

Resolutions of the 5th Meeting of State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 6th June 2014

The 5th meeting of the State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa, chaired by Hon'ble MIC Finance & Excise and Commerce & Industries in the presence of Hon'ble MOS(IC) Women and Child Development & Social Welfare; was held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 6th June 2014 at 11.00 AM. It was convened by the Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare and attended by the following:

1. Principal Secretary, Finance Dept.
2. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare
3. Secretary, Higher Education Dept.
4. Secretary, Technical Education and Training Dept.
5. Secretary, School Education Dept.
6. Secretary, MA & ME Dept.
7. Secretary, Sports & Youth Affair Dept.
8. State Project Director, SSM
9. State Informatics Officer and DG, NIC, West Bengal
10. Scientist-F and Senior Technical Director, NIC, West Bengal
11. Senior Technical Director, NIC, West Bengal
12. Joint Secretary, Municipal Affairs Dept.
13. Joint Secretary, Women Development and Social Welfare Dept
14. Chief of Field Office, UNICEF
15. Mr. K.D. Maity, P.P.E. Specialist, Unicef Country Office
16. Mr. Rupak Neogi, A.C. Nielson
17. Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF
18. CP Specialist, UNICEF

The following issues were discussed in the meeting:

1. A presentation was made by Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare on the status of Kanyashree Prakalpa.
Status till 31st March 2014:

| | Target | Uploaded | Sanctioned |
|----|---------|----------|------------|
| K1 | 1552265 | 1294290 | 830744 |
| K2 | 130206 | 80588 | 50859 |

2. Status between 1st April-5th June 2014

| | Uploaded | Sanctioned |
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| K1 | 42806 | 90881 |
| K2 | 3608 | 7918 |

3. Sanction by Social Category:

| General | SC | ST | OBC | Minority |
|---------|-------|------|------|----------|
| 37.7% | 24.4% | 5.5% | 9.1% | 21.3% |

Action:

- Special focus on reaching out to tribal areas

4. Sanction to specially-abled:

K1: 827;

K2: 70

Action:

- School education dept may share the data of specially-abled girls between Class VIII to XII so as to facilitate their enrollment under the scheme
- Instructions to all HOIs to focus on enrollment of all eligible specially-abled girls

5. It was discussed that Kanyashree Day will be celebrated across the state on 14th August 2014 at 1 PM simultaneously. At the state level, it will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble CM and at district level same may be done by concerned ministers, in the presence of other elected representatives.

Action:

- At state level, a programme will be held with approximately 10,000 girls.
- Approximately 2 Lakhs beneficiaries to be sanctioned scholarships/one-time grants across the state and their accounts may be credited electronically at the same time .
- Enrollments drive to start beforehand and data to be uploaded on the portal and sanctioned and kept ready for sanction letter and bank transfer.
- District-wise targets for 14th August may be communicated to all DPMUs:
- Detailed plans for assembling beneficiaries at district, block and SDO level on the day may be drawn up in consultation with the DMs.
- At each level, identify persons who will be accountable for operationalising the Kanyashree day. The HODs will be basically responsible.
- Secretaries of the Depts. of Higher Education, School Education, MA&ME, Technical Education& Training, Sports and Health & Family Welfare may instruct respective heads of the institutions to enroll all K1 and K2 beneficiaries at the time of admission in the new session.
- Special focus may be given to colleges for identifying and enrolling K2 beneficiaries from all the colleges including nursing colleges.
- The possibility of online registration for K2 may be explored.
- On the day, Kanyashree Melas may be organised at district and block level and bank account opening as well as distribution of K1 and K2 may be facilitated.
- Bangles, ID cards and sanction letters to be distributed to beneficiaries.
- Kanyashree Pledge to be taken by all girls in schools, colleges, vocational training centres/ITIs.

6. IEC initiatives taken for Kanyashree Prakalpa were shared.
Action: All districts and blocks to display hoarding, posters and other materials much ahead of the programme.
7. **Kanyashree Baseline Survey:** It was informed by the CFO, UNICEF that UNICEF will be funding the entire endeavour, but mid-line survey may be undertaken by the government in due course. Nielson India has been given the work order from 15th of May 2014 and survey report is expected in October 2014.
8. Detailed instruction issued by the department on protocols for avoiding duplicate entries of applications in the portal.
Action:
- HOIs may take the responsibility of screening the duplicate application at the onset.
9. Integration of portal with Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS) under the Ministry of Finance.
Action:
- Issue may be discussed in next SLBC.
 - It was suggested that in 3-4 months State Finance Dept will start ~~IFSM~~ ^{IFMS} and the integration of Kanyashree portal to the same may be explored.
 - Digital Signature of all HOIs as well as DMs will be collected to ensure validation of the data in the beginning and sanction at the end respectively.
10. **Integration of Kanyashree beneficiaries with other relevant programmes for adolescents:** It was suggested by Hon'ble MOS (IC) that beneficiaries of Kanyashree Prakalpa may also be included in other programmes for the empowerment of adolescent.
Action:
- Explore possibility of providing vocational/technical training to KP beneficiaries like computer training.
 - Life skill camps may be held for KP beneficiaries.
 - Other Departments may suggest benefits that can be bestowed to KP girls.
11. The following actions may be taken to improve the enrollment:
- Institution/block and district-wise analysis of data to identify areas where scheme is not reaching to all beneficiaries.
 - Strengthen monitoring and supportive supervision in the identified areas.
 - Focus Communication efforts in the identified areas.
 - Clear instructions to all schools and colleges to facilitate distributing of application forms, opening of bank accounts and uploading the data on the portal in a timely manner.
 - All colleges may be instructed to distribute K2 forms at the time of admission based on eligibility.


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