

Minutes of the Meeting on Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies (CRISP)

Venu: Conference Hall, 10th Floor, TS Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Time & Date: 11.00 AM & 12-04-2023

The Following officers were present at the meeting:

1. Sri R.Subramanyam, IAS (Retd.), Secretary, CRISP.
2. Prof. Limbadri, Chairman, TSCHE.
3. Smt. Karuna Vakati, IAS, Secretary to Govt., Education Dept.
4. Sri Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner, CCE.
5. Prof. Venkata Ramana, VC, TSCHE.
6. Prof. Ravinder, VC, OU.
7. Prof. Ramesh, VC, KU.
8. Prof. Mallesh, VC, Sathavahana University.
9. Prof. Vijyullatha, VC, Women University.
10. Prof. Gopal Reddy, VC, Mahatma Gandhi University.
11. Prof. Rama, MANUU.
12. Sri VLVSS Subba Rao IES.
13. Sri Pullaiah, RJD, Technical Education.
14. Sri Yadagiri, RJD, Collegiate Education.

Government of Telangana (GoT) has invited the Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies (CRISP), formed by 10 senior civil servants who worked at the level of Secretaries to Government of India, to work along with State Government for further improvement of the higher education system based on the principles of quality, equity, employability and excellence. The list of attendees is enclosed.

2. The Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies (CRISP) has made a presentation of the philosophy of CRISP and also presented the outlines of a project prepared for Telangana State named 'Higher Educational Institutions- Standardization and Transformation for Excellence (HI-STEP) for Telangana'. A copy of the presentation is enclosed.

3. The main features of the project are:

- a) Telangana is enjoying unprecedented opportunities due to the explosive growth and presence of several knowledge enterprises — both Private and Govt. If local youth have to be a part of this growth story, the higher education system has to be substantially transformed.

- b) Though the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education is substantially higher than national average, Telangana needs to step up and compete with States like Kerala and Delhi to reckon among the global best.
- c) The colleges, which have the bulk of student population, have to be specially supported to be ranked as the best colleges in the Country under the NIRF. At least 50 colleges can be taken for this project.
- d) Only 12% of the colleges are accredited. This has to double to 25% in the next 3 years, which will ensure that quality education is made available to a large number of students. At least 400 colleges can be identified for this project.
- e) Embedding skills in higher education can help 50% of the degree students getting campus placements. This would involve regulatory enablers, identifying high-order skills, and setting up training Centers within the colleges.
- f) Promoting innovation in the colleges (and linking with T-Hub) is essential if the efforts like T-Hub are fully utilized by the local youth. We need to work along with Innovation Cell and bring in innovation ecosystem in the universities and colleges.
- g) Knowledge creation has to be the main function of the higher education system. There is a need for investing in Research which Will energize the faculty of universities and colleges and will be a cornerstone of the transformation strategy. CRISP will prepare draft schemes for this.
- h) Improving the quality of instruction in the colleges, especially the general education colleges need a major effort. For this, rreview of curriculum, change of pedaqogy, use of EdTech and faculty motivation will be needed. A comprehensive plan will be prepared for this purpose.
- i) Internationalization of education system and tie-up with the best world universities can catapult Telangana education to the global level. The twinning of semesters, joint research projects, exchange visits can help in this. A scheme will be prepared for this purpose.

4. CRISP has committed to place a highly qualified and motivated team to work along with TSCHE on no-cost basis and to mentor the team, not only for prepared detailed project plans, but also in supporting the State Government for its implementation. It is tentatively proposed that to start operations from 1st June 2023, although for the skill-embedding in higher education work can begin immediately under the guidance of Sri VLVSS Subba Rao IES.

5. The Government of Telangana welcomed the CRISP initiative and a MoU has been signed between both (copy enclosed). Under this, Govt of Telangana would provide working space for the CRISP team, preferably with TSCHE; and would facilitate operation of the HI-STEP project by providing logistics as needed.

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