

**Minutes of the first meeting of the Puducherry State Higher Education Council (PSHEC)
held on 23rd February 2015**

The first meeting of the Puducherry State Higher Education Council of the Union Territory of Puducherry was held on 23rd of February 2015 at 11.30 am under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The following were present:

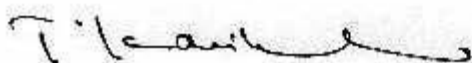
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| 1. Thiru N.Rangasamy
Hon'ble Chief Minister | Chairman |
| 2. Thiru G.Ragesh Chandra,
Secretary (Education) | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Thiru T.Karikalan
Special Secretary & DHTE | State Project Director |
| 4. Dr.K.Muthuchelian
Former Vice-Chancellor & Director | Member |
| 5. Dr.E.M.Rajan
Former Principal | Member |
| 6. Dr.M.P.Ramanujam
Professor of Botany (Retd) | Member |
| 7. Rev.Fr.Dr.J.Paul
Secretary, Pope John Paul II College of Education | Member |
| 8. Dr.K.A.Gunasekaran
Professor of Performing Arts | Member |
| 9. Dr.D.Govindarajulu
Principal, PEC, Puducherry | Member |
| 10. Dr.Tamizharasi Thamizhmani
Director, KMCPGS | Member |
| 11. Dr.V.Ramasamy
Principal, AAGASC, Karaikal | Member |
| 12. Dr.R.Sundaram
Principal, Dr.S.R.K.GAC, Yanam | Member |
| 13. Dr.V.Jayachandiran
Principal, MGGAC, Mahe | Member |
| 14. Thiru.D.Sandanasamy,
Principal, Karaikal Polytechnic College | Member |
| 15. Thiru. A. Augustian Lucian Tiague
Under Secretary(Finance) | Co-opted Member |
| 16. Er.S. Manogaran,
Chief Engineer, PWD, Puducherry | Co-opted Member |
| 17. Dr.T.Savadamuthu
Principal, PKCE, Karaikal | Co-opted Member |
| 18. Dr.S.Mohandoss
Associate Professor & HOD, TAC, Puducherry | Member Secretary |

Thiru. Sriram Subramanya, and the Government of India nominee could not attend the meeting.

The Director of Higher & Technical Education-cum-State Project Director welcomed the members and the members introduced themselves to the Chairman.

The State Project Director briefed the action taken so far on the implementation of RUSA in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The Member Secretary presented the agenda items for discussion.


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Member Secretary


Item-1: Status report on the implementation of RUSA In the Union Territory of Puducherry

On the status of implementation of RUSA, the members were appraised of the various steps taken for fulfilling the prerequisites to get the funding from RUSA.

- The willingness to participate and commit to fulfil all the prerequisites under the scheme was conveyed to MHRD by the Government of Puducherry.
(Lr. No. 12525/CS(H&T.Edn)/E3/2014, dt. 09-09-2014 of the Secretary to Government (Education) Puducherry.)
- The Executive order for the formation of the Puducherry State Higher Education Council was issued.
(G.O.Ms.No, 112, dt 20-10-2014 of the Chief Secretariat(Education), Puducherry.)
- The Selection committee was constituted which met on 18-11-2014 & 19-11-2014 and recommended the members of the Puducherry State Higher Education Council.
(G.O. Ms. No. 118, dt. 12-11-2014 of the Chief Secretariat(Education), Puducherry)
- Based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, the Puducherry State Higher Education Council was formed.
(G.O. Ms. No. 122, dt. 15-12-2014 of the Chief Secretariat,(Education), Puducherry.)
- In the mean time, the 20 eligible Government and Government Aided Society Colleges of Arts & Science, Engineering, Education, Law and Polytechnic Colleges were directed to submit the "Institutional Development Plan" (IDP) for all the components listed under the RUSA scheme.
- The State level bodies like State Project Directorate and the Technical Support Group were formed
(Order No. 005/DHTE/RUSA/PSHEC/SPD/2014/10, dt. 30-12-2014.)
- The Board of Governors and the Project Monitoring Unit were formed at the institutional level in each college.
(Order No.006/DHTE/RUSA/PSHEC/BOG/2014/11, dt. 30-12-2014)
- The Institutional development plans of the colleges were scrutinized and based on their requirements the State Higher Education Plan was prepared by the Technical Support group and submitted to the State Project Directorate.
(Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Support Group, dt. 13-01-2015)
- The State Project Directorate has submitted to the Puducherry State Higher Education Council for its approval and forward the same to MHRD(RUSA) for sanction and release of grants.
- The State Higher Education Plan is being presented to the Puducherry State Higher Education Council for approval and submitted to MHRD for sanction and release of Grants.

SHEC Decision:

The Council was appraised of the action taken so far on the implementation of RUSA


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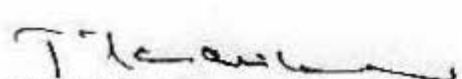

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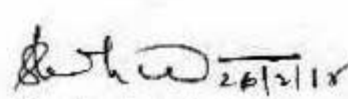
Item-2: Appraisal of the State Higher Education Plan for XII plan period

The members were appraised of the State Higher Education Plan and the same was placed before the SHEC for its approval and permission to submit to MHRD for sanction and release of funds.

STATE HIGHER EDUCATION PLAN

Sl. No.	Name of the College in descending order of importance	Comp 1	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Comp 11	Comp 14	Comp 17
1	Indira Gandhi College of Arts & Science, Puducherry		200	75	500	52.20	1000	1000	
2	Rajiv Gandhi Arts & Science College, Puducherry		200	75		87.00			
3	Kasthuriba College for Women, Villianur, Puducherry		200	75		52.20			
4	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Karaikal		200	85		261.00			
5	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Arts College, Puducherry		200	75		52.20			
6	Tagore Arts College, Puducherry		200	75		174.00			
7	Arignar Anna Govt. Arts & Science College, Karaikal		200	75		52.20			
8	Avvaiyar Govt. College for Women, Karaikal		200	75		174.00			
9	Mahatma Gandhi Govt. Arts College, Mahe		200	75		52.20			
10	Dr. Servapalli Radha Krishnan Govt. Arts College, Yanam		200	75		52.20			
11	Bharathidasan Govt. College for Women, Pondicherry		200	85	500	174.00	1000	1000	
12	Kanchi Mamuniver Centre for Post Graduate Studies, Puducherry		200	75		52.20			
13	Pondicherry Engineering College, Pondicherry	5500	200	95		52.20			
14	Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Puducherry		200	80		52.20			
15	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar College of Education, Karaikal		200	75		52.20			
16	Motilal Nehru Govt. Polytechnic College, Puducherry		200						330.00
17	Womens Polytechnic College, Puducherry		200						337.00
18	Karaikal Polytechnic College, Karaikal		200						237.00
19	Indir Gandhi Polytechnic College, Mahe		200						337.00
20	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Polytechnic College, Yanam		200						337.00
Total grant Required (Rs. In Lakhs)		5500	4000	1170	500	1392	1000	1000	1578
Grand Total for the Proposal (Rs. In Lakhs)							16140		


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 Member Secretary

SHEC Decision:

The members were appraised of the mode of preparation of the State Higher Education Plan and the detail of proposals in this Plan for eight components for which a grant of Rs. 161.40 Crores were required by 20 eligible colleges as per the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) submitted by them.

The State Higher Education Plan was placed before the Council which was approved and accorded permission to submit to MHRD for sanction and release of funds.

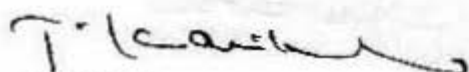
Item-3: Consideration for approval for the utilization of the preparatory grant received from MHRD

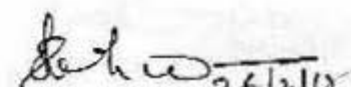
The members were appraised of the preparatory grants received and presented the proposed expenditure to be incurred out of the 1st instalment of the Preparatory grant:

	<u>Rupees (in Lakhs)</u>
1. Renovation and repair of the Building for the office of RUSA	: 15.00
2. Salary /Wages to the Staff	: 150.00
3. Honorarium	: 20.00
4. Purchase of furniture for the office of RUSA	: 10.00
5. Purchase of Computers, Printers, UPS etc	: 10.00
6. Establishment of Conference Hall	: 15.00
7. Installation of Generator (25 KV)	: 10.00
8. Stationary & other contingent Expenses	: 10.00
9. Purchase of Vehicle	: 10.00
10. Travel Expenses	: 15.00
11. Expenses for the conduct of the meetings of PSHEC and other State Level Bodies.	: 20.00
12. Other charges	: 15.00
Total	: 300.00

SHEC Decision:

Considered and approved the proposed expenditure except the purchase of vehicle, but the vehicle may be hired whenever necessary as per government norms. However necessary sanction may be obtained from the Vice-Chairman-cum-Secretary (Education) as and when required.


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Member Secretary

Item-4: Consideration for the approval for the authorised signatories of the RUSA Bank account.

As per the guidelines a set of TWO designated signatories at the state level and two designated signatories at the institutional level should be notified and both of them should jointly sign the cheques/issue electronic instruction for e-banking to operate all bank accounts. Hence it was recommended that the following may be approved to operate the account of RUSA:

1. State Level Account of RUSA : a) State Project Director
b) Member Secretary, PSHEC
2. Institutional level Accounts : a) Principal/Director
b) Accounts Officer/Superintendent/
Senior most Faculty

SHEC Decision:

The Council approved the recommendation.

Item-5: Consideration for the approval for the appointment of Chartered Accountant for auditing of the RUSA Account.

As per the Draft Guidelines for consultation the accounts has to be audited annually by an independent Chartered Accountant appointed by the SHEC. The audited annual account must be submitted by the SHEC to the Mission Directorate. Hence the Council has to appoint a private Chartered Accountant.

SHEC Decision:

The Council approved for the appointment of an Independent Chartered Accountant for auditing the accounts of RUSA at State and Institutional Level, after following the government procedure.

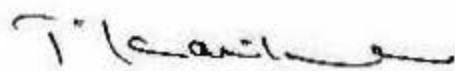
Item -6 : Any other matters with the permission of the Chairman.

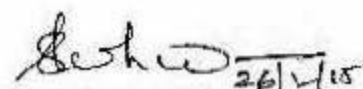
The members suggested the following for discussion with the permission of the Chairman:

1. The Puducherry State Higher Education Training Institute proposed in Component-11 may be established in the campus of Indira Gandhi College of Arts and Science, Kadirkamam, Puducherry where the required land is available.

SHEC Decision :

After discussion, the Council approved the proposal.


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2. The members suggested that a sub-committee in PSHEC may be constituted to inspect the various colleges and submit a report to the government for the improvement of quality of Higher Education in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

SHEC Decision :

The Council approved the formation of Sub-Committee consisting of the following members:

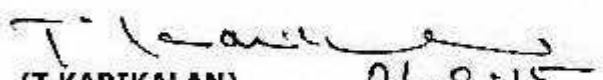
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| a. Director of Higher and Technical Education | - | Convenor |
| b. Dr.K.Muthuchelian | - | Member |
| Former Vice-Chancellor & Director | | |
| c. Dr.E.M.Rajan | - | Member |
| Former Principal | | |
| d. Dr.M.P.Ramanujam | - | Member |
| Professor of Botany (Retd) | | |
| e. Dr.S.Mohandoss | - | Member |
| Associate Professor & HOD, TAC, Puducherry. | | |

The Committee will inspect all the colleges and suggest the reforms and restructuring to the Government of Puducherry in order to improve the quality of Higher Education.

3. The members felt that the State Project Director-cum-Director of Higher and Technical Education and the Member Secretary of PSHEC shall act as liaison officers between MHRD, New Delhi and the Government of Puducherry.

SHEC Decision :

The Council approved the proposal.


(T.KARIKALAN) 26.2.15
STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR
& DIRECTOR OF HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION


(Dr.S.MOHANDOSS)
MEMBER SECRETARY-PHSEC