

MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD (PAB) OF RUSA HELD ON 02nd FEBRUARY, 2016

The 10th meeting of the RUSA PAB was held on 02nd February 2016 at 12.00 hrs. in Hotel Poinisuk, Shillong under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD. The list of participants is attached in Annexure II.

The Chairman PAB welcomed the members of the PAB and the participating states and took up the agenda of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 9TH MEETING OF PAB HELD ON 1st December, 2015

The PAB confirmed and approved the Minutes of 9th Meeting of the PAB with the following amendments:

- i) The conditionality of enhancement of targets under XIIth plan (in the component of upgradation of degree colleges to MDC) for PAB approval to Andaman and Nicobar for one unit under the component – mentioned on page 4 of the minutes of 9th PAB - stands deleted. The PAB is informed that against a total target of 54 colleges for upgradation to MDC, approval had been accorded to 55 colleges till the IXth PAB and therefore fund release to the proposals will be considered on submission of DPR complete in all respects on a first-come first-serve basis till the target is exhausted.
- ii) The total funds approved for the State of Rajasthan for Infrastructure grants to 32 colleges under component 7: Infrastructure Grants to Colleges may be read as Rs. 64 crore instead of Rs. 74 crore on page 17.

AGENDA ITEM 2

APPRAISAL OF STATE HIGHER EDUCATION PLANS OF STATES COMING TO RUSA FOR THE FIRST TIME

A. MEGHALAYA:

PAB decision: PAB approved a total of Rs 97 crores under 4 components namely New Professional College (for 2 new colleges), Infrastructure grants to colleges (for 15 colleges), equity initiatives (state as a unit) and Faculty Improvement (State as unit). *These PAB approvals for the state are only for fully government funded institutions and government-aided institutions receiving salary and maintenance grants from the State government*

For the component New Professional Colleges, the PAB gave approval for 1 engineering college in East Khasi Hills District and during the meeting the State proposed for 1 more professional college focussing on architecture in Garo Hills District. The same was approved by the PAB. (Detailed DPR needs to be submitted for setting up of both the colleges).

For the component faculty improvement, the PAB approved funds for the ASC NEHU which presently conducts faculty training only for central universities; the PAB laid down that the approved funds are to be used by the ASC at NEHU only for conducting training programmes for faculty of Government and Government Aided colleges of the State.

For the component Infrastructure Grants to colleges the PAB accorded approval for 15 colleges out of which two colleges (Kiang Nangbah Govt. College, Jowai- West Jaintia Hills Sohra Govt. College, Sohra - East Khasi Hills), were approved on insistence by the state government that the LOI has been submitted. However it has been noted that LOI for these two colleges has yet not been accepted by NAAC.

Hence the fund release to these two colleges is subject to acceptance of their LOI by NAAC

Funding abstract

S.No	Component	Physical units	Funds approved for the remaining plan period			Conditions
			Total (Rs. in crore)	Central share (Rs. in crore)	State share (Rs. in crore)	
				90%	10%	
1	Component 6: New Professional College	2	52	46.8	5.2	Submission of DPR
2	Component 7: Infrastructure grants to colleges	15	30	27	3	Subject to evidence of acceptance of LOI by NAAC for Sohra Govt College and Kiang Nangbah Govt College
3	Component 9: Equity Initiatives	State as unit	5	4.5	0.5	
4	Component 11: Faculty Improvement	For 1 ASC	10	9	1	Detailed proposal to be submitted. Fund release will be considered on the basis of the merits and requirement in the

						detailed proposal.
	Total		97	87.3	9.7	

List of colleges approved for infrastructure grants:

S.N	Name of the College	District	Category	NAAC Status
1	Synod College, Shillong	East Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	A (2011)
2	St. Anthony's College, Shillong	East Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	A (2014)
3	Shillong College	East Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	Earlier accredited with B Grade 3rd Cycle, LOI accepted. Submitted on 12.03.15
4	Women's College, Shillong,	East Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	B (2014)
5	Lady Kean College, Shillong,	East Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	B (2015)
6	Union Christian College,	Barapani, Ribhoi	Govt. Aided	B (2012)
7	College of Teacher's Education (PGT) Shillong,	East Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	B (2015)
8	Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat,	East Jaintia Hills	Govt. Aided	1st Cycle LOI Submitted & accepted by NAAC dt 17.3.15
9	Nongtalang College, Nongtalang,	West Jaintia Hills	Govt. Aided	1st Cycle LOI submitted & accepted by NAAC dt.21.7.14
10	Snakar Dev College, Shillong,	East Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	B grade accreditation valid upto 18/01/2021
11	Kiang Nangbah Govt. College, Jowai,	West Jaintia Hills	Govt.	LOI submitted
12	Sohra Govt. College, Sohra,	East Khasi Hills	Govt.	LOI submitted
13	Nongstoin College, Nongstoin,	West Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	1st Cycle. LOI submitted & accepted by NAAC dt. 27.6.14
14	Shillong Commerce College, Shillong,	Esat Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	1st Cycle, LOI submitted & accepted by NAAC dt.31.5.14
15	Sngap Syiem Memorial College, Mawkyrwat,	South West Khasi Hills	Govt. Aided	1st Cycle, LOI submitted & accepted by NAAC dt.28.8.14

AGENDA ITEM 3

APPRAISAL OF ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FROM STATES UNDER THEIR SHEPS.

A. ASSAM

The PAB accorded approval for infrastructure grants to colleges for 40 colleges (Rs. 80 crores) and equity initiatives (Rs 5 crores). The fund release to 40 colleges under infrastructure grants would be subject to the state providing UC for 75% overall utilization of central and state share already released.

The PAB thus approved a total of Rs. 85 crore for two components viz. Infrastructure grants to 40 Colleges (Rs. 80 crore) and equity initiatives (Rs. 5 crore). *These PAB approvals for the state are only for fully government funded institutions and government-aided institutions receiving salary and maintenance grants from the State Government.*

Funding abstract

Sl. No.	Component	Physical units	Funds approved for the remaining plan period			Conditions
			Total (Rs. in crore)	Central share (Rs. in crore)	State share (Rs. in crore)	
				90%	10%	
1.	Infrastructure grants to colleges	40	80	72	8	Subject to UC for 75% utilization of central and state share combined
2.	Equity initiatives	State as a unit	5	4.5	0.5	None
	Total		85	76.5	8.5	

List of colleges approved for infrastructure grants:

Sr. No.	Name of the Institution	Grade	Accreditation valid up to
1.	ADP College, Nagaon	A	18/01/2021
2.	Kaliabor College, Kuwaritol, Nagaon – 782137 (Second Cycle)	A	14/11/2020
3.	Nowgong Girls' College, Nagaon, 782002 (Second Cycle)	A	30/04/2020
4.	Biswanath College, Dist. Sonitpur, Biswanath Chariali – 784176 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
5.	Dudhnoi College, Guwahati – 783124 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020

6.	Birjhora Mahavidyalaya, Bongaigaon – 783380 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
7.	Bahona College, P. O. Bahona, Jorhat – 785101 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
8.	Hojai College	B	18/01/2021
9.	Margherita College, Dist. Tinsukia, 786181 (Second Cycle)	B	30/04/2020
10.	Nanda Nath Saikia College, Titabar, Jorhat – 785630 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
11.	Rupahi College, Rupahi, Nagaon – 782125 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
12.	Guwahati College, Kamrup Metro, 781021 (Second Cycle)	B	10/05/2020
13.	Lanka Mahavidyalaya, Rongmahal, Dist. Nagaon, Lanka – 782446 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
14.	Silapathar College, Dhemaji, Silapathar – 787059 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
15.	Teok - C. K. B. College, Dist. Jorhat, Teok – 785112 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
16.	Sonapur College, Sonapur, Guwahati, 782402 (Second Cycle)	B	24/06/2020
17.	Moridhal College, Dist. Dhemaji, 787057 (Second Cycle)	B	02/03/2020
18.	Bhawanipur Anchalik College, Barpeta – 781352 (Second Cycle)	B	13/09/2020
19.	Madhab Choudhury College, Barpeta, 781301 (Second Cycle)	B	10/05/2020
20.	Sibsagar Commerce College, Dist. Sivasagar, 785640 (Second Cycle)	B	30/04/2020
21.	Swahid Peoli Phukan College, Sivasagar, 785684 (Second Cycle)	B	30/04/2020
22.	Abhayapuri College	B	18/01/2021
23.	Digboi College, Tinsukia, Digboi – 786171 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
24.	S. B. Deorah College, Ulubari, Guwahati – 781007 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
25.	Saraighat College, Kamrup – 781101 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
26.	Pramathesh Barua College, Gauripur, Dhubri – 783331 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
27.	Chhaygaon College, Kamrup, Chhaygaon – 781124 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
28.	Naharkatiya College, Naharkatia, Dibrugarh – 786610 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
29.	Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya, Dharapur, Azara, Kamrup, Guwahati – 781133 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020

30.	Kharupetia College, Darrang, P.O. Kharupetia, Mangaldoi – 784115 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
31.	K. R. B. Girl's College, Fatashil, P.O. Bharalumukh, Guwahati – 781009 (Second Cycle)	B	13/09/2020
32.	Sualkuchi Budram Madhab Satradhikar College, Kamrup, Guwahati – 781103 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
33.	Kokrajhar Government College, Kokrajhar – 783370 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
34.	Chilarai College, Golakganj, Dhubri – 783334 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
35.	Dispur College, Dispur, Guwahati – 781006 (Second Cycle)	B	13/09/2020
36.	Khowang College, Khowang Ghat, Dibrugarh – 785676 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
37.	Gogamukh College, P.O. Gogamukh, Dhemaji – 787034 (Second Cycle)	B	13/09/2020
38.	Raha College, Nagaon, Raha – 782103 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
39.	Tingkhong College, Dibrugarh – 786612 (Second Cycle)	B	14/11/2020
40.	Suren Das College, P.O. Hajo, Kamrup, 781102 (Second Cycle)	B	24/06/2020

B. SIKKIM

The Government of Sikkim had given 5 proposals for the 10th PAB. The component –wise discussion is given below:

1. Component 2: Creation of University by conversion of colleges in a cluster - The PAB did not approve proposal of the State for creation of universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster as crucial norms were not fulfilled like none of the colleges were accredited or autonomous.
2. Component 4: New Model Degree colleges – As the 12th Plan limit for 60 MDCs have been exhausted, the State was not given approval for any MDC.
3. Component 6: New Colleges (Professional) - The proposal of the State for new professional college in West District was not approved by the PAB as AICTE does not recognize degrees which are proposed to be offered by the proposed professional college.
4. Component 8: Research Innovation and Quality Improvement - The PAB stated that research and innovation proposal of the State on “Biodiversity, Agricultural Sustainability & Ecotourism of Sikkim Himalayas in the light of Climate Change: Studies and adaptive measures” would be examined by the Expert Committee.
5. Component 10: Faculty Improvement - The State had given proposal under faculty improvement to establish Academic Staff College at Sikkim Govt. Sanskrit College campus at Samdong and had asked funds for training, orientation, Interaction Programmes, Management & Personality development, Curriculum development, Books & e- resources, installation of smart classrooms, renovation of existing infrastructure at Sikkim Govt. Sanskrit college, Samdong to convert and function as ASC. The PAB decided that the proposal can be taken up for consideration only if UGC gives approval for establishment of new ASC in the State.

AGENDA ITEM 4

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Director (RUSA) shared with the PAB and with participating states a collection of best practices of states with respect to RUSA implementation. PAB noted these best practices. The list of best practices can be seen below:

Odisha

The state has tracking and monitoring mechanism for implementation of RUSA through a State Tracking cell. This cell is mandated to track flow of funds and monitor physical progress of the various activities under RUSA. Further State has fast tracked appointments to faculty positions in Universities and colleges thereby bringing the vacancy positions to less than 10%.

Chhattisgarh

The State has set up a quality assurance cell for keeping an oversight on accreditation of State Higher Educational Institutions and has undertaken several initiatives to increase awareness and sensitize

institutions on the need for accreditation. Consequently, the number of institutions submitting LOIs (100), receiving accreditation (47), improvement in grades (universities and colleges) has been enhanced.

Additionally, the State has a process of automatic transfer of State share consequent upon the central share reaching the state treasury.

The State has utilized an elaborate mechanism for incorporating the needs and requirements of institutions for preparing SHEP.

Goa

The State Council for Higher Education is in alignment with the RUSA guidelines.

Maharashtra

The State has the highest number of institutions which have received accreditation. The State has set up a full-fledged functional and pro-active State Project directorate with a technical support group.

West Bengal

The State has functional and well-conceived State Council for Higher Education. The SHEC has been now in operation for more than over a decade it adheres to the important functions and attributes that have been described in the RUSA guidelines.

Andhra Pradesh

One of the important elements of quality assurance and enhancement is that of Academic Audit. In Andhra Pradesh, Academic Audit of institutions on the basis of AADPIs (Academic, Administrative and Development Performance Indicators) and of faculty on the basis of Academic Performance Indicators (APIs) to enhance quality & accountability has been institutionalized.

Karnataka

The State has embarked on a very ambitious plan of technology enabled-outcome based performance, both at the level of institution and at the systemic level. It is currently piloting the use of technology in improving student absenteeism, undertaking timely declaration of results and examination reforms. (100 ICT based initiatives have been chalked out) .

Gujarat

The State has carried out comprehensive baseline surveys while preparing the State Higher Education Plan. In addition to the above initiatives the State is focusing on vocationalization of higher education.

Nagaland

The state research plan has been well conceived. The project not only has high academic value but also embodies a well-conceived integrated approach that touches social dimensions, economic ramifications, and psycho-social impacts for N-E region.

ANNEXURE- I

Approval given by * Project Approval Board (PAB) RUSA in its 10th Meeting held on 2nd February, 2016

(Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Component	Meghalaya		Assam	
		Units	Funds approved for remaining Plan period (Rs in crore)	Units	Funds approved for remaining Plan period (Rs in crore)
1	New Colleges (Professional & Technical)	2	52		
2	Infrastructure grants to colleges	15	30	40	80
3	Research & Innovation				
4	Equity initiatives	State as unit	5	State as unit	5
5	Faculty Recruitment				
6	Faculty improvements	For 1 ASC	10		
	Total		97		85

*** Subject to observance of conditionalities as indicated in the minutes.**

ANNEXURE II - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING ON 02-02-2016

S. No	Name	Designation	State / Ministry
1	Shri .Vinay Sheel Oberoi	Secretary (HE)	MHRD
2	Smt. Ishita Roy	JS(HE) & National Mission Director (RUSA)	MHRD
3	Prof. Avinash Pant	Vice Chairman	AICTE
4	Shri. Amit Shukla	Director UGC, Higher Education	MHRD
5	Shri. Satpal Sharma	Under Secretary	MHRD
6	Prof. B. Venkatesh Kumar	Professor	TISS
7	Ms. Jenice George	Assistant Section Officer	MHRD
8	Shri. Manish Thakur	Commissioner and Secretary	Govt. of Assam
9	Shri. Santanu Kumar Baishita	Head TSG and Associate Professor	Govt. of Assam
10	Shri. Sisir Kumar Baruah	Secretary Education Department	Govt. of Assam
11	Shri. P. K Srivastava	Principal Secretary	Govt. of Meghalaya
12	Shri. D. P Wahlong	Commissioner and Secretary	Govt. of Meghalaya
13	Shri. Chinmay Gotmare	Director, Higher Education	Govt. of Meghalaya
14	Shri. E.P Kharbhih	Commissioner & Secretary	Govt. of Meghalaya
15	Shri. G. P Upadhyaya	Principal Secretary	Govt. of Sikkim
16	Shri. Jitendra Raje	Director, Higher Education	Govt. of Sikkim
17	Dr. Ananya Samajdar	Chief Consultant	RUSA TSG
18	Ms Julie Singh	Consultant	RUSA TSG
19	Ms. Chani Raj	Consultant	RUSA TSG
20	Ms. Suman Shukla	Consultant	RUSA TSG
21	Ms. Sarika Dixit	Consultant	RUSA TSG
22	Shri. Pankaj Yadav	Consultant	RUSA TSG