

MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF THE PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF MID CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMME HELD AT 3.45 PM ON MAY 21, 2015 AT LBSNAA, MUSSOORIE

The following were present:

1. Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Director LBSNAA – *in chair*
2. Sh. GC Pati, Chief Secretary to Government of Odisha
3. Sh. L. Panigrahi, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of AP – *through video conferencing*
4. Smt. Sanjeevani Kutty, Additional Secretary & FA, DoPT – *through video conferencing*
5. Sh. PK Das, Joint Secretary, Training Division (DoPT) – *through video conferencing*
6. Sh. Jatindra Nath Swain, Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu – *through video conferencing*
7. Dr. Peter Ronald DeSouza
8. Sh. Tejveer Singh, Joint Director LBSNAA

After discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. **Agenda Item No 1 – Confirmation of minutes of the 24th meeting of the PMC dated February 19, 2015 – Confirmed.**
2. **Agenda Item No 2 – Action Taken Report of 24th Meeting of PMC** – The Committee expressed satisfaction on the action taken on the items listed in the agenda.
3. **Course Review of on-going round 10 of Phase IV of MCT Programme** – The Course Coordinator Sh. Tejveer Singh apprised members of the progress of the course, in terms of its design and delivery. In the discussion that ensued, the following suggestions were received from members present:
 - a. CS, Odisha proposed that a workshop on accountability should be included as part of the course along with coping mechanisms to effectively deal with crisis.
 - b. Dr. Peter DeSouza suggested that as part of the deliverables, the Academy should try and institutionalize a specific brand of policy paper to be written by MCT participants, which would be both unique in its form and content and also provide a model template for policy reviews in government. He also proposed that sessions should also be included on climate change, especially India's position on CoP 2015, engagement with civil society and strategy for dealing with media more effectively.
 - c. ACS, AP suggested that accountability concerns must be reflected more strongly in such courses and due care should be paid to share effective

techniques for scaling up learnings by participants in their respective state governments.

4. **Agenda Item No 4 – Update on Phase III Round 9, 2015** – The Committee perused the broad design for the forthcoming Phase III course beginning on June 1. It was suggested by Dr. Peter DeSouza that the UNESCO Draft Report on Education in 21st Century may be shared with the participants. He also proposed that representatives of civil society must be invited to interact with participants and also suggested the name of AR Vasavi to take sessions on Education.

5. **Agenda Item No 5 – Other item/s taken up for discussion**

- (i) The Committee took note of the suggestions of Dr. Peter DeSouza.
- (ii) It was suggested by JS (Trg.) that the aspect of partnership with elected representatives in delivery of government programmes must be focused upon, especially in Phase III course.
- (iii) CS Odisha suggested that Academy may like to make greater use of online courses.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.