

**Minutes of the Meeting of State Higher Education Council (SHEC)**  
**held on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2016 in the Conference Hall, SHEC Office,**  
**BSTBPC Campus, Budh Marg, Patna – 800001**

**Schedule:**

Date : 11<sup>TH</sup> Jan. 2016  
Time : 11:30 am  
Venue : Conference Hall, SHEC Office,  
BSTBPC Campus, Budh Marg, Patna – 800001

1. Agenda for the meeting is enclosed as Annexure I.
2. Attendance sheet of the participants is enclosed as Annexure II.
3. The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Education Minister, Dr. Ashok Choudhary.
4. At the outset, Additional Secretary – cum - Member Secretary – cum – State Project Director (SPD), SHEC, Mr. K. Senthil Kumar, welcomed Hon'ble Minister of Education – cum - Chairman SHEC, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Education, GoB, Dr. D.S. Gangwar, distinguished members of SHEC and invited guests.
5. The SPD then made a presentation on guidelines and priorities of RUSA. He emphasized that RUSA revolved around Access, Equity, Quality & Excellence and Relevance. RUSA emphasized on Reforms in Affiliation, Academic & Examination Systems, Research & Innovations, implementation of MIS, NAAC Accreditation, etc.
6. He then presented a brief picture of Higher Education in the State in terms of GER which was as low as 13% (approx.) as compared to the All India average of 23.6% (2014-15) and enrolment in under graduates and post graduates in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
7. He informed that rate of transition from State Boards to Colleges is approx. 50%, which is a matter of concern. Copy of the presentation is enclosed as Annexure III.
8. He informed that an amount of Rs. 22.20 crores (Gols Share) has been received by State Govt. Rs. 6 crores have been received Under Component -3: Infrastructure Grants to Universities (for One University) and Rs. 16.20 crores for Component -7: Infrastructure Grants to Colleges (for 27 Colleges).
9. Principal Secretary then addressed the members. He raised concern that Bihar is grappling with abysmal Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of barely around 13% in higher education and that there is complete absence of any degree college in Sheohar District and around 240 blocks of the state.
10. Principal Secretary informed that the position of access at Sheohar was brought to the notice of VC, BRABU on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2016. Within a week a distance education center was opened there. On 11<sup>th</sup> of Jan., this Centre has an enrolment of over 1000 students, which speaks of the growing requirement of higher education even in rural areas like Sheohar.
11. Thereafter, the agenda of the meeting were taken up for discussion, deliberation and decision making.

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S. No.	Agenda	Decisions
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting of SHEC held on 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014	Confirmed. Suggestion to prepare Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the last meeting and forth on.
2.	Post-facto approval of expenses occurred on SHEC till date	Approved
3.	Post-facto approval of services taken on outsourcing for office work	During the discussion SPD deliberated about the necessity of recruitment/engagement on contractual basis of an academically well qualified person/ consultant to deal with the technical aspects under SHEC to ensure smooth functioning as per the provisions /guidelines laid down for recruitment of the consultants in the Bihar State planning Board. Vice Chairman too emphasized the need for the same and requested for early action in this regard. Proposals approved
4.	Setting up of team to audit, ensure non-diversion of grants & timely availability of utilisation certificates	Approved
5.	To obtain vacancies of Asst. Professors with roaster clearance (subject wise) till March 2016 including backlogs.	The Universities to comply by 31 <sup>st</sup> of March 2016.
6.	To obtain a post wise list of University Officers posted during January 2010 to December 2015	Universities to comply by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016 positively. Tenure to be fixed.
7.	To prepare baseline data for the teaching and non teaching staff working in institution of Higher Education including Affiliated Colleges	Approved
8.	To consider steps for Academic Reforms: i) Academic Calendar ii) Redesigning of Course Curriculum & implementation of Choice	Academic Calendar from all Universities to be received by SHEC on urgent basis. a) Committee for Academic Reforms to study, discuss, deliberate, and suggest to SHEC:

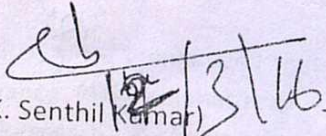
	Based Credit System iii) Semester System	1. Dr. Pandit P Palande, VC, BRABU 2. Dr. S.M. Karim, Pro VC, AKU 3. Dr. R.K. Verma, Pro VC, PU
9.	Examination Calendar & its implementation	All Universities to submit Examination Calendars to SHEC
10.	NAAC Accreditation of all universities & constituent colleges	Committee formed to look into NAAC Accreditation 1. Dr. Rajmani Sinha, Former VC, LNMU 2. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Former Principal, TPS College, Patna 3. Dr. M. Jessie, Principal, PWC, Patna
12.	MIS for better Academic, Administrative & Financial Management in Universities & Colleges	Committee formed for MIS & ICT 1. Mr. K. Senthil Kumar 2. Mr. Sanjivan Sinha, MD, BSEIDC 3. Dr. R.K. Verma, Pro VC, PU
13.	e-Library & e-Learning	Universities & Colleges to comply
14.	Career Counseling & Placement Centres in Universities & Colleges	
15.	Any other matter with the permission of the Hon'ble Chair i) Formation of Technical Support Group (TSG) ii) Release of Matching Grant from the State Govt. to SHEC. Thereafter, release of funds to Institutions as per RUSA Norms	Approved

The other points of discussion were:

12. Since GER needs to be raised to 30% (as per Mission Manav Vikas, Bihar Govt., possibilities of opening study centres, self-financing mode of imparting education, education through distance mode, opening of new Institutions, etc., need to be explored. GER needs to be improved against timeline.
13. The members discussed in detail Academic Reforms, Administrative Reforms, Revision of Curriculum, introduction of CBCS, how to improve Access, Equity, etc., in Higher Education system.
14. Principal Secretary asked the VCs to examine possibilities for expanding the capacity of Colleges/ Universities in terms of seats by 3<sup>1st</sup> of March, 2016. State Govt, will consider all support in terms of faculty, resources, labs, etc. He also deliberated in details the concept of Choice Based Credit System and the beneficial implications of the same for the students.

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15. The members mulled the idea of possibilities of upgrading the existing Academic Staff Colleges (ASCs), now known as Human Resource Centers as well as establishing new ASCs. In addition to the other universities are also requested to send the proposal for new ASC for consideration under UGC/RUSA
  16. The members suggested for streamlining examinations through a common Examination Board.
  17. In his Presidential Address, the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Dr. Ashok Choudhary appreciated the Higher Education team for their efforts
  18. He reposed trust in the able and dynamic Officers of the Dept. and expressed that with systematic and sustained effort, we could achieve our goals.
  19. He also suggested inviting VCs of Bihar, who are not the members of the Council, in the forthcoming meetings of SHEC, as special invitees. He also directed the office bearers to ensure proper logistical and other required support for proper conduct of committee meetings.
  20. Thereafter, Dr. Kameshwar Jha, Vice Chairman, SHEC, expressed that under the leadership of the dynamic Chairman, visionary Principal Secretary, he was hopeful of achieving the set targets. He thanked the members for making the meeting so successful.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.

  
(K. Senthil Kumar)  
Additional Secretary-cum -  
Member Secretary-cum -  
State Project Director  
SHEC