

MINUTES OF THE APSHEC MEETING HELD AT CONFERENCE HALL, APSCHE

ON 11-05-2018

I. Approval of SHEP comprising of component wise proposals for phase II RUSA (2018-19 to 2019-20)

a. Component I: *Creation of Universities by way of upgradation of existing autonomous colleges*

03 autonomous colleges which have necessary infrastructural facilities, teaching strength & academic quality will be considered for upgradation to universities with financial support of Rs.55Cr.

No government autonomous college is having the required NAAC CGPA (3.51 above) However, **Andhra Loyala (A) College Vijayawada** is having NAAC CGPA of **3.66** and all other requirement like physical infrastructure, Academic Quality, governance structure etc to be considered for upgradation of the autonomous college into university. Hence the college is proposed under component I.

Submitted for discussion and approval.

Discussion:

- *SPD, RUSA explained the norms of the Component 1 to the council. However the eligible college didn't apply in the CLF portal as they are not willing to hand over the property and the administration to GoAP as per the AP University Act.*
- *The chairman enquired whether any other Govt college is eligible under this component. SPD replied that no Govt Autonomous college is eligible for the same.*
- *The Vice Chancellor, AU advised that the potential autonomous colleges shall be identified and the CGPA be improved within 2 to 3 years with a strategic plan.*

Resolution:

- *The council noted for implementation.*

b. Component 2 – Creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a Cluster

- 3 new cluster universities (public) would be created during the current Plan period with an average allocation of Rs.55 crore per university through the clustering of existing affiliated government and government-aided colleges. These universities will be created by pooling the resources of 3 to 5 existing colleges (2 to 3 colleges for NER States) that have adequate academic, physical and technical infrastructural facilities.
- Colleges with a NAAC grade of 3.51 and above will be eligible. However, in case such a cluster is not possible, the Lead college has to have NAAC score of 3.51 and the participating colleges need to have NAAC score of at least 3.25.
- The purpose of such an intervention is to bring together 3-5 colleges which have the required academic and administrative autonomy (but do not have the power to award degree) and convert them into a university (which has the degree awarding power) through an Act of State Legislature.
- Colleges fulfilling conditions of autonomy under the UGC Autonomous College Regulations, 2018 of the UGC will be eligible.
- Colleges with high Teacher-Student Ratio, Post –Graduate Departments, and having filled 85% of their sanctioned faculty positions etc. are eligible to be considered.
- These colleges selected should offer inter and multi-disciplinary programs.
- Colleges joining the cluster must have the capacity to function as a university when coalesced. This would include, among other factors, the strength and experience of the administrative staff, the number of years that the individual colleges have been functioning, degree of autonomy they have enjoyed in the past, etc.

Funding Priorities:-

(a) Physical Infrastructure

- At least two of the participating colleges should have been in existence for 15 years.
- Should have an existing combined enrolment of 2000 student and the proposed total enrolment of students must be enough to sustain the institution as a university with a minimum enrolment requirement of 4000 students.
- As the university would be a multi-campus university, the physical proximity of the institutions should be such that they are able to share physical and human resources and would be able to facilitate student and faculty mobility (ideally within a maximum radius of 15-20 kms from the lead institution)

(b) Academic Quality

- The new cluster university may be a combination of colleges with autonomous status/ Colleges with Excellence/ College with Potential for Excellence status.
- All participating colleges should have NAAC accreditation of 3.51 and above However, in case such a cluster is not possible, the Lead college has to have NAAC score of 3.51 and the participating colleges need to have NAAC score of at least 3.25.
- Should have teaching programmes in undergraduate and postgraduate courses.
- Must have a few faculty members with excellent research performance through publications, undertaking research projects and guiding research students.
- Should have demonstrated high academic performance in inter-disciplinary teaching and research programmes.
- Should have a Student–teacher ratio (25:1) (combined based on sanctioned strength)

In the above context, it is submitted that the following colleges existing are in Ongole.

- 1. PG Centre of ANU at Ongole**
- 2. GDC (W) Ongole**
- 3. CSR Sarma College, Ongole**
- 4. ABM College, Ongole**

Submitted for necessary discussion and approval.

Discussion:

- *SPD RUSA explained the guidelines for eligibility under this component. As the proposed institution doesn't meet the requirements as this movement, The Spl.CCE advised to strengthen the proposed institutions with more UG courses and to come up with an action plan for the next few years.*
- *The Spl. Secretary, Skill Development Department, GoAP further informed that getting university status to PG Centre, Ongole will cater the needs of the colleges in the district and so as to lessen that burden of ANU.*
- *The chairman, SHEC supported the suggestion given by Spl.CCE that a team of experts may be constituted to study the feasibility of the PG Center, Ongole and the colleges within 5-15km radius of Ongole to be eligible under this component and so as strengthen those colleges on the required parameters.*

Resolution:

- *Considering the low GER of the district, the stake holders into higher education, geographical and socio economic conditions of the district, available land and other physical facilities of the PG Center of Ongole having 3 integrated UG courses and 6 PG courses the council has strongly resolve to propose the institution outside the CLF portal for the upcoming PAB.*

c. Component III: *Infrastructure grants to universities*

Rs.20Cr. for each eligible university will be allotted for meeting critical infrastructural requirements like new construction, renovation and purchase of equipment.

Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati having NAAC grade of 'A' with 3.11 CGPA, is eligible under this component.

Submitted for discussion and approval.

Discussion:

- *The Vice Chairman, APSCHE enquired whether the proposal is placed in the Executive Council concerned. The Vice Chancellors of AU and SPMVV replied that any proposals for any scheme will always be placed for approval and for information in the executive council.*
- *The Vice Chancellor of SPMVV further informed that the DPR is prepared for this component and completed the signup process of CLF portal.*
- *The Vice Chancellor, Andhra University expressed concerns over allotment of civil works at Universities to APEWIDC. He emphasised that the Universities having engineering departments are capable of undertaking the civil works on their own, given that they handle projects worth Rs.15Cr to 20Cr annually. Hence, such Universities shall be exempted from G.O. stating that the civil works under RUSA have to be entrusted to APEWIDC alone. Further he requested that the council should inform the state government and allot the work to CPWD.*

Resolution:

- *The council resolved to approve the proposal of SPMVV under Infrastructure Grants to Universities.*

d. Component IV: *Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities*

Universities with NAAC CGPA of **3.51** and above will be supported to enhance Quality, Teaching and Research. Institutions approved under the component will need to mentor other institutions also.

Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and **Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati** are eligible under funding priorities. Further they will also consider the % of utilization of grants during RUSA 1.0 Hence AU has submitted 100% of UC for the grant released to the university, whereas, in case of SVU, no utilization certificate is submitted though Rs. 10 Crore as first instalment was transferred in Jan 2018.

Placed before the council for discussion and approval.

Discussion:

- *The Spl.CCE, advised the council to arrange a special meeting to all universities proposed under RUSA 2.0 as the Grant of Rs.100Cr. is not exclusively for university. As per guideline the University should mentor other institutions in terms of Teaching-Learning and Research.*

Resolution:

- *Resolved to approve the proposals of Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati for the component – enhancing quality and excellence in state universities.*

e. Component V: *Establishment of New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC) in aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog.*

A support of Rs.12Cr each is provided for creation of colleges with requisite infrastructure (Classrooms, library, Laboratory, Faculty rooms, toilet blocks, and other essential requirements with technological advanced facilities in the districts identified by Niti Aayog.

The districts viz. **Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and Kadapa** are listed in the aspirational districts. In view of the above, the degree colleges as assured by Hon'ble CM are prioritized under this component. They are **Gajapatinagaram, Araku (Women) and Pendlimari** respectively.

These districts have low GER (General), low CPI (College Population Index), High proportion of socially and economically back ward population, low GER for female students and low GER of SC/ST population.

College that will be established using RUSA grants would have to fulfil the following requirements.

- Girls hostels and girls toilets.
- 50% of the capacity of new hostels would be used for socially and economic weaker sections.
- Make the campus disabled-friendly.
- Ensure special facilities/equipments for the disabled.

Further a college in V.Kota of Chittoor district is also identified and included in the proposals, because as per the guidelines, those aspirational districts which have received a model colleges under RUSA 1.0 will not be eligible for funding consideration. When clarified with Joint Secretary, MHRD RUSA in the consultation meeting on 24.04.2018 held at New Delhi, she said that in case of the above to compensate, non aspirational districts with proposed colleges may be considered. Hence, V. Kota which is also under CM's assurance colleges is now proposed for consideration.

Placed before the council for approval.

Discussion:

- *The SPD, RUSA explained the council the moralities of selecting districts by NITI Aayog and the guidelines that are attributed to New Model Degree Colleges.*
- *He further explained why GDC, V.Kota, Chittoor district is proposed though it is not in aspirational district.*

Resolution

- *It is resolved to approve the proposals of GDC- Gajapathinagaram, GDC(W)- Araku and GDC-Pendlimari under New Model Colleges(General). Further resolved the proposal of GDC-V.Kota of Chittoor district(Non aspirational) may be considered in place of GDC-Gajapathinagaram if PAB doesn't allow 2 NMDCs in Vizianagaram district.*

f. Component VI: Upgradation of Existing Degree College into a Model Degree College (UMDC)

Under this component funds of **Rs.4Crores** to each college will be provided for upgradation Existing Government Degree Colleges into a Model Degree College, located in aspirational districts of the state. Support will be for classrooms, Library, Laboratory, Faculty rooms, Toilet blocks and other essential requirements with technological advanced facilities.

Priority for funding, while selecting the colleges will be

- Colleges with NAAC accreditation of **2.0 and above** CGPA.
- High proportion of socially and economically backward population in the district where the college is located.
- Low GER of SC/ST and female students in the districts where the college is located.
- College with large student's population.

Considering the above criteria, the following existing colleges are identified under this component.

1. GDC Salur with NAAC CGPA 2.3

2. GDC Paderu with NAAC 'B' grade

3. GDC Proddutur with NAAC CGPA 2.11

Stand by Colleges:- GDC – Jammalamadugu, GDC – Tiruvuru, GDC – Naidupeta, GDC – Hindupur, GDC – Hindupur (W), GDC – Uravakonda, GDC – Kadiri, GDC – Punganuru, GDC – Karveti Nagaram

Submitted for consideration and approval.

Discussion:

- *SPD, RUSA explained the council that GDC- Paderu, GDC-Salur and GDC-proddutur are eligible under this component duly fulfilling conditions.*

Resolution:

- *Resolved to approve the proposals of GDC-Paderu, GDC-Salur and GDC-proddutur for Upgradation of these colleges into Model Degree Colleges under RUSA 2.0*

g. Component VIII: *Enhancing Quality and Excellence in Existing autonomous colleges*

Colleges with NAAC CGPA **3.51** and above the UGC's Autonomous Regulations, 2018 will be supported with **Rs.5Crores** each to enhance Quality, Teaching and Research. Institutions approved under the component will need to mentor other institutions also.

Considering the above following 02 Govt. Aided colleges **1.Andhra Loyala College, Vijayawada** and **2. St. Theresa Women's college, Eluru** are eligible and fulfilling the funding priorities of the component having NAAC CGPA **3.66** and **3.56** respectively.

Placed before the council for consideration and approval.

Discussion:

- *The Vice Chairman, APSCHE enquired whether the aided colleges be allowed for getting grant under RUSA.*
- *The SPD, RUSA clarified that the RUSA 2.0 guidelines mentioned that both Govt and Aided institutions are eligible to receive grant under RUSA, further informed that these 2 autonomous colleges are only eligible as they are having the CGPA of 3.51 and above.*

Resolution:

- *Resolved to approve Andhra Loyala college(A), Vijayawada and St.Theresa college(A), Eluru for enhancing quality and excellence in Autonomous colleges.*

h. Component IX: Infrastructure Grants to Colleges

Infrastructure grants of Rs.2Crores to each college will be utilized for meeting critical requirements of the institutions (New Construction, Renovation and equipment) while selection, college will be prioritized on the basis of following criteria.

- No. of students
- Year of establishment
- %of SC/ST/OBC/and women students

Further short listing criteria indicators and weightage are on the basis of NAAC CGPA, faculty positions students–teacher ratio and functional governance structure in the colleges.

Considering the above criteria, 05 government colleges and 35 Govt. Aided Colleges are eligible under this component. The list is annexed.

Submitted for consideration and approval.

Discussion:

- *The State Project Director, RUSA informed the council that they are only 5 Govt colleges and 35 aided colleges are eligible under this component*
- *The Vice Chairman, APSCHE enquired about the list of aided colleges that are eligible and Spl.CCE sought clarification why other GDCs are not eligible.*
- *SPD, RUSA presented the list of colleges eligible and clarified that the colleges having NAAC CGPA 2.50 and above are eligible under this component.*

Resolution:

- *The State Higher Education Council resolved to approve the list of all 40 degree colleges under this component Infrastructure Grants to colleges*

i. Component X: Research, innovation and Quality improvement

During the current plan period, 20 state universities who have demonstrated excellence in 2 or 3 thematic areas will be supported upto an amount of **Rs.50Cr.** through a project based funding mode with focus on

theoretical/ empirical and applied R&D to foster innovation and evidence based policy in certain areas of national priorities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Only grade I & II state universities quality under the UGC regulations 2018 will be considered for support.
- Research, innovation and quality improvement will focus on fostering innovation, entrepreneurship and employability, states will be encouraged to prepare a research and Innovation Plan (RIP)
- Selection of universities will be on challenge/ competitive mode and will largely emerge from universities in collaboration with the DST/DBT National labs and industry.
- Universities having undertaken curriculum reforms in one of their flagship department in the last one year.
- As per the eligibility criteria showing in the CLF portal the Universities having NAAC CGPA score 3.01 and above can also apply under this component. Hence ANU, Guntur and SPMVV, Tirupati are also being included

Further shortlisting criteria indicators & weightages based on

- NAAC score
- Faculty positions
- Student, Teacher ratio
- Functional Governance Structure etc
- 5-10 year strategic plan
- Implementation plan for 2years
- Indicating actual financial plan of expenditure for Rs.50cr.

In view of the above, the four universities Viz **Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Acharyan Nagarjuna University, Guntur and Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati** are eligible to apply under this component.

Submitted for consideration and approval.

Discussion:

- *The Vice Chancellor, AU clarified that the Universities having NAAC CGPA 3.26 to 3.50 are categorised under group I of UGC and Universities having NAAC CGPA 3.0 to 3.25 are categorised under group II.*
- *In the above context Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati are only eligible.*
- *Further the universities are directed to submit the detailed proposals with financial allocations.*

Resolution:

- *Resolved to approve Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur and Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati under the component Research, Innovation and Quality Improvement*

j. Component XI: Equity initiatives

15 states will receive funds of Rs.5Cr.under this component. Innovative approach/ scheme to ensure greater inclusion will be considered on priority.

Funding Priorities:

- To improve education of the most vulnerable and marginalized sections.
- In addressing gender disparities, education through language labs, remedial coaching for socially-economically marginalized groups.
- This component would be conditionally approved with release of funds subject to submission of DPR by state.
- **Sri Padmavathi Mahila University** has been entrusted the work for preparation of DPR under this component on behalf of the state, duly considering all the inputs/ proforma information of the format given by GoI.

Hence this special proposal may please be considered favourably and submitted for approval please.

Discussion:

- *SPD, RUSA informed the council that SPMVV prepared the proposal of equity initiatives on behalf of the state.*

Resolution:

The council resolved to approve the proposal of the state for component XI- Equity Initiates for an amount Rs.5Cr.

k. Component XII: Faculty Recruitment support

- The faculty salary as per the 7th pay commission recommendations for Asst.Prof/Lecturer will be provided to **200** faculty positions in India in regular and permanent mode for a period of 02years.
- Further the state must commit to take over the liability of faculty positions as the end of the scheme.
- Priority will be given to those states which have filled all their vacant sanctioned positions. After filling the positions, RUSA would assist the states in hiring additional faculty to bring the students teacher ration to 20:1.

Considering the above, of all state universities Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam has 106 no of sanctioned posts 130 no of posts have been filled in and works out to **81.5 %** of faculty positions. Further this university will attain 85% if faculty positions as the process is to be completed within a month. Hence, it is eligible under this component.

Submitted for discussion and approval.

Discussion:

- *The council appreciated SPMVV for having filled in faculty positions of 106 out of 130 sanctioned.*

Resolution:

- *Resolved to approve the proposal of Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam under the Faculty Recruitment Support.*

I. Component XIII: Faculty improvement

The university HRD centres will be given funds to improve infrastructure and resources for training and capacity building activities. 8 states will be funded Rs.7Cr. each.

Funding priorities:

- Funding would be provided to those Academic Staff College (HRDCs) which are categorized as '**performer**' in the UGC review process.
- Financial assistance will be provided to improve pedagogy, institutional design, refresher, orientation and teacher training proframes for faculty.
- The performing HRD centres who have not received funding under RUSA 1.0 will be prioritized now.
- Funding will be provided to the facilities which are not supported by UGC for enhancing the skills and domain knowledge of faculty in State universities and colleges.

In the light of the above HRD centres of **Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati** are eligible and they have not received funds in RUSA 1.0. Hence, those are now proposed for financial support under this component.

Submitted for consideration and approval.

Discussion:

- *The council is informed by SPD, RUSA only one HRD Centre will be sanctioned per State. Hence the HRD Centre having high score will be sanctioned.*

Resolution:

- *Resolved to approve the proposals of Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and Sri Venkateswara Univeristy, Tirupati under the component Faculty Improvement.*

Component XIV: *Institutional Restructuring, Capacity Building and Reforms.*

- This component provides technical support to states to built their capacities in setting up institutional processes and structures in smooth implementations of the RUSA scheme.
- Financial assistance will be provided through the state's share of MMER grants.
- Financial assistance will be provided to states to strengthen the Technical Support Group of their State Project Directorates and Higher Education Councils, build capacities of their institutional structures for better implementations of the scheme.
- Funding under this component to the extent of Rs.5Crores to large states will be provided to states who have been able to utilize over 75% of the earlier allocation on a First-cum-First basis.
- The states can utilize these responses undertaking baseline surveys, Data collection and Compilation.
- Organise meetings, Consultations, Workshops, Trainings, Hire Consultants, Preparation of state perspective plans/ strategy report, and other preparatory work to prepare the state for the reforms and for setting up/ strengthening SHEC, SRCs and SPD office.

Submitted for consideration & approval.

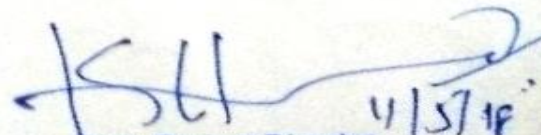
Discussion:

- The Spl CCE requested the council to allocate certain amount for training of faculty and to strengthen LMS – academic reforms undertaken RUSA1.0
- The Vice Chairman, APSCHE requested the council to allocate budget for Un-aided colleges.

Resolution:

- *Resolved to approve the State proposal for institutional Restructuring, Capacity building and Reforms for an amount of Rs.5Cr., AP being a large state.*


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