

**National Council of Educational Research and Training
New Delhi**

**Minutes of the 50th Meeting of the Programme Advisory Committee (PAC)
of NCERT held on 4-5 March 2013**

The 50th meeting of the Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) was held on 4-5 March 2013 in Room No. 202, CIET Building, NCERT, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Director, NCERT. The list of persons who attended the meeting is placed at Annexure – I.

The meeting commenced with a word of welcome by Prof. A.K. Srivastava, Head PMD. He mentioned about the constitution and functions of PAC. He informed the members that 250 programme proposals, put up by different constituents of NCERT for consideration of the PAC, have earlier been recommended by different committees, such as Departmental Advisory Boards (DABs) and Academic Committee (AC) in the case of NIE departments, Institutes Advisory Boards (IABs) and Management Committees (MCs) in the case of RIEs, and Institutes Advisory Boards (IABs) in the case of Central Institute of Educational Technology and Pandit Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education. In case of programme proposals of NIE Departments/Divisions/Cells, these have already been thoroughly discussed in Academic Committee Meeting held on 4-5 February 2013. He also informed the members that research proposals are to be sent separately to ERIC for consideration. Therefore, only developmental, training, extension and some programmes related to monitoring aspects will be considered during the two days of PAC.

In her initial remarks, Prof. Parvin Sinclair, Director NCERT and Chairperson PAC welcomed the members and highlighted the followings for consideration of the members.

- a. The PAC is an academic body which looks into the academic aspects of the programmes proposed by different constituent units of NCERT. The financial aspects and requirement of HR of the various programme proposals will be examined separately by a committee.
- b. The PAC will only examine development, training, and extension programmes. The research programmes should be submitted to ERIC. These programmes need to be inter-departmental, and inter-disciplinary in nature.
- c. Each RIE need to identify nodal persons for programmes under SSA, RMSA, Achievement Survey etc. It would be the responsibility of nodal persons to carry forward the programmes concerning these areas.
- d. It has been clarified from time to time that programmes should be organized from the beginning of the financial year and should be spread throughout the year. Whatever budget is spent till 31st December, the government provides only one-fourth of the same for the period from January to March. So, each constituent should make attempt to uniformly distribute the programmes during each quarter of the year.
- e. The certificates/diploma courses should be made self financial in nature. Also, expenditure in respect of the programmes proposed to be organized at the request of State Governments should be met by the respective State Government.



- f. We need to work out towards offering programmes through distance and online mode.
- g. All NCERT journals should be put in online format with effect from April 1, 2013.

Thereafter, the PAC took the item-wise agenda for discussion. The details of the discussion are given below:

Agenda 1: To confirm the minutes of the 49th PAC meeting held on 16-17 March 2012
The minutes were confirmed.

Agenda 2: To report the action taken on the minutes of the 49th PAC
The actions taken were noted.

Agenda 3: To ratify the programmes approved by Chairperson, PAC since 49th PAC meeting

The PAC ratified the following programmes approved by the Chairperson, PAC since the 49th PAC held on 16-17 March 2012:

1. Meeting on Quality in School Education
2. Review Meeting of 4 years Integrated Course of RIEs
3. Meeting of the History Textbook Development Committee
4. Advisory Committee Meeting for Minority Cell

Agenda 4: To consider and recommend the programme proposals of NIE departments at New Delhi.

Prof. Hukum Singh, Dean (Academic) presented the programme proposals of NIE Departments, which were earlier recommended by the Academic Committee in its meeting held on 4-5 February 2013. The Department-wise recommendations of the programme proposals of PAC for 2013-14 are given below:

Department of Education in Arts and Aesthetics (DEAA)

The following programmes were recommended:

- 23.01: Development of Video Series on Arts Education at Elementary Stage
- 23.02: Development of Teacher's Handbook on Implementation of Art Integrated Learning at Primary level of School Education
- 23.03: Teacher's Handbook in Dance, Music and Theater Supported with a Multimedia Package
- 23.04: Orientation of Master Trainers on AIL at Primary level of School Education
(*A collaborative effort of NCERT & British Council in India*)
- 23.05: Capacity Building of Master Trainers in Arts Education in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas
- 23.06: Capacity Building of Master Trainers in Arts Education for Schools in Scheduled Castes Dominated Areas
- 23.07: Resource Centre Events of Arts and Crafts



