HARYANA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Council

Date: 05.01.2024 **Time:** 11:30 AM

Venue: Conference Hall, Red Bishop Tourist Complex, Sector 1, Panchkula

Hon'ble Members present in the 3rd Meeting of the Council:

- 1. Prof. Kailash Chandra Sharma, Chairperson, HSHEC
- 2. Shri Anand Mohan Sharan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education & Technical Education, Haryana
- 3. Prof. Somnath Sachdeva, Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.
- 4. Shri Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary, Representative of Finance Department, Haryana
- 5. Shri Umesh Upadhyay, President and Media Director, Reliance Industries.
- 6. Shri Sanjay Pandey, Vice President, Corporate Communication, Reliance Industries.
- 7. Prof. Vazir Nehra, Former Professor, HSHEC
- 8. Prof. Sandeep Kumar Goel, Principal, Govt. National College, Sirsa
- 9. Prof. Rashmi Lohchab, Principal, Maharani Kishori Jat Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Rohtak
- 10. Shri KK Agnihotri, Advisor cum State Project Director Member Secretary, HSHEC

Others present:-

- 11. Dr. Anju Manocha, Joint Director, Department of Higher Education, Haryana
- 12. Smt. Radhika Prajapati, Senior Project Manager, HSHEC
- 13. Shri Apoorv Pandey, Project Manager, HSHEC

First of all Advisor cum Member Secretary of the Council welcomed Shri Anand Mohan Sharan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, HE & TE Haryana and expressed gratitude on behalf of the Council for taking time out of his hectic schedule to address the Hon'ble Members. This would definitely go a long way to usher in a new era of support and facilitation to the Council for meeting the objectives for which Council has been established.

Then the Chairman of the Council requested ACSHE&TE to address the participants as he was to leave for another meeting. Followed with this the meeting began with an address by ACSHE&TE:-

- In the last few months the kind of work HSHEC is doing and the way it is supporting and facilitating the Government is appreciable.
- With the cooperation and support of Council most of the existing vacant posts (both teaching and non-teaching) lying vacant in the Universities have been allowed to be filled up. As a result, it is hoped that the recruitment process in all

the Universities would be completed within 2-3 months. For the first time I am sure that Universities would be functioning with nearful capacity of teaching and non-teaching staff.

- Similarly on the NEP side, Council has taken lot of new initiatives along with the Higher Education Department to an extent that two days back Hon'ble Governor called a meeting to review the implementation of NEP. Hon'ble Governor had called me and Chairman HSHEC and took review of implementation of and progress on various parameters of NEP.
- HSHEC and Department of Higher Education are the two wings of the Government and are working for a common cause. We supplement and complement each other.
- Efforts made by the Council for implementation of NEP-2020 in the State is appreciable.
- Thankful to Chairman HSHEC for inviting in the 3rd meeting of HSHEC.
- It is hoped that in the times to come frequent meetings of committees relating to NEP implementation notified by the State Government will be organised by the Council and members of the Council will too attend such meetings for wider interactions with the hope the Council would ensure that the standards of Higher Education move towards the goals set by the NEP.

Agenda Item No. 3.01

परिषद के माननीय सदस्यों का स्वागत एवं परिचय

Introduction and Welcome of the Hon'ble Members of the Council.

Decision:

The Chairperson at the outset welcomed and introduced all the members present in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3.02

परिषद के अध्यक्ष पद पर प्रो. कैलाश चन्द्र शर्मा की नियुक्ति

Appointment of Prof. KC Sharma as Chairperson of the Council.

Decision:

The Hon'ble members were apprised of the appointment of Prof. KC Sharma as Chairperson of the Council and he was welcomed by the Hon'ble Members.

Agenda Item No. 3.03

परिषद की दिनांक 25.02.2023 को हुई द्वितीय बैठक की कार्यवाही का अनुमोदन

Confirmation of the minutes of the Second Meeting of the Council held on dated 25.02.2023

Decision:

Minutes of the second meeting of the Council held on 25.02.2023 were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 3.04

परिषद की द्वितीय बैठक में लिए गए निर्णयों पर की गयी कार्यवाही रिपोर्ट

Follow-up Action Taken Report on the minutes of second meeting of the Council Decision:

The Council noted, appreciated and approved the following action taken on the decisions taken in the second meeting of the Council held on 25.02.2023:

2.06 i.e. Draft Regulations for the functioning of the Council

The proposed regulations for the functioning of the council were approved unanimously by the Council.

Action Taken: "These were accordingly uploaded on Council website further action is as per Agenda item No. 3.12"

2.07 i.e. Grant of honorarium for additional work

Council unanimously authorised the Chairperson to decide the honorarium etc for additional work.

Action Taken: "Noted for action accordingly."

2.08 i.e. TA/DA/participation fees etc. for outside experts

Council unanimously authorised the chairperson to decide the honorarium, participation fee etc. for outside experts and members etc.

Action Taken: "Since Council had earlier adopted UGC notification, based on the UGC format for claiming TA/DA by such participants as adopted and placed at Annexure-13 for kind perusal and approval of Hon'ble Members"

2.09 i.e. Annual Accounts and Audit

The Annual Account and Audit Report for FY 2021-22 after perusal was approved by the Hon'ble Members of the Council.

Action Taken: "This was accordingly forwarded to the Department for further action"

2.11 i.e. Administrative and Financial Matters

The Council authorised the Chairperson to delegate Administrative and Financial powers as deemed fit to other officers and the State Project Director soon to be appointed.

Action Taken: "Noted for further action."

2.12 i.e. Adoption of Defined Contributory Pension Scheme (NPS) of the State Govt.

The Council noted the introduction of new Pension Scheme for Regular employees as per Haryana Govt. Policy.

Action Taken: "Noted for implementation further accordingly."

2.13 i.e. Adoption of Haryana Civil Services Rules 2016 as applicable to Haryana Govt. employees and such orders/instructions as may be issued by the Govt. from time to time.

The adoption of Haryana Civil Services Rules 2016 was approved.

Action Taken: "Noted for further action accordingly."



2.14 i.e. Norms for opening New Colleges

Council noted the report of the committee suggesting norms for opening new colleges with the following observations:-

- Since the Current policy of State Government as also envisioned in NEP-2020 is to make colleges available to the students within a 20 km radius in each district for easing accessibility to higher education, there can be a study to identify regions where higher education institutions are needed
- The workload of colleges and higher education institutions need to be reworked with introduction and implementation of digital teaching.

Necessary infrastructure for teachers, labs, etc. in colleges need to be included in the recommendation, as per UGC norms.

Action Taken: "Since the recommendations come under the purview of Department, a copy of the minutes was endorsed to the ACSHE for follow up action."

2.15 i.e. PPP integration in higher education admissions

The Council noted and appreciated the process of PPP integration in higher education admissions.

Action Taken: "Further action is being taken by CRID in co-ordination with the Universities."

2.17 i.e. Introduction of short term Certificates/Diplomas

The Council noted and appreciated short term certificate/diploma courses.

Action Taken: "HEIs have been requested to share the status with the Council."

2.18 i.e. Eligibility of B.Voc. degree for admissions to a vertical course and other issues

The Council noted and appreciated in recommending the proposal of SVSU Palwal with the following observations:-

- 1. Specific requirement of subject equivalence of B.Voc. may also be done as a next step
- 2. State universities, technical institutions may allow/affiliate B.voc. courses to commonly utilise academic, practicals infrastructure resources
- 3. Semi-skilled & unskilled resources may be included in B.Voc. to strengthen the skill resource pool
- 4. A research paper may be developed on improving skill education as well as Innovation index in Haryana.
- 5. A report on best practices and guiding principles of B.Voc. in Haryana may be developed
- 6. A status report and proposal to promote B.Voc. in Haryana and country by organizing an awareness event
- 7. The Council also decided to entrust this task to SVSU Palwal in facilitation through Member Secretary AICTE New Delhi.

Action Taken: "The task as desired & decided was entrusted to SVSU, Palwal and report is awaited."



2.19 i.e. Introduction of courses in Private Universities

The Council noted and appreciated in screening and recommending to Department the introduction of various courses in Private Universities. The Council further observed that the Council being an academic body need to examine all such academic proposals for making necessary recommendations to the State Govt..

Action Taken: "Department of Higher Education has been informed accordingly. In meeting Chaired by Hon'ble CM dated 20.01.2023 it was decided as under:

'Vetting of the proposal for introduction of new subjects and new courses in Colleges and Private Universities by Haryana State Higher Education Council It was discussed in the meeting that Haryana State Higher Education Council will give the suggestions/advice on the subject matter.'

The Council has shared letter dated 07.06.2023 with DHE informing that the Council would give suggestions/advice as and when proposals are received from the Department."

2.20 i.e. Safe campus checklist, Council Publications, interaction on Academic issues

The Council noted and appreciated in bringing out various publications as also further task taken in hand for publishing experiences of students and guardians during COVID period. The members also observed that these publications having interactions with students may also include topics like SDGs etc..

Action Taken: "Since the experiences so received didn't meet desired objectives and at the same time the Council did not have expert to handle the project, the same was not taken in hand & closed."

2.23 i.e. Implementation of National Education Policy-2020 in Haryana context The Council noted and appreciated Ready Reckoner, Checklist etc. for facilitating implementation of NEP-2020.

Action Taken: "This has been an ongoing programme. The Council is facilitating its implementation through interaction with the Department and Universities as and when required. Rest as per Agenda Item No. 3.13 for kind perusal."

2.24 i.e. Futuristic Scenario in Higher Education - Vision Document

The Council noted and appreciated the initiative regarding future vision of each institution.

Action Taken: "This project was merged with facilitating IDP of HEIs as mentioned in NEP-2020.UGC has notified the Draft Guidelines for Institutional Development Plan for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) on 08.08.2023. This has also been included as one of the items in the Agenda for the first meeting of State Implementation Committee on NEP-2020."

2.25 i.e. Online Training for content production & Teaching for all teachers in Higher Education

The Council noted and appreciated collaboration with SVSU Palwal for covering all teachers for content development and training in blended mode teaching.

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Action Taken: "The proposal for further action is with the Department of Higher Education."

2.26 i.e Recognition of meritorious service of faculty with State Award for all teachers in Higher Education

Council noted and appreciated the proposal and decided that Council need to go ahead with its funding and implementation.

Action Taken: "The proposal drafted by the Council is presently with the Department of Higher Education."

2.27 i.e. Research for Atmannirbhar Bharat – funding for research projects

The Council approved the allocation of Rs. 20 lac for the remaining part of 2022-23 and Rs. 1 crore for the year 2023-24 funds out of grant-in-aid as proposed to encourage Research for Atmnanirbhar Bharat

Action Taken: "Detailed guidelines approved by the State Government have since been circulated & the proposals invited. Further details are available as per Agenda Item No. 3.14."

2.28 i.e. Promotion of Sanskrit language

Council noted the initiative so taken for the promotion of Sanskrit language with the following observations for follow up action:-

- The scholarship/financial incentives be provided to the scholars of non-Sanskrit background who want to learn Sanskrit and commit to research Sanskrit texts related to their Research Reports/thesis
- Council to explore the possibility of creating parity between traditional (Gurukul) and modern (University) system of Sanskrit learning/teaching
- Short courses may be provided for scholars who want to learn Sanskrit or want to learn about specific Sanskrit text to cite as references in the Research Papers
- Sanskrit literacy may be propositioned and made available to the leadership in the academic and corporate world in online, offline, self learning mode

Council may coordinate the certification of Sanskrit learning with the Universities Action Taken: "The Council organised a meeting with Sanskrit Bharti on 11.04.2023. The decisions of the meeting were shared with DSE, DHE, State Funded Universities, and Sanskrit Bharti for appropriate follow-up action. Response has been received from MVSU Kaithal, CRSU Jind, and MDU Rohtak regarding promotion of Sanskrit in their University. This is being further followed up with the rest."

2.29 i.e. Weeding out of redundant courses and introduction of courses in emerging areas

Council approved the constitution of the committee as proposed.

Action Taken: "In meeting Chaired by Hon'ble CM dated 20.01.2023 it was decided as under:

'Hon'ble CM desired that Council needs to review the various courses, subjects introduced in Colleges and Universities, see which are relevant, attract students to the changing scenario in the world at work. useful for society, subjects in the emerging

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areas in the modern world. Council to make recommendations in respect of Colleges and Universities in the State on priority basis by keeping in view inter alia all such factors as also student strength, norms, posts sanctioned rationalization, additional requirements, self financing schemes etc.'

The Council constituted a committee to deliberate and submit recommendation on the matter. On the basis of further deliberations Council requested the Department of Higher Education to make available data on the regarding students strength (Gender, Course and Year wise), Staff Strength, List of Courses etc. etc. which has not been shared by the Department till date. An update in this regard as per latest would be shared with the Hon'ble Members at the time of next meeting."

2.30 i.e. Academic Audit of Private Universities

Council approved the proposal for carrying out academic audit of private universities as proposed

Action Taken: "In meeting Chaired by Hon'ble CM dated 20.01.2023 it was decided as under:

Decision about the process of regular review of the functioning of Private Universities

It was recommended to entrust the academic audit of Private Universities to the Council.' The Council has shared letter with DHE informing that the Council would give suggestions/advice as and when proposals are received from the Department."

2.31 i.e. Introduction of subject specific livelihood learning methods in UG courses

Council approved and appreciated the initiative

Action Taken: "The HEIs have been requested to provide status report of the implementation of the project."

2.32 i.e. Constitution of three committees for advising, facilitating, innovating, implementation and monitoring NEP-2020 in Haryana

Council noted and appreciated the constitution of various committees

<u>Action Taken:</u> "This has been further reviewed as per the decision taken in the
meeting chaired by Hon'ble CM and co-chaired by Hon'ble HEM - Now HSHEC
would be the Nodal Agency in this regard."

2.33 i.e. Preparing a panel for various committees to undertake and complete short term projects

Council approved the proposal for preparing a panel of academic consultants and also allocation of Rs. 1 crore from annual budget of 2023-24.

Action Taken: "The Council is under the process for engaging subject experts on contractual basis. Now for the further implementation of NEP-2020 PMU cell is being established. Hence, separate action is not required for the present."

2.34 i.e. Allocation of funds for specific/projects allotted by the State Govt. for research

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Council noted and approved the allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 25 Lac for financing appropriate research projects at Ph.D level, Post Doctorate Level as proposed for the year 2023-2024.

Action Taken: "This task is being done under CM Research Fellowships."

2.35 i.e. Open Discussion

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and monitoring	n for implementation	"For this establishment of PMU to be funded by the Department is under consideration."
(b) For achieving inter 2 nd coursework be Universities to be pattern	rdisciplinary studies, t developed by the provided in modular	Action Taken: "Recommendations/ decisions endorsed to the Universities"
streams, a compara v/s Haryana State t	commerce and Science ative study of National rend may be undertak	
(d) Firm policy is need property & Innovation Rewarding the innovation in State	led on Intellectual	Action Taken: "The Council has constituted a four-member committee to deliberate and provide recommendations on IPR Policy in
(e) For measurement or research application measure instead of	n/impact will be the	Action Taken: "Recommendations/ decisions endorsed to the Universities"
(f) The Council may p Retired Teacher Vo Welfare to guide th initiative	olunteers for Social e Nation in this	Action Taken: "The Council organised an interaction of the Hon'ble CM with retired teachers on 07.12.2022 and as decided in the session, the retired teachers willing to volunteer will register on Samarpan Portal."
(g) For rural students, of Horticulture and Verencouraged in university local human resource industry		Action Taken: "Recommendation have been shared with the Universities for further necessary
(h) Council to focus and influencer and cond		Action Taken: "The Council at present does not have that much



#1, 14, 16	studies on latest topics	bandwidth. However, advisory in policy matters as received by the Government from time to time is given."
(i)	The Council to focus and bridge the gap and bring uniformity in messages, notifications, guidelines from Departmen of Higher Education, State Government t Universities, Colleges	Action Taken: "Recommendations have been shared with the Universities and Colleges with a
(j)	Council may work on small industry's needs to be met by the University to develop required technology locally	Action Taken: "Recommendations have been shared with the Universities and Colleges"
(k)	Each University to offer consultancy services, undertake surveys – the task to be taken from the Govt. Departments, other organisations to augment their resources as well as to equip the students for making them capable to meet the challenges of the World at work.	Action Taken: "Recommendations/ decisions have been shared with the Universities for necessary action."
(l)	Need of policy to keep a check, sans established norms in obtaining doctorates	Action Taken: "Recommendations/ decisions shared with the Universities for necessary action."

Agenda Item No. 3.05

परिषद की द्वितीय बैठक के पश्चात् की गतिविधियों, लिए गए निर्णयों की संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट अवलोकनार्थ एवं अनुमोदनार्थ

Brief report of activities/ decisions taken after the 2nd meeting of the Council for kind information and approval

Decision:

The Council noted and appreciated the activities and projects undertaken by the Council since the second meeting of the Council.

Agenda Item No. 3.06

परिषद के अधिनियम में संशोधन

Amendment of the Haryana State Higher Education Council Act Decision:

The Hon'ble Members were apprised of the Hon'ble CM's decision to entrust the Council as Nodal Agency for the implementation of NEP-2020 in the State. The proposal sent to DHE for changing the name of Haryana State Higher Education Council to Haryana State Education Council to cover all the aspects of NEP-2020 and its implementation.

Agenda Item No. 3.07

हरियाणा राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट २०२२-२०२३

Annual Report 2022-2023 of Haryana State Higher Education Council <u>Decision:</u>

The Council noted the Annual Report for the period from April 2022 to March 2023 and approved it.

Agenda Item No. 3.08

वित्तीय वर्ष २०२२-२३ का वार्षिक लेखा-जोखा और लेखापरीक्षा

Annual Accounts and Audit Report - Financial Year 2022-23

Decision:

The Annual Account and Audit Report for FY 2022-23 after perusal was approved by the Hon'ble member of the Council.

Agenda Item No. 3.09

हरियाणा राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद के लेखा-जोखा का ऑडिट

Audit of Accounts of Haryana State Higher Education Council

Decision:

The Council noted the Audit report of AG Haryana and the reply sent.



Agenda Item No. 3.10

प्रशासनिक एवं वितीय मामले

Administrative and Financial Matters

<u>Decision</u>: There were no administrative or financial matters raised by the Hon'ble members of the Council. It was desired that the Council now having been made Nodal Agency for the implementation of NEP 2020 in the State would effectively contribute in the overall development of quality education in the State in relation to academic matters.

Agenda Item No. 3.11

हरियाणा राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद कर्मचारी (समूह ए, बी, सी और डी) सेवा विनियम, 2023 Haryana State Higher Education Council Employees (Group A, B, C & D) Service Regulations, 2023

Decision:

The council noted the introduction of HSHEC (Group A, B, C & D) Service Regulation, 2023.

Agenda Item No. 3.12

विशेषज्ञ एवं सहायक कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति बारे

Engagement of Experts and Support Staff

Decision:

The Hon'ble members of the Council were apprised that the state government had advised the Council to keep regular positions to minimum and engage project based temporary/contractual staff. The Council therefore drafted regulations to provide for engagement of Experts and temporary staff which were approved in the 2nd meeting of the Council held on 25.02.2023. These were accordingly notified and uploaded on the Council website. Further positions for engagement of 4 categories of experts with support staff were uploaded on the Council website. It was decided that first engagement of Experts process be finalized and based on that the process to engage support staff be initiated thereafter. The process in case of Experts has since been completed and as per recommendations of the committee none has been found suitable. Hence, the engagement of support staff has been dropped. Hon'ble Members of the Council approved the agenda point.

Agenda Item No. 3.13

राज्य में राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति-2020 के कार्यान्वयन इत्यादि के लिए हरियाणा राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद को नोडल एजेंसी के रूप में जारी की गई अधिसूचना / आदेश एवं हरियाणा में



राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति-2020 के विषय में सलाह देने, सुविधा देने, नवाचार करने, कार्यान्वयन और समीक्षा के लिए तीन समितियों का गठन

Notification/order regarding HSHEC as a nodal agency for implementation of NEP-2020 in the state as also Constitution of three committees for advising, facilitating, innovating, implementation and monitoring NEP-2020 in Haryana Decision:

The Hon'ble members of the Council were apprised that pursuant to a decision taken in the meeting Chaired by Hon'ble CM on 03.07.2023, Haryana State Higher Education Council has been designated as a nodal agency to ponder over, monitor, hand holding, mentor the progress regarding implementation of NEP as a whole encompassing departments/stakeholders such as School, Higher-cum-Technical, Women & Child Development, Skill Departments, Universities etc.

Further various committees for monitoring implementation of NEP 2020 have also been constituted as under:-

- 1. State Level Implementation Committee
- 2. State Advisory Committee
- 3. Task Force

It was also decided to establish PMU and a Cell in the Council exclusively to deal with implementation of NEP-2020. This will be funded by Higher Education Department. Process for the implementation of these decisions so notified has been initiated by the Department.

The Council organised a consultative meeting for deliberations on roadmap of State Implementation Committee on NEP-2020 with all the Vice Chancellors of State Funded University on 08.11.2023 at Kurukshetra University. Followed by the first meeting of State Implementation Committee on NEP-2020 was held on 14.12.2023 at Chandigarh, in which all the stakeholders of NEP-2020 made presentations on their progress and initiative towards NEP-2020. The meeting of the Advisory Committee is planned to be scheduled soon. Hon'ble members would be apprised about the progress on continuous basis in the ensuing meetings.

Agenda Item No. 3.14

माननीय मुख्प्मंत्री रिसर्च फेलोशिप स्कीम

Hon'ble Chief Minister Research Fellowships Scheme

Decision:

For promoting the culture of research in the Higher Educational Institutions of Haryana, in keeping with the spirit of NEP-2020, the State Government on a proposal from the Council has approved a scheme namely CM Research Fellowships. A copy of the guidelines was placed before Hon'ble Members for their perusal. The Hon'ble Members were apprised that the Council invited research proposals from the University and College Teachers. The aim is to promote applied-cum-socially relevant



research in areas which are multidisciplinary in nature and cutting across the disciplines of science, humanities and social sciences, and have significant impact areas for achieving the goal of "Atma-Nirbhar Bharat". It is an open-ended scheme with no last date for the submission of research projects till funds are available.

The Council proposes to fund the research projects which would mainly focus on:

- a) Finding solutions to the contemporary problems being faced by various systems including Agriculture, Industry, Social System, Economy and Technology, etc.
- b) To create authentic databases for policy formulations and implementations.
- c) To explore areas of growth for creating more livelihood options for the youth of Haryana.
- d) Research in the emerging areas of science, technology and applications of science and technology.

Council in the first phase received 50 proposals. The upper-ceiling of funding would be Rs. 1 lac each out of which 25 percent will have to be managed either by the sponsoring authority or through CSR. A committee has been constituted to submit recommendations after interaction with Principal Investigator concerned.

The committee is scheduled to meet again on 09.01.2024 for making final recommendations on the received research proposals. The Council plans to make this fellowship on rolling basis, with regular meetings of the committee to review the received pool of proposals.

The Hon'ble Members of the Council appreciated, noted and approved the initiative.

Agenda Item No. 3.15

उत्कृष्ट कार्य करने वाले मेधावी शिक्षकों को राज्य सरकार द्वारा सम्मानित करना

Recognition of meritorious service of faculty with State Award for all teachers in Higher Education by State Government

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Council were apprised that the proposal drafted by the Council is presently with the Department of Higher Education.

With a view to recognize meritorious service of faculty in higher education on the pattern of State Award of School Teachers, a detailed proposal was submitted to the State Government which is at present pending with the Department of Higher Education. This is regularly being followed up. Council will invite nominations once the proposal from the Department is received back by the Council.

Agenda Item No. 3.16

स्नातक स्तर के पाठ्यक्रमों में विषय विशिष्ट जीविकोपर्जन पद्दतियों के समावेश के कार्यान्वयन पर प्रतिपृष्टि/अनुवर्ती।

Feedback/ Follow-up on implementation of subject specific livelihood learning methods in UG courses.



Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Council were apprised that the HEIs are requested to provide status report of the implementation of the project.

With a view to make each subject as skill oriented for enhancing skill potential of students, Council designed a booklet containing 21 subjects at undergraduate level with practical exercise given at the end of each chapter to be completed by the students at undergraduate level. The booklet was e-mailed to Government/Government Aided Colleges, Registrars of State Funded Universities and also DGHE. Feedback in this regard has also been sought from institutions concerned.

The Hon'ble member appreciated the regular follow-up being done on the projects.

Agenda Item No. 3.17

राज्य में विशेष शिक्षा क्षेत्रों की सरंचना

Creation of Special Education Zones in State

Decision:

In the meeting held for reviewing the progress regarding implementation of NEP-2020 in Haryana held on 03.07.2023 at CM's Camp Office Chandigarh which was chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister Haryana and co-chaired by Hon'ble Higher Education Minister Haryana, it was decided as under:

"As per vision of NEP-2020, departments need to put up proposals for creating special education zones by identifying the areas having low literacy rate, gender disparity, socio economic status of the families etc. (Action by School and Higher Education Departments."

The Council has requested DHE and Director Secondary Education to keep sharing regular updates for better coordination and transparency.

Agenda Item No. 3.18

Nomination of member for constituting selection committee for the completion of selection process for the appointment of Vice-Chairperson, HSHEC

The Hon'ble Members of the Council were apprised that Section 8 of the Haryana State Higher Education Council Act, 2018 provides for appointment of Vice-Chairperson. The provision is as under:

"1. The Vice-Chairperson shall be appointed by a three member committee for a period of five years. The Chairperson of the Council shall be the Chairperson of this committee. One member of the committee shall be nominated by the Council and one member shall be nominated by the State Government."

The position of Vice-Chairperson, HSHEC fell vacant on the appointment of Dr. K.C. Sharma as Chairperson of the Council. The position has thus been lying vacant since 03.11.2023. Government may soon initiate the process of filling up of this position soon in view of increasing activities of the Council as Council has also been designated as a Nodal Agency to ponder over, monitor, hand holding, mentor the



progress regarding for the implementation of NEP as a whole encompassing Departments/Stake Holders such as School, Higher-cum-Technical, Women & Child Development, Skill Departments, Universities etc.

Since one of the member of the selection committee is to be nominated by the Council, the matter was accordingly placed before the Hon'ble Members of the Council for nominating one person to act as member of the Committee as and when constituted by the State Government.

Decision:

The Hon'ble Members of the Council unanimously authorised the Chairperson to nominate one person to act as member of the Selection Committee as and when constituted by the State Government.

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Discussion Session

Hon'ble members made the following suggestions in the open discussion:-

- 1. The Council may define a unique mission for implementation of NEP-2020 in the state. The mission can be to focus on improving the international rankings of HEIs in Haryana so as to bring our HEIs in top 50 list. The Council may identify 3-4 institutions (either Public or Private) and also identify their area of specialisation and thrust areas. We may aim that in next 05 years the ranking of such institutions make it to international level. Collaborative efforts may be sought from NGOs and leading private firms. This may be done in a mission mode. Ranking particularly of colleges may be focused upon.
- 2. The Council may keep a separate financial head for Research & Development.
- 3. The Council may focus to become a monitoring body in a pragmatic way, to emerge as a body for hand-holding, solution providing, and supporting HEIs in the state.
- 4. The quality of teachers being recruited needs to be closely monitored and maintained. There are cases where the candidates are producing dubious Ph.D.s, research papers and conference certificates. Quality parameters for the state may be framed.
- 5. Increasing Immigration of students to foreign universities is also a growing concern, as internationalisation of education is part of NEP-2020, this rather needs to be taken care in proper perspective, the focus needs to be on making our institutes to attract foreign researchers and students.
- 6. For Self Financing Courses in Emerging Areas, there is need to frame and implement a clear policy.
- 7. There is a pressing need to curb the trend of Non-attending Courses in the Colleges with a regular check on the Colleges especially SFS B.Ed Colleges. The provision given in NEP i.e. 'By 2030, only educationally sound, multidisciplinary,



and integrated teacher education programmes shall be in force. All stand-alone TEIs will be required to convert to multidisciplinary institutions by 2030, since they will have to offer the 4-year integrated teacher preparation programme.' need to be implemented with utmost seriousness. This also needs to be done for non-attending/ irregular students in regular courses to manage the workload efficiently. NCTE's 4-year ITEP (Integrated Teacher Education Programme) is the solution as it will ensure that outstanding students enter the teaching profession. ITEP needs to be implemented in a phased manner.

8. As per NEP-2020, internship is an important part of course curriculum, there will be a requirement of high number of internship/apprenticeship opportunities which leads to value addition in coming future. For this preparations need to be started now by spreading awareness among the Universities, MoUs with Govt. Deptt., collaborations with private firms, etc. A policy for internship at State Government level needs to be formulated.

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Prof. K.C. Sharma, Chairman of the Council in his concluding remarks said:-

Council by constituting various committees provides recommendations to the State Government on the issues as and when raised by the State Government. Council's main focus is on improving the quality of education in the State of Haryana by implementing the objectives laid down by NEP 2020. Council recently on 14.12.2023 organised the first meeting of State Level Implementation Committee (one of the 03 committees notified by State Govt. for NEP implementation) and will soon organise the meetings of other 02 committees with the aim of fast tracking the implementation of NEP parameters in Haryana in a structured way. Though minimum requirement to convene the meeting of Council Members is twice a year, Council will convene the meetings as and when required.

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Vote of Thanks

Advisor thanked all the Hon'ble Members of the Council present for providing their valuable inputs and insights.

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