

**Resolutions of the 8th Meeting of State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee
of Kanyashree Prakalpa held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 16th January 2015**

The 8th meeting of the State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa, chaired by Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister of State, Child Development, Women Development & Social Welfare (Independent Charge) was held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 16th January 2015 at 11:15 AM. The meeting was convened by the Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare and attended by the following:

1. Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
2. Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department
3. Secretary, Minorities Affairs & Madrasah Education
4. Secretary, School Education Dept.
5. Secretary, Technical Education and Training Dept.
6. Secretary, Sports & Youth Affair Dept.
7. Secretary, Information & Cultural Affairs
8. Joint Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Dept.
9. Joint Secretary, Women Development and Social Welfare Dept.
10. State Informatics Officer and DG, NIC, West Bengal.
11. Scientist- F and Senior Technical Director, NIC, West Bengal.
12. Dr. Subrata Roy Gupta, Scientist, NIC, West Bengal.
13. Mr. Asadur Rahman, CFO, UNICEF.
14. Ms. Shweta Pandit De, PPE Specialist, UNICEF.
15. Mr. Tathagata Dasgupta, Director, Nielsen.
16. Mr. Biswajit De, Senior Consultant, UNICEF

The following issues were discussed at the meeting:

1. The Secretary, Dept of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare made a presentation on the status of Kanyashree Prakalpa as on 15th January, 2015.
 - a. The Kanyashree e-governance portal (Kanyashree Online 2.0) had been awarded two prestigious awards, the Manthan Award, 2014 in the category 'e-Women & Empowerment', and the Silver in the National Award for e-governance 2014-2015 under the category of "Cat-II – Outstanding Performance in Citizen-Centric Service"
 - b. Total no. of enrollments stood at:

	Enrolled (Nos.)	Sanctioned (Nos.)
K1	22,40,998	18,17,768
K2	1,74,176	1,25,635

- c. For girls who were enrolled for scholarships (K1) during the year 2013-14, and are now eligible for the same in 2014-15, an automated process of renewal has been initiated. Similarly, for existing Kanyashree beneficiaries who are turning eighteen in the current period, the portal is automating a process of upgrade from K1 to K2, with an additional scrutiny process being established to re-check the income-status of the

beneficiary's family through home-visits. A simple form with scrutiny criteria has been developed which will be used by scrutinizers to verify each claim. (See Appendix 1)

The status of renewal and upgrades for the year 2014-15 are as follows:

	Enrolled (Nos.)
K1-K1 (Renewal)	88,017
K1-K2 (Upgrade)	16,380

d. Sanctions by social category

	General %	SC %	ST %	OBC %	Minority %	Not specified %
Total	37.42	23.53	5.68	8.69	23.54	1.14
K1	37.17	23.52	5.75	8.56	23.85	1.16
K2	41.03	23.68	4.73	10.67	19.08	0.81

- e. The e-governance portal was being up-graded to provide SMS based redressal mechanisms for beneficiaries. Between the period 14th to 16th January, attempts had been made to hack the e-portal, and necessary actions had been taken to ensure data security.
- f. The Department of School Education (SED) had advised that a total number of 6,118 schools (4,278 Higher Secondary Schools, 1,366 Secondary Schools and 474 Junior High Schools) have computers, and the SED and DWD will now consider how to increase data-entry at school level, thereby reducing the load at block level, and reducing time taken to sanction applications.
- g. Targets for the year 2014-15 (up to 31st July 2015) were estimated from portal data and provided to the districts to finalize.
- h. The Department of Technical Education and Training had, by their Order No. [562 – TET (Poly) / 10M-101/2014 dated 29th August 2014 provided the following benefits to Kanyashree beneficiaries:

Description	Special Benefit
JEXPO, VOCLET and ITI	Kanyashree beneficiaries will pay only 50% of cost of admission forms, registration fees and counseling fees
Advanced Skill Development Scheme	30% reservation (Another 20% will be reserved for deserving women candidates)
Vocational development for girls in classes VIII to XII	30% reservation of seats for Kanyashree beneficiaries
Community Development training programme through Polytechnic (CDTP)	30% reservation of seats for Kanyashree beneficiaries
Government Polytechnic Girls Hostels	Priority in hostels

- i. Convergence with SABLA had been initiated, with SABLA beneficiaries being enrolled in Kanyashree when being mainstreamed in school.

- j. Additional modes of promoting the Scheme have been explored, and the process of advertising the scheme through CSTC bus tickets, and electricity receipts has been initiated.
- k. Calcutta University is undertaking a study on Kanyashree of 6 districts in South Bengal, and North Bengal University will be encouraged to take up a study in vulnerable districts in North Bengal.

Action

- District-wise targets to ensure adequate coverage of all eligible girls in the state
 - Grievance mechanisms should include reporting on number of grievance calls.
 - The Dept. of Technical Education and Training to track the number of Kanyashree beneficiaries enrolling in technical / vocational streams and availing of the benefits offered as per Order No. [562 – TET (Poly) / 10M-101/2014 dated 29th August 2014
 - School Education Department and DWD to ensure that a greater number of applications are dealt with at school-level to reduce time taken to process applications.
 - CPSMS integration with the Kanyashree e-Portal to be completed by February 2015 (for actual evaluation of beneficiaries who have received the scholarship).
2. The Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department advised that the department intended to provide reservation for Kanyashree beneficiaries who fulfill BPL criteria in skill development and income generation programmes through SCA / TSP in each district.

Action

- Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department may be provided login access to the Kanyashree Portal to identify beneficiaries.
3. The matter of bringing private schools under the purview of Kanyashree was discussed and agreed upon.

Action

- Eligible girls in studying bridge courses in various districts to be enrolled at the discretion of the DWD
 - DWD and School Education Department to jointly invite private schools and Navodaya schools to participate in the scheme through advertisements in news papers.
4. Nielsen India Private Limited presented the provisional findings of the baseline survey which covered over 23,000 households in 19 districts of the state. Based on the recommendations of the Secretary, School Education Department, it was decided that Nielsen India should cross-validate certain process indicators with figures available with the government.

Action

- Nielsen India Private Limited to conduct cross-validation exercise on process indicators in Baseline Survey.

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Date: February 11th, 2015

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 2. Principal Secretary, Department of Finance
 3. Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare;
 4. Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayat and Rural Development
 5. Principal Secretary, Department of Backward Class Welfare
 6. Principal Secretary, Department of Municipal Affairs
 7. Secretary, Department of School Education
 8. Secretary, Department of Higher Education
 9. Secretary, Department of Minority Affairs and Madrasha Education
 10. Secretary, Department of Mass Education
 11. Secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department
 12. Secretary, Department of Technical Education and Training
 13. Secretary, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs
 14. State Project Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
 15. Deputy Director General & SIO, NIC, West Bengal;
 16. Chief of Field Office, UNICEF Office for West Bengal
 17. P.S. to Finance Minister - for kind information of Hon'ble Finance Minister.
 18. P.S. to HMoS, WCD&SW - for kind information of Hon'ble Minister of State(IC), WCD&SW.

**Sub: Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Steering and Monitoring Committee
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Sir / Madam,

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The minutes of the meeting are enclosed.

Encl: As stated above

Yours faithfully


(Roshni Sen)
Secretary