

**MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPROVAL BOARD (PAB)
OF RUSA HELD ON 24TH JANUARY, 2019**

The 15th meeting of the RUSA PAB was held on 24th January, 2019 at 15.00 hours in Shastri Bhawan, under the Chairpersonship of Sh. R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary Higher Education (HE) MHRD.

The Joint Secretary, MHRD & National Mission Director (NMD), RUSA welcomed the members of the PAB and the participating States.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of 14th Meeting of PAB Held On 17th September 2018

PAB Decision: The minutes of 14th meeting of PAB held on 17th September 2018 were confirmed by the PAB.

Agenda Item 2: Appraisal of Proposals of States Uploaded On Challenge Level Funding (CLF) Portal

PAB Decisions:

Component 2: Creation of Universities by Conversion of Colleges in a Cluster

The following 2 Cluster Universities of Maharashtra were approved by the PAB on the condition that the institutions and State Government will submit a commitment that the Universities so created under the component would be State Public (Government) University. Further, the approvals granted to Yashwantrao Chavan Institute of Science and Dhananjayrao Gadgil College of Commerce, Satara - under component 8 in 12th and 14th PAB meeting stand cancelled. All these institutions will receive Rs 55 cr each subject to them enacting a State Public University Act in three months and also submitting an action plan for the institutions.

S.No.	State	District	Institution	Management Type
1.	Maharashtra	Mumbai	a. Hassaram Rijhumal College of Commerce and Economics (Lead College) b. Kishinchand Chellaram College (Constituent College) c. Bombay Teachers Training College (Constituent College)	Govt. Aided

2.	Maharashtra	Satara	a. Yashwantrao Chavan Institute of Science (Lead College) b. Dhananjayrao Gadgil College of Commerce, Satara (Constituent College) c. Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's Chhatrapati Shivaji College, Satara (Constituent College)	Govt. Aided
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Component 3: Infrastructure Grants to Universities

The following 4 Universities have been approved by PAB, including conditional approval for Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University.

S. No.	University	Conditions for Release
1.	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh	Unconditionally Approved
2.	Tamil University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu	Unconditionally Approved
3.	Goa University, North Goa, Goa	Unconditionally Approved
4.	Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Conditionally Approved. The University needs to add courses to become a multi-disciplinary University.

Component 6: Upgradation of Existing Degree Colleges to Model Degree Colleges

The following 13 colleges have been approved by PAB on the condition that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be submitted. For serial number 13, the approval has been granted upon the condition that the college gets NAAC CGPA of at least between 1.5 to 2.5.

S.No	State	District	Name of Institution
1	Jharkhand	Chatra	Ram Narayan Memorial College
2	Jharkhand	Pakur	Kumar Kalidas Memorial College
3	Bihar	Aurangabad	S. Sinha College
4	Jharkhand	Hazaribag	Markham College of Commerce

5	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	Dharma Samaj Sanskrit College
6	Bihar	Purnia (Purnea)	Purnea College
7	Bihar	Gaya	SNS College Tekari
8	Meghalaya	North Garo Hills	Mendipathar College
9	Assam	Dibrugarh	DHSK Commerce College
10	Jharkhand	Sahibganj	Sahibganj College
11	Assam	Hojai	Lumding College
12	Jharkhand	Palamu	Yodh Singh Namdhari Mahila College
13	Arunachal Pradesh	Papumpare	Dera Natung Government College

Component 8: Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select Autonomous Colleges

The following 13 colleges have been approved by PAB.

S. No	Name of Institution	District	Conditions
1	Dr. Bhanuben Mahendra Nanavati College of Home Science	Mumbai City	Detailed action plan to be submitted
2	Guru Nanak Khalsa College Of Arts Science And Commerce	Mumbai City	Detailed action plan to be submitted
3	Changu Kana Thakur Arts, Commerce And Science College	Raigad	Detailed action plan to be submitted
4	Hansraj Jivandas College Of Education	Mumbai Suburban	Detailed action plan to be submitted
5	Chhatrapati Shivaji College	Satara	Detailed action plan to be submitted
6	Sir Parashurambhau College	Pune	Detailed action plan to be submitted
7	Tuljaram Chaturchand College of Arts, Science and Commerce	Pune	Detailed action plan to be submitted
8	Sadguru Gadage Maharaj College	Satara	Detailed action plan to be submitted

9	Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil Mahavidyalaya	Solapur	Detailed action plan to be submitted
10	Chikitsak Samuhas Sir Sitaram And Lady Shantabai Patkar College of Arts And Science And V. P. Varde College of Commerce And Economics	Mumbai Suburban	Detailed action plan to be submitted
11	R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai	Mumbai	Grant of autonomy by UGC. Detailed action plan to be submitted
12	College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan Institute, Mumbai	Mumbai	Grant of autonomy by UGC. Detailed action plan to be submitted
13	Pratap College, Amalner	Amalner	Grant of autonomy by UGC. Detailed action plan to be submitted

Component 9: Infrastructure Grants to Colleges

PAB approved St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, Ernakulam unconditionally for Rs 2 cr.

Component 10: Research, Innovation and Quality Improvement

The University of Madras has been approved on the condition that proposals are peer reviewed.

Agenda Item 3: Issues of RUSA 1.0 Where Approval of PAB was Sought

The PAB approved the following colleges as recommended by the TSG.

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S.No	Name of the State	Name of the Institution	PAB	Reasons for Cancellation	Reallocated To State	Reallocated To Institution
1	West Bengal	Hoogly Mohsin College	9th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB. Central grants released to be adjusted.	Assam	Dhemaji Commerce College, Dhemaji

3	Kerala	HHMSPB CNSS College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram	14th PAB	Duplication of proposal by the State	Assam	North Lakhimpur College, North Lakhimpur
4	Bihar	S. M. S. Giri College, Sherghati, Gaya	7th PAB	Duplication of proposal by the State	Assam	Majuli College, Majuli
5	Uttar Pradesh	Government Degree College, Saidpur, Ghazipur	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Assam	Harhi College, Lakhimpur
6	Uttar Pradesh	Government Degree College, Fathehabad, Agra	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Assam	Jagannath Barooah College, Jorhat
7	Uttar Pradesh	Manyavar Kanshiram Govt. Degree College, Ninova, Farrukhabad	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Assam	Monohari Devi Kanoi Girls' College, Dibrugarh
8	Uttar Pradesh	Government Degree College, Samthar, Jhansi	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Mizoram	Govt. Hrangbana College, Aizawl
9	Uttar Pradesh	Pt.D.D.U. Government Degree College, Mehrauni, Lalitpur	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Tamil Nadu	Kamaraj College, Tuticorin
10	Uttar Pradesh	Government Degree College, Maudaha, Hamirpur	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Tamil Nadu	Dr. Zakir Husain College, Sivaganga
11	Uttar Pradesh	Government Degree College, Rabartsganj, Sonbhadra	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Maharashtra	PDEAs Annasaheb Waghire Arts Commerce & Science College Otur Junnar, Pune
12	Uttar Pradesh	Manyavar Kashi GDC, Nandagram, Ghaziabad	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Tamil Nadu	Thiruvalluvar College, Tirunelveli
13	Uttar Pradesh	Bundelkhand Institute of Technology, Jhansi	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	Tamil Nadu	Popes College Autonomous, Sawyerpuram, Tuticorin
14	Uttar Pradesh	Kamla Nehru Institute of Technology, Sultanpur	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition	Tamil Nadu	DKM College for Women, Vellore

				imposed by the PAB.		
15	Uttar Pradesh	UP Textile Technology Institute, Kanpur	8th PAB	The college has not fulfilled NAAC accreditation condition imposed by the PAB.	West Bengal	Charuchandra College, Kolkata
New Colleges (Professional)						
1	Tamil Nadu	Engineering College, Namakkal	9th PAB	No progress (with zero utilisation). Central grants released to be adjusted.	Jammu and Kashmir	New Professional College, Poonch
2	Tamil Nadu	Engineering College, Thiruvallur	9th PAB	No progress (with zero utilisation). Central grants released to be adjusted.	Bihar	Rohtas/ Kaimur Bhabua/ Navada/ Jamui/ West Champaran

The colleges at serial numbers 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 (for Tamil Nadu) are approved by the PAB on the condition that the State Government submits a commitment by 15th February 2019 stating that the state share of 40% matching grants would be provided from its own budget and not obtained from institutions. If the condition is not complied within the specified timeline, the following institutions would be treated as approved in their place.

S.No.	Name of Institution
1	NSS Training College, Kottayam
2	Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja, Maharashtra
3	Shri J. M. Patel Arts and Smt. M. N. Patel Commerce Mahila College, Unjha, Maharashtra
4	Dnyanopasak Shikshan Mandals College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Parbhani, Maharashtra
5	Psgvpms Science Commerce & S I Patil Arts College Shahada, Maharashtra

Agenda Item 4: Clarification In Respect Of RUSA 2.0 Guidelines

PAB approved the following modifications to the RUSA 2.0 guidelines.

1. Board of Governors to be chaired by the Vice Chancellor
2. Relaxation in respect of land requirement for Model Degree Colleges to be decided on a case to case basis.

Agenda Item 5:

a) MHRD-TISS Agreement on NHERC

PAB approved the revised MoU incorporating the changes suggested by the IFD in the case of National Higher Education Resource Centre. It noted the activities undertaken by the NHERC and approved the activities undertaken so far as reflected in the progress report. The major highlights of the activities include the development of the Strategic Framework for Higher Education and the Management Information System. The MIS developed so far has detailed attributes of various indicators and parameters at the Institutional, State and National Level. The MIS demonstrated during the presentation showcased the time series data collated over the last 5 years. This serves as an important tool for policy leaders, policy makers and institutional leaders to understand the nuances both at a micro and macro levels. The MIS seeks to do an intra and inter state comparison of various attributes and indicators thereby providing evidence based insights and inputs for a better decision support system at various levels of higher education policy planning and implementation. The PAB appreciated the work undertaken on the MIS and suggested that this be shared with states and put in public domain for better dissemination of the findings. It also noted other activities with appreciation and extended the term of the activities and the budget of NHERC till March, 2020.

PAB Decision: The PAB approved the revised MoU between TISS and MHRD with respect to NHERC till March 2020.

b) MoU between MHRD and TISS for RUSA Resource Centre

The item was noted by the PAB and it was decided that it would be examined separately for the approval of Chairman PAB accordingly on file.

Agenda Item 6: Physical and Financial Progress of States

PAB noted and approved the physical and financial progress made by states in RUSA 1.0 and RUSA 2.0.

Agenda Item 7: International Collaborations for 10 Universities Approved Under Component 4 And 15 Colleges Approved under Component 8

PAB approved setting up of a Special purpose Vehicle (Society/Section 8 Company) to facilitate the efficient and effective functioning of these Hubs. The international

collaborations will be monitored by the National Higher Education Resource Centre ((NHERC) to achieve the deliverables and timelines set for each of the university.

The top 10 Indian State Public Universities and their international partners are listed below.

S. No.	State	Indian University	International Partner	Area Of Collaboration
1.	Telangana	Osmania University, Hyderabad	University of Pennsylvania	Education Innovation
2.	Jammu and Kashmir	University of Jammu, Jammu	University of Pennsylvania	Education Innovation
		University of Jammu, Jammu	University of California, Berkeley	Bio Technology and Data Science
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra University, Visakhapatnam	Purdue University	Pharmaceutical and Manufacturing
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati	Northeastern University/Purdue University	Entrepreneurship Innovation/ Pharmaceutical and Manufacturing
5.	West Bengal	Jadavpur University, Kolkata	University of California, Berkeley	Bio Technology and Data Science
6.	Tamil Nadu	Alagappa University, Karaikudi	Drexel University	Bio-Technology and Nano-Technology
		Alagappa University, Karaikudi	Cornell University	Life Sciences
7.	Haryana	Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra	Drexel University	Bio-Technology and Environment
8.	Maharashtra	Savitribai Phule University, Pune	University of California, Berkeley	Startup Accelerator Program, Blockchain and Data Science
9.	Odisha	Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar	Northeastern University	Development Impact Lab and

				Technology Park
		Utkal University, Bhubaneswar	University of California, Berkeley	Data Science and Accelerators
10.	Punjab	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Cornell University	Agriculture
		Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	University of South Florida	Entrepreneurship Innovation and Sports Sciences

Note: Both the Indian Universities and their international partners are still in conversation in identifying further areas of collaboration. Additionally, a number of international partners are still in the process of confirming their consent for participation and collaboration.

Agenda Item 8: Break Up of Expenditure for PM's Visit from MMER

PAB approved incurring expenditure towards digital launch of RUSA projects by Hon'ble PM from NHERC and RRC.

Estimated expenditure to be met out of RRC funds for the digital launch event by Hon'ble PM*	
Advertisement	50,00,000
Documentation	20,00,000
Logistics and infrastructure	15,00,000
Hiring of compere and videography	25,00,000
AV arrangements	30,00,000
Technological Support for Video Conference	50,00,000
Total	1,90,00,000
Estimated expenditure to be met out of NHERC funds for the digital launch event by Hon'ble PM*	
Lodging/Boarding	10,00,000
MIS and online portal	50,00,000
International collaboration for hubs	50,00,000
Travel cost for international participants	20,00,000

Consultants salary and visitations	30,00,000
travel cost for domestic participants	15,00,000
Total	1,60,00,000

*Note: These are only estimated expenditures. The actual expenses may vary and may include components not displayed.

The actual expenditure would be as per the limits set for each component in the MoUs signed between TISS and MHRD.

Additionally, it was informed that the expenditure under RRC would be under the component of MMER grants which has been approved by the Cabinet as 4% of the total scheme cost. Out of this 4%, States are entitled to 1% of the grants and MHRD is entitled 3% of the MMER grants for various expenditures incurred under the scheme. Furthermore, Rs. 5 cr per year has been approved by the Cabinet for the component of NHERC.

PAB Decision: An amount of Rs. 2.00 crore advance for the RRC expenditure and Rs. 2.5cr for the NHERC expenses was approved for release in view of the upcoming event of the Prime Minister.

Agenda Item 9: Component 8 – Enhancing Quality and Excellence in Select Autonomous Colleges

PAB approved as recommended by TSG. Details are at Agenda Item 2 (Component 8 – Serial Number 11 to 13)

Agenda Item 10: Converting St. Joseph’s College into a University under Component 1

The proposal to convert the above was considered and approved in the 12th PAB meeting on 25th May, 2018. The matter has been pending resolution for a while since the Government of Karnataka had been non-committal on the issue of State Share. However, the Government of Karnataka has now communicated that it is willing to contribute its State Share of 40%.

PAB Approval: The above proposal is be approved on the following conditions:

- a) Contribution of State Share of 40% from the State Budget and State Government to support all the teaching and non-teaching positions through salary grants and other grants as is the case now
- b) Creating a Public University Act by the State Legislature
- c) The Public University will be a non-affiliating, unitary one.
- d) A Board of Governors to be formed with State nominee/(s) to be represented

Agenda Item 11: Infrastructure Grants to Colleges

The details of approval of the PAB are given at Agenda Item 3 (Issues of RUSA 1.0 where Approval of PAB was sought)

Concluding Remarks

Chairman, UGC requested the state representatives to stress upon the institutions to follow the Quality Mandate 2018 for improving quality in higher education institutions. The Paramarsh scheme of UGC was also informed to the PAB wherein institutions with high NAAC grading would mentor non-accredited institutions and help them in achieving NAAC grades.

Chairperson, AICTE requested the state representatives to promote autonomy of institutions as affiliation system is not conducive for higher education in the long run. It was recommended that empowerment programmes can be conducted wherein autonomous colleges can guide other colleges regarding the process of achieving autonomy

Prof. Shailendra Mehta, Member, PAB emphasized the need to focus on entrepreneurship training for students, improving curriculum with industry review and strengthening governance reforms as was indicated in the MIS

Finally, Secretary (HE), MHRD requested Chairperson, AICTE to share a note on promotion of autonomy as encouraged by AICTE for circulation to states. Further, he also requested NHERC to share a note on the performance of states as captured by MIS including analytics based on select parameters.

The 15th PAB meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and representatives from the participating states.