

**Resolutions of the 7th Meeting of State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree
Prakalpa held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 24th September 2014**

The 7th meeting of the State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa, chaired by Hon'ble MIC Finance & Excise and Commerce & Industries was held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 24th September 2014 at 11:30 AM. It was convened by the Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare and attended by the following:

1. Secretary, School Education Dept.
2. Secretary, Sports & Youth Affair Dept.
3. Mission Director, NMH, H&FW Dept.
4. Additional Secretary, BSW Dept.
5. Joint Secretary, P&RD Dept.
6. Joint Secretary, Women Development and Social Welfare Dept.
7. State Project Director, SSM.
8. State Informatics Officer and DG, NIC, West Bengal.
9. Scientist- F and Senior Technical Director, NIC, West Bengal.
10. Dr. Subrata Roy Gupta, Scientist, NIC, West Bengal.
11. Mr. Ranjit Roy, AGM, Lead Bank Division, UBI.
12. Mr. Atish Raut, AGM, IT Dept., UBI.
13. Mr. Asadur Rahman, CFO, UNICEF.
14. Mr. Paramita Neogi, CP Specialist, UNICEF.
15. Mr. Tathagata Dasgupta, Director, Nielsen.
16. Mr. Rupak Neogi, Manager, Nielsen.
17. Mr. Saptarshi Guha, Nielsen.

The following issues were discussed in the meeting:

1. Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development and Social Welfare presented the findings of the **Kanyashree Rapid Assessment Study** of 12 schools in six districts conducted by UNICEF during September 2014.

Action

Following action points are to be taken to reduce the time between application for scholarship and bank transfer:

- School Education Department to report on number of schools having the capacity to entry data from application forms.

- Schools should be encouraged to conduct data-entry and upload of application forms.
 - The Panchayat and Rural Development Department to report on potential of Tathya Mitra Kendras to support the data-entry process.
2. A presentation was made by Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare on the **status of Kanyashree Prakalpa as on 22nd September, 2014**

a. Enrolments:

	Target (Nos)	Enrolled (Nos.)	Sanctioned (Nos.)	% enrolled vis-à-vis target
K1	15,52,265	17,69,655	16,34,539	114 %
K2	1,30,206	1,15,881	1,04,764	89%

b. Sanction by social category:

	General %	SC %	ST %	OBC %	Minority %	Not specified %
Total	37.72	23.55	5.45	8.80	23.22	1.26%
K1	37.52	23.53	5.52	8.69	23.47	1.28
K2	40.88	23.87	4.38	10.57	19.34	0.96

c. Funds Disbursed:

Total No of accounts	3, 75,583 Nos.	
Accounts Credited	3,70,623 nos.	98.68%
Transfer Failure	4,960 Nos.	1.32%

d. Financial Requirement for 2014 – 15:

New/Renewal of Annual Scholarship (K1 to K1):	Rs. 68,47,15,000
Up gradation from Annual Scholarship to One-Time Grant (K1 to K2)	Rs. 625,00,00,000
Total (renewal + up gradation):	Rs. 693,47,15,000

- e. The amount of Rs. 10/- per application for uploading new applications / upgrading applications including scanning of certificates, uploading and cost of printing was discussed at the meeting and approved.

- f. On matters arising from 6th Steering Committee Meeting held on 26th July, 2014, the following action points had been satisfactorily undertaken
- i. Commissioner, Disabilities had conducted a meeting with NGOs working with specially-abled children to increase their enrolment in the scheme. The meeting was held on 18th September 2014 at Administrative Training Institute, West Bengal.
 - ii. Funds transfer for 3,70,623 beneficiaries was achieved on 14th August, 2014 (Kanyashree Day)

Action

- Reasons for Bank failure cases to be looked into.
 - Dept. to provide 3 phased annual request for funds to Finance Department.
 - Department to implement effective monitoring of eligibility of applicants, especially those upgrading from K1 (Annual Scholarship) to K2 (One-Time Grant).
3. For linkage of K2 beneficiaries to skill development programmes, the **utilization of existing resources** with other departments was discussed. Mr. Asadur Rahman, Chief of UNICEF, West Bengal, suggested that CSRs and DFID could be approached to support linking of K2 beneficiaries to skills development.

Action

- Backward Classes Welfare Department to provide linkages to Special Central Assistant To Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCA To SCSP) and Special Central Assistant To Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA To TSP) for Kanyashree beneficiaries.
 - Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare may initiate proposals for CSR and DFID on funding for skills development / entrepreneurship for K2 beneficiaries
 - The District Project Management Units may explore the opportunities of providing career counselling for K2 girls through skills development, livelihood options, financial management etc.
4. **Kanyashree Baseline Survey:** Nielsen India Private Limited, reported a month's delay in the baseline study, however progress has been around 30% of survey areas covered.


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