Knowledge Mission

"*Transforming A.P into Education and knowledge Hub*"
2-Day Workshop on Initiating change for the Executive Group
23-24 April, 2015 at CIPS, Hyderabad

Workshop Deliberations

Andhra Pradesh aspires to become one of the top three states in India by 2022 and achieve the status of the best state in the country by 2029 through well coordinated small, large and mega development programmes, executed as part of one of its seven development focused missions. The Knowledge Mission aims at the transformation of Andhra Pradesh as an education hub and knowledge society, and the home of skilled human capital, well equipped to achieve the objectives of Vision 2029. The AP Knowledge Mission is one of the seven missions set up to steer the change. The Knowledge Mission, learning from successes in other states in India and other countries will create an ecosystem to foster the best of teaching and learning and take Higher Education to new levels of excellence. It will carry out the planned activities in an efficient and sustainable manner, according utmost respect and importance to stakeholder needs, effective governance, economic development and social inclusion.

Action Initiated:

1. **State Knowledge Advisory Board (SKAB):** The Higher Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh vide its GO.Ms.No.1, Higher Education(UE) Department, dated: 20.03.2015 constituted the **State Knowledge Advisory Board (SKAB)** with persons of repute and expertise in Higher Education, Industry and Entrepreneurship. The role envisaged for the State Knowledge Advisory members is to advise and mentor the internal team on key identified areas.

2. **Executive Group**: The Higher Education department also identified an Executive Group comprising 40 members, an internal team to take the reforms ahead.

3. **Induction Programme** was organized for this Executive Group at Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad from 17th - 19th of February 2015 as a first step.

4. **Launch of Knowledge Mission:** The Hon'ble Chief Minister of AP has launched **Knowledge Mission** on 8th April 2015 at Visakapatnam. The vision document for the Knowledge Mission and brochure was also released on the occasion.

5. **Knowledge Mission Website**, www.knowledgemission.ap.gov.in was also launched on 08.04.2015 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

6. The draft Vision Document of Knowledge Mission was also prepared, printed and posted on the KM website and requested for suggestion of academicians and Vice Chancellors.

In continuation to the first workshop, a two day workshop with the theme "*Towards transforming A.P into Education and Knowledge Hub*" is now scheduled at CIPS on 23 -24th April, 2015.

- The Two day workshop was inaugurated with the welcome address by Smt.B.Udaya Lakshmi, IAS, the Commissioner of Technical and Collegiate Education who stressed on the vision of building a knowledge AP into Education and Knowledge hub through the Knowledge Mission.

- In the Keynote address Smt. Sumita Dawra, IAS, Secretary Higher Education, AP, Hyderabad stressed on focusing on the needs of the primary stakeholders-the students.

- Sri D.Chakrapani, IAS, Director, CIPS appealed to the members to introduce multidisciplinary courses while establishing linkages with industry.

- The deliberations of the workshop started with an interaction **"where and how to start?"** with regard to execution of the Knowledge Mission.

  The Participant-Members while sharing their success stories in the field of education, identify 'principles, values and beliefs' that underlie these experiences. They also formulated methods on how the objectives of the Mission can be achieved in future through Neuro Logical Level Approach.

- Besides interacting among themselves in "Open Space" presentations the participants interacted online with Dr.Rajan Saxena, VC, NMIMS University, Mumbai and Prof.Raj Reddy, Professor of Computer Science and Robotics, Carnegie Mellon University and Member of the Governing Council of IIIT, Hyderabad.

  Dr.Rajan Saxena pointed out the needs of the changing demographic structure, pointed out the changing aspirations and stressed on how society perceived Higher Education as a means to improve their life style.

- **Prof. Raj Reddy emphasized on**

  the 4 Cs namely 'Connectivity, Computing Devices, Capacity Building and Content' in establishing Smart Campuses'. He also emphasized on the need for tapping the advantages of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), establishing Centre of Excellence and also following the PPP model in establishing new institutions.

- **On the second day on the workshop i.e on 24th April, Dr.Leena Srivastava, VC of TERI University,** stressed on Sustainable solutions in Multi-disciplinary programmes. She also emphasized the need for revamping the evaluation systems in which competence is tested rather than the memory of the students.

- **Prof. K.V.Subba Rao of IIT, Bombay (Retd)** enlightened on the potential areas which can improve the quality in higher education through collaborations with the industry, research labs and the alumni. He urged that the existing institutions must be rejuvenated before establishing the new ones. He continued to say that all the universities must be directed by the state government to maximize the use of infrastructure and bring in national centres to their campuses. He also wanted universities to focus on employment generation through entrepreneurship.

- **Dr.Viday Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis University** emphasized on Universities collaborating with like-minded International Universities so as to mutually benefit from the expertise. Such collaborations will attract many more foreign students to the state universities. While inviting the reputed universities to establish Branch Campuses, Industry to establish R&D centre on the campuses she also emphasized the urgency of empowering the existing Higher Education Institutions.

- **Entry Point Projects:** The participants have identified 8 broad areas on which Entry Point Projects are be prepared by eight groups of participants. The members of each group have come together and prepared EPPs on 1.Reserch Publications, 2.Employability, 3.Industry-Institution Collaboration, 4.Faculty Development, 5.Improving GER,

6.Use of ICT for Quality Enhancement 7.Centres of Excellence and 8.Society-University Interaction.

The fruitful deliberations by the participants and the resource persons brought the Workshop to a meaningful end equipping the executive members to carry out the mission objectives.