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Notification

Subject: Constitution of the National Focus Groups for developing Position Papers on various themes to provide inputs for the National Curriculum Frameworks in the area of School Education, ECCE, Teacher Education and Adult Education

As per the perspectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the process of development of National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs) in the area of School Education, Early Childhood Care and Education, Teacher Education and Adult Education has been initiated. In this regard, it is important to mention that this time, focussing on the bottom-up approach, all the states/UTs will also prepare their State Curriculum Frameworks (SCFs) and focus groups' position papers for providing inputs for the National Curriculum Frameworks.

In view of deliberating upon various aspects of school education in detail, 25 themes in consonance with the recommendations of NEP-2020 have been identified to develop position papers at the State and the National Levels. These themes are divided under following three categories as per the concerns of the NEP-2020:

- a. **Curriculum and Pedagogy – Twelve (12) Focus Groups**
- b. **Cross Cutting Themes – Five (5) Focus Groups**
- c. **Other Important Areas of NEP, 2020 – Eight (8) Focus Groups**

(the details are given in Annexure-II)

The Council is pleased to announce constitution of following 25 National Focus Groups to prepare position papers for the respective theme with following modalities and Terms of Reference:

- a. Constitution of Each of the 25 National Focus Groups (NFG) is given at the Annexure-I with a request to member-secretary of all the Focus Groups to kindly ensure (collecting required contact details from reliable resources, in case it is not given in the Annexure-I) that Chairperson and each of the members get the information regarding their nomination for the Focus Group of the concerned area(s) **immediately**.
- b. Member-Secretary of the Focus Group or nominated faculty member from the NCERT will conduct meetings, record the writing of proceedings, and also submit draft and final position paper. Focus Group will conduct 3-4 meetings with its members online/offline and discuss about the present status in the respective area, research findings, if any related to the area, implementation of previous policies and curriculum frameworks, recommendations of NEP-2020 and also the reports of consultations, survey, etc., recently conducted specifically for the development of curriculum frameworks.
- c. Focus Group may also conduct meetings with other relevant focus groups, if the group feel it necessary to make linkages among other focus group's position papers preferably through online mode. Focus Group will make presentations on its draft position paper before the National Steering Committee (NSC) as and when asked by the committee.

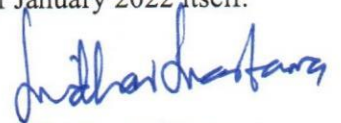
Specific Terms of Reference (ToR) for the National Focus Groups are given below:

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1. To develop a clear understanding of the theme in the context of the perspectives and recommendations of the NEP-2020 specifically with regard to proposed 5+3+3+4 curricular and pedagogical structure and to clearly specify implementation strategies for each stage.
2. To deliberate on the theme of the Focus Group, in entirety with respect to core essentials, experiential learning and other pedagogies, multidisciplinary, interdisciplinarity, vocational education, multilingualism, holistic assessment, skills and competencies, Indian Knowledge System, Educational Technology including ICT, inclusive education, gender concerns, etc., across the stages- Foundational, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary.
3. To develop its own template for the writing of the Position Paper as per the guidelines given by the National Steering Committee (NSC). Focus Groups will take updates on the position papers developed by the state/UT Focus Group in the respective area and other areas for drawing inputs through Tech-platform for its position paper.
4. To submit its position papers to the National Steering Committee by March, 2022 for further discussion and necessary actions towards developing National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs).
5. The tenure of the Focus Group will be one-year from the date of its constitution. After submitting this position paper, the Focus Group may require to disseminate their position papers and also contribute in the activities pertaining to finalisation of NCFs and syllabus preparation.

The National Focus Group will start its functioning from the day of its notification.

In view of reporting progress on the vision and outline of position paper of the National Focus Group in respective area to the National Steering Committee sometime in the month of January 2022, all the Focus Groups are requested to conduct their first meeting in the month of January 2022 itself.



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To all members of National Focus Groups