7. Shri. Hari Prasad, SPD, Andhra Pradesh
8. Mrs. Harleen Bedi, Nodal Officer RUSA Punjab
9. Prof. Samantak Das, Jadavpur University
10. Shri Gour Pattanayak, Finance Officer, Jadavpur University
11. Shri. Shafique Chak, Director, RUSA, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir
12. Prof. Naresh Padha, Nodal Officer, RUSA, Jammu University

13. Prof. Manjula Chaudhary, Dean Academic Affairs & Project Coordinator (RUSA), Kurukshetra University
14. Dr. Pardeep Kumar, Director I.T. Cell, Kurukshetra University
15. Prof. SriramVenkatesh, Osmania University
16. Dr. C. Srinivasulu, Osmania University
17. Prof. Aditya Abhyankar, Savitribai Phule University
18. Prof. Suresh Gosavi, Savitribai Phule University
19. Prof. Vijayabhaskara Rao, Dean (R&D), Sri Venkateshwara University
20. Prof. D.V. Prasada Rao, Coordinator, RUSA, Sri Venkateshwara University
21. Shri. Himanshu Rout, RUSA Coordinator, Utkal University
22. Mrs. Sabita Acharya, Chairperson, Post-Graduate Council, Utkal University

Minutes of the meeting for 10 State Universities funded under component 4 held on 30th May, 2019

A meeting to review progress of the 10 State Universities funded under component 4 was held on 30th May, 2019 at RRC, Mandi House, New Delhi. The list of participants is at Annexure 1.

The Joint Secretary (HE) & NMD welcomed the participants and reviewed the action taken by each of the universities under Component 4 of RUSA 2.0. It was informed that the third party evaluation of the RUSA 2.0, (by NITI) is likely to be undertaken by September 2019. Hence it is essential to improve the performance and also ensure optimum utilisation of grants. In this regard, the following observations were made:

1. It was reiterated that formation of a SPV is essential for expeditious utilisation of grants and for the oversight in the implementation of the project. Hence, formation of SPV, either as Section 8 Company or Society's / Trust Acts, is non-negotiable and all beneficiary Universities should have it in place latest by 15th June, 2019.
2. The SPV would anchor all the projects under component 4 including receipt, transfer/ and utilisation of grants.
3. The SPV should consist of 10 to 15 members of outstanding academics of global repute from top Higher Education Institutions and should be empowered to take final decisions regarding planning and implementation of proposals approved under the above mentioned component. It may also include eminent persons from industry. The SPV should report the details of progress for information to any statutory bodies of the University like Syndicate/ Academic or executive council of University, as may be appropriate.
4. All the States should ensure transfer of Central and State share immediately to the 10 Universities.
5. Faculty filling up is very crucial for bringing out excellence in any Higher Education institution. Therefore, the vacancy levels of each of the University would be considered for further release of grants under RUSA henceforth.
6. To enhance excellence and research and provide opportunity for young scholars and academics to excel, it was decided that an enabling ecosystem for high quality research should exist. Such

an ecosystem should support Doctoral and Post- Doctoral fellows and provide for newly appointed academics at the entry level with research grants. It is also proposed that the grants be used to invite outstanding academics as distinguished fellows/ visiting professors/ scholars in residence so that their expertise may be productively used for the overall excellence in the teaching/ research programs of the University. Grants may also be used by the host institutions for their international partners for strengthening academic research programs.

7. To promote research culture, young scholars need to be supported on a large scale. In order to inculcate such a culture, RUSA has insisted on the soft component including admission of PhD and postdoctoral students. The PhD scholars may be paid a fellowship/scholarship between Rs 50000- 75000 and this may be made applicable to Universities which are yet to embark on these initiatives through a highly competitive merit based process. The post-doctoral students may be paid a fellowship/scholarship amount at least Rs 100000 per month. The support for these scholars would be available till 2024- 25. The University may upfront allocate enough grants as may be required till 2024- 25, within Component 4.

8. The Universities need to focus on bringing out quality publication, patents etc, to improve their excellence quotient.

9. RUSA beneficiary Universities need to explore possibilities of academic collaborations amongst themselves (the top 10).

10. Universities may also offer 'quality' online programs/ courses, subject to them having met regulatory approvals.

11. Universities that have undertaken curriculum reforms under RUSA 1 may utilize grants released under component 4 of RUSA 2 for implementation of the same.

12. The Universities must not deviate from the financial proposals they presented before the PAB meeting and the DPRs submitted to the Ministry thereafter.

The university-wise observation or decisions made are as follows:

Sl.No	Universities	State	Issues and Decision Taken
1	Alagappa University	Tamil Nadu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPV should be formed latest by 10th June, 2019 2. University may utilise grants released under component 4 of RUSA 2 for implementation of curriculum reforms under RUSA 1. 3. The State Govt. needs to ensure necessary clearance/ offer support to complete recruitment of faculty in the University.
2	Andhra University	Andhra Pradesh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Govt needs to transfer entire grants to the University immediately. 2. University may utilise grants released under component 4 of RUSA 2 for implementation of curriculum reforms under RUSA 1.
3	Guru Nanak Dev University	Punjab	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Govt needs to transfer entire grants to the University immediately. 2. University may utilise grants released under component 4 of RUSA 2 for implementation of curriculum reforms under RUSA 1.
4	Jadavpur University	West Bengal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPV has to be formed latest by 10th June, 2019. The expenditure incurred under the component till then may be given post facto approval by the SPV after its formation (subject to compliance with guidelines/regulations).
5	Jammu University	Jammu and Kashmir	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Govt. needs to transfer its entire share to the University immediately.

			2. University may utilise grants released under component 4 of RUSA 2 for implementation of curriculum reforms under RUSA 1.
6	Kurukshetra University	Haryana	The State Govt. needs to provide for the required autonomy to Grade 1 Universities as required under UGC Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018
7	Osmania University	Telangana	Invitation to distinguished faculty/retired faculty may be explored under component 4 through the specially created SPV under RUSA in the University.
8	SavitribhaiPhule University	Maharashtra	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Govt needs to transfer entire grants to the University immediately. 2. University may utilise grants released under component 4 of RUSA 2 for implementation of curriculum reforms under RUSA 1.
9	Sri Venkateshwara University	Andhra Pradesh	Need for the mention of the name of the Department viz Physics for the proposed international collaboration under the component 4 so as to facilitate approvals from the University for the same.
10	Utkal University	Odisha	The State Govt. should immediately relax the ban on recruitment, else grants released would be taken back.

Annexure 1

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1	Alagappa University	Tamil Nadu	1. Prof. Rajendran, VC 2. Shri. Kannan, RO, SPD
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10	Utkal University	Odisha	1. Mr. Himanshu Rout, RUSA Coordinator, Utkal University 2. Mrs. Sabita Acharya, Chairperson, Post-Graduate Council, Utkal University