

Government of Andhra Pradesh Department of Higher Education

Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) - Practices adopted by AP:

Government of Andhra Pradesh expressed its willingness to partner with RUSA and initiated its preparations and submitted RUSA proposal in the combined state and submitted revised proposal after state reorganization.

Government of AP is giving much importance to Higher Education and launched Knowledge Mission with an aim to transform Andhra Pradesh in to an education hub and knowledge society. The Higher Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh vide GO.Ms.No.1, Higher Education (UE) Department, dated: 20.03.2015 constituted the **State Knowledge Advisory Board (SKAB)** with persons of repute and expertise in Higher Education, Industry and Entrepreneurship at national and international level. The role envisaged for the State Knowledge Advisory members is to advise and mentor the internal team on key identified areas. The Higher Education department also identified an **Executive Group** comprising 40 members, an internal team to take the reforms ahead.

Preparation of SHEP (State Higher Education Plan):

State Higher Education Plan was prepared by following Bottom Up Approach. The proposals were received from different institutions and departments and the consolidated SHEP was prepared after review meetings and discussions involving academicians and administrators at State Council of Higher Education.

Academic Aspects:

Back ground: The higher education department implemented many academic reforms like implementation of Semesterisation and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in autonomous colleges, guiding colleges for NAAC assessment, Autonomous status, CPE status, implementing Academic Audit of colleges, Academic Performance Indicator (APIs) to faculty in line with UGC, Curriculum Up gradation etc., to ensure quality.

Activities proposed under RUSA:

As per the guidelines given by GOI, the state is implementing Semesterisation and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in all colleges from 2015-16 and the relevant changes in the curriculum were made and the state propose to organize 70 Capacity Building workshops for Principals and faculty at all state universities on aspects like Semester system, CBCS, Continuous Internal Assessment and on the modules introduced in the updated curriculum.

Governance Aspects:

State is preparing

- Report on establishment of State Level Assessment and Accreditation Council
- Common Universities Act
- Private University Act
- Filling the vacancies case by case to improve the Student Teacher Ratio

Utilisation of grants:

The Govt. of AP has released the state share corresponding to central share

Preparatory Grants:

- RUSA Calendar is prepared to utilize the grants in a systematic way incorporating aspects like Leadership Training to Academic Administrators at different levels, Capacity Building for faculty on aspects like Institutional assessment, ranking, Vocational skills, domain specific employability skills , Professional ethics, Change Management, Student sensitization & awareness programmes, Exposure visits to best institutions etc.,.
- A review meeting was conducted and at state level and methodology was decided for establishment of State Project Directorate and for strengthening of State Higher Education Council. The activities are under Progress.
- RUSA- Website preparation is under progress

Model Colleges Grants:

- After the approval of the Model Colleges by PAB, the Department of Higher Education convened a meeting with all Government executive agencies and issued work order to the agency which came forward to execute the work.

- The work is under progress and the department is monitoring the work and sanctioning money to the executive agency after submission of Utilisation Certificate.

RUSA Activities conducted:

1. A two day workshop with the theme **“Towards transforming A.P into Education and Knowledge Hub”** was conducted for **Executive group** members of **Knowledge Mission** at Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), Hyderabad from 22nd -24th April, 2015 and 13 Entry Point Projects (EPPs) were identified for strengthening Higher Education in the State.



Inaugural session

Session by Dr.VidyaYeravdekar
Principal Director, Symbiosis (Through VC)

2. In connection with the Knowledge Mission, a **one day Round Table conference/workshop** was conducted on 25th May 2015 at Chief Minister’s Office, AP-Secretariat, Hyderabad **by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri. Nara. Chadra Babu Naidu** with the **State Knowledge Advisory Board (SKAB)** and the members advised on immediate measures to be implemented in achieving the goals of Knowledge Mission.



Hon'ble CM Sri. Nara. Chadra Babu Naidu interacting with the State Knowledge Advisory Board (SKAB) members

3. One day workshop on “RUSA: Capacity Building of Administrators in Educational Institutions” was organised for Vice-Chancellors of Universities & Principals of Degree Colleges approved for infrastructure grants and Model Colleges under RUSA on 16.06.2015 at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur to create awareness about RUSA scheme and to guide the colleges for utilization of Infrastructure grants under RUSA.



Resource Persons interacting with participants

4. A regional workshop on “Capacity Building for College Principals and Faculty” was organized at Govt. Degree Colleges, Avanigadda, Krishna Dt. for Government and Aided Degree Colleges faculty in II zone on 04.08.2015. Three such workshops were proposed one for each Zone at Visakhapatnam, Guntur and Kurnool during August 2015



Address by Resource Persons

RUSA activities proposed:

A detailed RUSA- Calendar was prepared