

Government of India
Ministry of Culture
National Mission on Libraries (NML)

**Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the National Mission on Libraries (NML)
held on June 18, 2014 in the Conference Room of Central Secretariat Library,
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110 115**

List of Members present in the meeting is placed at Annex 'A'.

At the outset, Shri Ravindra Singh, Secretary (Culture) welcomed the Members and Special Invitees present in the meeting.

Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

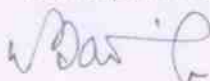
Item 1 : To confirm the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the National Mission on Libraries held on July 09, 2013:

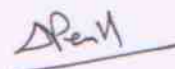
As no comment was received, the Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the NML held on July 09, 2013 were confirmed.

Item 2: Action Taken Note on Sixth Meeting of the National Mission of Libraries.

The Committee noted the action taken on the Sixth Meeting of the National Mission on Libraries, presented by Shri K.K. Banerjee, Mission Director and Director General, RRRLF and observed the following :

- a) The order for survey of public libraries be placed on approved agency by July 01, 2014. Dr. H.K. Kaul mentioned that the conditionalities pointed out by the Survey Sub-Committee should be included in the work order and agreement with the agency selected for conducting the survey.
- b) Professor Deepak Pental, Chairman advised that a dialogue with the Ministry of Human Resource Development should be opened to include the school libraries in the agenda of National Mission on Libraries. The Committee authorized Shri V. Srinivas, Joint Secretary (Culture) to discuss with his counterpart in the Ministry of HRD on various issues regarding up-gradation






of infrastructure of school libraries and utilizing the school libraries to provide services to the public.

- c) Dr. H.K. Kaul desired that discussions with states be initiated to decide as to what is to be included in the contents of National Virtual Library of India.
- d) CPWD should be asked to complete the work of renovation and refurbishing of the office accommodation at Janpath by July 01, 2014.
- e) As financial provision for community information service has already been included in the EFC note, approved by the Cabinet, a suitable information infrastructure is required to be developed for providing community information service.
- f) Guideline for model public library that are to be assisted under NML's programme may be prepared keeping in view the UNESCO guidelines and circulated among the Members.


While perusing the action taken on the recommendations/suggestions received from Dr. H.K. Kaul, the Committee desired :

- a) To consider community participation in content development.
- b) To take up with DELNET the issue of providing DELNET access to public libraries.
- c) The issue of networking of 10000 libraries and modernization of 2000 libraries and up-gradation of all public libraries should be appropriately addressed while preparing the proposal/memorandum for submission before the 13th Finance Commission.









Item 3: To report progress of work since the Sixth Meeting of the National Mission on Libraries:

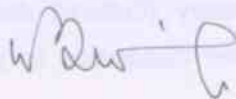
The Committee noted the report on the progress of work since the Sixth Meeting. Thereafter, a presentation on the prototype for the National Virtual Library was presented by Ms. Pratibha Singh, Senior Technical Director of NIC and observed the followings:

- a) The Committee agreed, in principle, to the proposal of NIC but desired that the design for the NVLI should be kept flexible for any modification at a later date. The Committee also desired that NIC should work in coordination with similar projects available in the Ministry of Human Resource Development so that both the projects in these two ministries are compatible. The Committee also recommended that necessary provisions should be made for exchange of information with National Electronic Library Project to be developed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development as well as with other digital libraries such as DLI, INFLIBNET etc.
- b) Secretary (Culture) proposed that a National Conference may be organized after August 15, 2014 to discuss issues related to implementation of projects of NML with the representatives of States Governments/Union Territory Administrations and the scope of National Mission on Libraries may be enhanced after discussion with the stakeholders.

Chairman desired that there should be a specific and clear agenda for stakeholders meeting.. Chairman also suggested that State libraries may be asked to develop proposals on digitization of materials available in the regional languages and this matter may also be taken up in the meeting with the State Governments.

Item 4: To consider the items of work proposed to be undertaken and the proposed budget allocation for 2014-15 under various project heads:

- a) Proposal to allocate a budget of Rs. 30.00 crores towards creation of NVLI and digitisation/content creation/engage a Consultant for the year 2014-15.





- b) Proposal to allocate a budget of Rs. 17.00 crores for modernization of six libraries under the control of Ministry of Culture for the year 2014-15.
- c) Proposal to allocate a budget of Rs. 15.00 crore for modernization and up-gradation of infrastructure of State Central Libraries and District Libraries for the year 2014-15.
- d) Proposals to approve the projects received from Central Secretariat Library, National Library, Kolkata; Delhi Public Library, Delhi; Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna and Thanjavur Maharaja Serfoji's Mahal Library, Thanjavur.
- e) Proposal to allocate a budget of Rs. 2.00 crore for conducting survey of public libraries which is to be completed within nine (9) months from the date of awarding the work.
- f) Proposal to conduct 20 capacity building programme and to allocate a budget of Rs. 3.00 crore for the year 2014-15.
- g) Proposal to allocate Rs. 3.00 crore towards project administration cost for the year 2014-15.
- h) Training programmes may be implemented through recognized institutes/universities etc. Training may be given to existing library professionals. There should be a provision for training of trainers. Specialized training may be given to librarians/professionals working in the children libraries.

Item 5 : MoU with Ministry of Culture :


The Committee perused the action taken on the MoU of NML executed with the Ministry of Culture. Secretary (Culture) desired that the Key Performance Indicators should be further customized as per the mandate of the National Mission on Libraries.



Item 6 Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

1. The Committee considered the proposed draft for training policy. Professor Deepak Pental, Chairman opined that the best people be considered for training and the quality of trainer should also be of high standard. The Committee desired that the course content be developed after thorough study and should include training on ICT applications. The Committee also desired that the draft training policy and the proposal submitted by TERI may be forwarded to the Members for their comments and the Members had agreed to send their comments separately.
2. The Committee also perused the presentation of the INFLIBNET and deliberated on the issue that how can INFLIBNET contribute the NML. The Committee felt that a system can be worked out for collaboration with INFLIBNET specifically for e-journal/e-books services etc. and decided that RRRLF and INFLIBNET may have a dialogue in this regard and submit a proposal in the next meeting of HLC.
3. The committee noted the proposal received from Vice Chancellor, JNU for setting up a permanent place for activities of NVLI . Keeping in view one of the recommendation of the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) regarding creation of ILIS it was decided that Dr. ARD Prasad will also submit a proposal on setting up of ILIS which will take care for creation and maintenance of NVLI as well as research and development works for customisation of the digital content of Indian languages for NVLI as well as the training to be imparted under Capacity Building Programmes which will also include the preparation of training module for different categories of trainees for consideration. Hence the Committee decided that a base paper may be prepared on the basis of the proposal of JNU and ILIS and be placed before the next meeting of HLC.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


 (K. K. Banerjee) 26/06/2014
 Director General, RRRLF
 and Mission Director, NML


 (Deepak Pental)
 Chairman, National Mission on Libraries

Seventh Meeting of National Mission on Libraries held on June, 18th, 2014Members Present

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| 1. Prof. Deepak Pental | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Ravinder Singh | Member Convener |
| 3. Shri B.S.Baswan | Member |
| 4. Dr. H.K.Kaul | Member |
| 5. Dr. A.R.D.Prasad | Member |
| 6. Mrs. Amrita Patwardhan | Representative of Sir Ratan Tata Trust |

Special Invitees

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| 1. Shri Raghav Chandra | Addl.Secretary & Financial Adviser,
to the Government of India, Ministry of Culture |
| 2. Shri V.Srinivas | Joint Secretary to Government of India
Ministry of Culture |
| 3. Shri K.K. Banerjee | Director General, RRRLF and Mission Director, NML |
| 4. Ms. Monali P.Dhakate | Director (Libraries), Ministry of Culture. |
| 5. Ms. Pratibha Singh | Senior Technical Director, NIC |
| 6. Dr. Jagdish Arora | Director, INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, Gujrat. |

The following members could not attend the meeting :

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| 1. Prof. S. Arunachalan | Member |
| 2. Ms. Sudha Murthy | Member |
| 3. Shri Sanjiv Mishra | Member |