

Minutes of the Core Advisory Group (CAG) meeting held under the Chairmanship of Director Elementary Education held on 28th September, 2016 at Committee room, Secretariat, Shimla.

List of the participants:

1. Mr. Manmohan Sharma, Director Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh.
2. Mr. Ghanshyam Chand, State Project Director, SSA, Himachal Pradesh.
3. Mr. D.R. Chauhan, Planning Coordinator, SSA, SPO, Shimla.
4. Mrs. Shubhra Banerjee, State R&E Co-ordinator, SSA, SPO, Shimla.
5. Mrs. Tarvinder Negi, DPO cum Principal DIET, Solan.
6. Mr. L. R. Negi, DPO cum Principal DIET, Kinnaur.
7. Mrs. Anima Sharma, SPO Shimla
8. Mrs. Babita Thankur, DIET Solan
9. Mrs. Anuradha Sharma, DIET Shimla
10. Mr. D. K Mehta, DIET Bilaspur
11. Mrs. Promila, CHT Ghagus, Bilaspur
12. Mrs. Birma Thakur, CHT Tuttikandi, Shimla
13. Mr. Devender Kumar, CHT Kotgeha, Bilaspur
14. Mrs. Parveen Gupta, CHT Kasauli, Solan
15. Mrs. Seema Rani, CHT Chamian, Solan
16. Mrs. Meera Balchandaran (LLF)
17. Mrs. Shatrupa Dasgupta (LLF)
18. Mr. Vinay Mehra (LLF)
19. Mr. Nitin Chandel (LLF)
20. Mr. Lalit Parihar (LLF)
21. Mr. Vinay Kumar (LLF)

Meeting Agenda: To share the Project Update (SAR & QEIC) 2015-16 & Roadmap ahead:

Meeting started with a welcome note by the Research and Evaluation coordinator, SSA, SPO, she briefly shared and updated about the task and support given to the State by LLF and also the agenda for the meeting. Implementation strategies of CCE program in 406 pilot schools by LLF was shared in detail. Also updates of ongoing school activities wherein field facilitator are conducting various activities like quiz, painting, essay and debate competitions and its positive impact on teaching and learning process was shared. The contribution made by the Field Facilitators (FFs) of LLF, teachers and schools are contributing for prizes to encourage students was highly appreciated. All the stakeholders are pleased with the support they are getting from schools and intend to extend it to the next stage.

Mr. Vinay Mehra, made a presentation of LLF activities in the State under different programs. He further made a presentation of Quality Education Initiative Cell (QEIC) and program in 406 schools in detail:

State Project Director, SSA/RMSA asked the participating CHT's regarding their field experience with field facilitators. Mrs. Seema CHT Chamiyan, shared the positive change that can experienced in school now regarding teaching with the help of lesson plans, maintenance of student portfolio, class room activities etc. She was appreciative of FFs supporting teaching learning process with different activities, ideas and usage of assessment data for student learning.

Director Elementary Education, Department of Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh enquired about participation of parents during SMC meeting and suggested the need of involving parents to increase the quality of education. It was heartening to know from CHT's that parent's attendance in SMC meetings has started increasing considerably and student's performance, their portfolios and achievements are also shared with parents during meeting.

LLF shared the enhancement in student's learning in 406 schools; comparing 2012 Baseline to 2016 End line test conducted by 3rd party for selected program schools. **Director Elementary Education**, asked if the survey figures shown here are matching with the surveys conducted by the State. State Research and Evaluation coordinator added that LLF has also done analysis of the terminal assessment results of 2015 Vs 1st term (SA-1) 2016 conducted by the State and there is improvement in nearly all classes across 4 districts. The result analysis of four districts was also shared with all participants. (Annexure-1)

State Project Director, SSA/RMSA, suggested that such analysis should also be done at cluster level and teachers should be mentored at cluster level to deal with the students have low performance.

State Project Director, SSA/RMSA, mentioned that text books are not being used properly in the schools, teachers are not using work books and spaces provided in the chapters for corrections. Books are there to be used by students and students should make maximum use of it.

Director Elementary Education mentioned that State is focusing on examination reforms where question papers should deal with lower order to higher order thinking questions and also proposed uniformity in setting of question papers. Question papers should be drafted at block level and can be exchanged with other blocks.

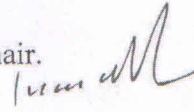
LLF shared the QEIC overview and role of work stream champions and requested that a meeting of work stream champions at the earliest to discuss how to roll out quality initiatives and also to define the role and responsibility of SSA and DEE.

LLF presented the EMIS, shared the idea behind developing EMIS is to maintaining student learning records, history and trends of students learning and thereby addressing the learning gaps. It was also decided that soon time would be taken from the Hon' able Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh for the distribution of TABs to 100 schools with EMIS loaded.

In way ahead - it was shared through a presentation that a new model for LLF to scale up monitoring in all districts of Himachal. LLF to support the State, in the establishment of QEIC and implementation of CCE State wide through its experts and also with the help of on field support.

LLF will also design an Application based electronic monitoring solution which can be later integrated with the existing EMIS. The application based solution will support the monitoring and strengthening of classroom teaching learning process and help data based decision making and mentoring at all levels.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M. M.', is written above the official title.

**Mission Director SSA cum
Director Elementary Education
Directorate of Elementary Education,
Shimla.**