

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF NGC PROGRAMME HELD ON 10.03.2015 AT 4.00 PM.**

Members Present :

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| 1. Shri M. Madan Gopal, IAS
Addl. Chief Secretary
Dept. of Forests, Ecology & Environment
Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore | Chairman |
| 2. Shri. Vishwanath.K
Dy. Secretary
Representing Principal Secretary
Dept. of Youth Empowerment & Sports
Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore | Member |
| 3. Smt.Asha Ablikar, CAO,KHSDRP,
Representing Principal Secretary
Dept. of Health & Family Welfare
Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore | Member |
| 4. Smt.M.M.Bindu Joint Director
Representing Principal Secretary
Dept. of Women & Child
Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore | Member |
| 5. Shri. Puttaiah
Deputy Director
Nodal Officer
Representing Director
Dept. of Pre-University Education
Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore | Member |
| 6. Shri. Varadanayak
Jt. Director
Representing State Project Director
RMSA & SSA, Govt. of Karnataka , Bangalore. | Member |
| 7. Shri. Ravishankar
Project Officer
Representing CPR Environment Education Centre
Chennai – 600 018. | Member |
| 8. Smt. Sukhprit Kaur
Programme Coordinator
Centre for Environment Education South
Southern Regional Cell, Bangalore. | Member |

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| 9. Shri. Ishwara Prasad
Secretary
Parisara Environment Education
Bangalore. | Member |
| 10. Smt. Ritu Kakkar, IFS
Director General
E M P R I & Secretary
State Steering Committee, Bangalore. | Member Secretary |

Invitees :

1. Smt. Sashwati Mishra, IFS
Cheif Conservator of Forest & Director
E M P R I
2. Shri .K.H. Vinay Kumar, IFS
Conservator of Forest & Director (Research)
E M P R I

Members Absent:

1. The Secretary
Department of Ecology & Environment
Government of Karnataka.
2. The Principal Secretary
Department of Primary & Secondary Education
Government of Karnataka.

The Director General, EMPRI welcomed the Chairman and other members of the State Steering Committee and initiated the discussions as per the agenda.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of previous State Steering Committee meeting.

The proceedings of the previous State Steering Committee meeting of NGC, held on April 29, 2014 was read, recorded and confirmed as per the **Annexure -1** which is enclosed herewith.

Agenda 2 : Action taken on proceedings of the previous meeting.

The Action taken report and the proceedings as mentioned in **Annexure – 2** was discussed in detail and the work done was appreciated by the committee.

Agenda 3 : Progress of NGC Programme in the year 2014-15

- NGC Programme co-ordinator, Sonali Singh gave a detailed power point presentation on the progress of NGC Programme for the year 2014 – 15 to the Chairman & the Committee.

a. Disbursement of Funds :

In the FY 2014- 15, EMPRI received an amount of Rs.2,21,00,000/- from MOEF & CC, which was transferred to the Directors of RMSA & SSA for further disbursement of fund. Thus as per the MOEF & CC guidelines amount of Rs.2500/- per eco club was given all the 8500 NGC schools. Additionally as per the guidelines, fund of Rs.25000/- per district was disbursed to all the 34 educational districts as financial assistance towards strengthening & implementation of NGC programme at district levels. This was informed and noted.

b. NGC School visits by NGC team of EMPRI during the year 2014-15:

In order to disseminate information about NGC programme and review the activities taken up by the Eco-clubs, the NGC team of EMPRI conducted school visits. A total of 53 school visits were conducted in 14 educational districts of Karnataka, as against the given target of 40 schools. This was informed to the committee, which was very well appreciated & noted by the committee.

c. Training Programme :

Training Programmes conducted by NGC team EMPRI for FY 2014-15 was brought to the notice of the Committee. It was informed that 6 trainings were conducted for eco club incharge teachers in 6 districts of Karnataka, and 4 state level trainings were conducted for staff of RMSA, SSA & selected Head Masters at EMPRI. The Chairman asked whether the feedback was collected for the trainings conducted. The same was confirmed. It was also brought to the notice of the committee, that Mr. Ravi Shankar resource person for NGC also participated in various trainings organized by DIMC in their respective districts. The good work was highly appreciated and acknowledged by the committee.

d. World Environment Day Celebration:

World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June, 2014 with participation from Govt. High School Hegganahalli, Govt. High School Kakolu, Govt. High School T. Dasarahalli of Bangalore North Educational District NGC Schools. Various activities like plantations, skit and drawing competitions were conducted for eco club members of the above mentioned schools. Prizes were distributed to encourage the children. This was informed to the committee members. The opportunity given to the children was appreciated by the committee members.

e. Environmental Conservation Day Celebration 25-11-2014:

It was informed to the members that this day was celebrated at EMPRI with participation of 40 students from Puttenhalli Govt High School , Bangalore South. The main attraction was a real life case study presented by Shri.Manoj Kumar, I.F.S on protection & conservation of Hornbill birds in Dandeli. The committee was of the opinion that the session was surely unique and a great value addition to the children.

f. Bio Diversity Science Express train :

It is an initiative by MOEF which is an innovative exhibition on wheels that covered 57 locations across India on wheels. The idea of this unique train was to create awareness among masses in general and youth in particular about the rich biodiversity of the country that is home to 8% of the world's biodiversity. Thus 2 trainings were conducted in order to create awareness among the eco club members of NGC schools of Bangalore & Dharwad districts, while the trains were stationed in their respective places. This was profusely appreciated and noted by the committee.

g. Outreach Activity - Season watch workshop:

EMPRI in collaboration with National Centre for Biological Science (NCBS) for conducted 'Seasons Watch' workshop for five NGC schools of Bangalore North Educational District. The unique feature of the workshop was of associating leaf fall with climate change. This was an activity based programme, where children choose a particular tree and observed the same tree each day in order to notice any changes in the tree and also to count leaf falls everyday. The same was recorded in the website of NCBS. This programme came across as a very unique and innovative activity, and was very well praised & acknowledged by the committee.

h. Swacha Bharat Abhiyan on 2nd October, 2014:

Swachata Abhiyan was organized at EMPRI by the NGC team. On this day, staff of EMPRI took Swachata Pledge and various cleaning activities were under taken in the office campus. Letters were also sent to all the districts, urging them to instruct the Eco clubs of their respective districts to take up the cleanliness drive seriously and implement the same as a regular event in all the NGC Schools. This was appreciated and noted by the committee.

Agenda 4: Action Plan for the year 2015 - 16 :

The action plan for the year 2015-16 was discussed in detail and approved , in addition to the action plan presented the Chairman suggested that 10 school visits in each Revenue Division can be conducted. These schools should be other than District Head Quarters and should not exceed 3 in each taluka. The other plans which were approved by the Chairman are:

• Disbursement of funds to 8500 Schools.
• Visiting up to 40 schools covering all 4 revenue division.
• Meeting with the Eco-club in-charge teachers during school visits.
• Celebrating World Environment Day on 5 th June 2015.
• Training Eco-club Teachers.
• Attend a few DIMC meetings.

Agenda5: Any other subject with the permission of the chair.

With the permission of chair the concept of best eco club from each district was discussed. DIMC can select 5 best clubs from each district and later from 34 districts best eco clubs can be awarded for their good works. Smt.Sukhprit Kaur member suggested to document the best practices in each schools of Eco clubs or where activities like rain water harvesting, solid waste management etc have been implemented, this could motivate other schools towards achieving the same.

Thereafter, there being no other subjects to discuss, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.



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