

## VMC MEETING MINUTES

The Vidyalaya Management Committee meeting for the year 2017 commenced in the chamber of District Collector Mangan as scheduled on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2017 at 3 P.M.

Principal JNV as Member Secretary welcomed all the members for their gracious presence.

The meeting began with Principal briefing on the following agenda points of the previous VMC meeting.

Works completed post Sept 2016 VMC are as follows: -

- (a) Retention wall along the play ground sanctioned by NVS Hqrs at an Admn. Approval of Rs. 10 lacs has been completed. The work was executed through tender invited by Kabi Block Panchayat.
- (b) Administrative approval for a sum of Rs. 448.46 lacs sanctioned by NVS/HQRs for construction of one girls' dormitory (for 72 students) plus 2 warden quarters. Already work advance of Rs. 149.47 lacs has been released to CPWD Gangtok. Principal informed the VMC members that the credit for the speedy sanction goes to District Collector for writing two letters to NVS (HQRs) and also personally pursuing the matter with Ex Eng/ NVS / HQRs.
- (c) The supply of cylinders for the school has been increased from 35 to 50 nos. in view of the increase in students' strength. Moreover with the kind support and co-operation of Mr. Suman Tamang Area Manager IOC, all cylinders have been transferred from STCS Gangtok to the new IOC distributor in Phensong. This has considerably reduced transportation cost.
- (d) JNV Phodong has been identified by NVS /HQRs as one among the 14 schools in NE to become a Solar Energy school. Further details are awaited.
- (e) During 2016-17 M & R works worth Rs. 7 lacs were carried out and in 2017-18 JNV expects to take up more works like door replacement / kitchen renovation/ painting in girls dormitories etc. amounting to Rs. 8 lacs plus.

Once the above points were discussed VMC decided to take up the agenda points of the present meeting.

1. Conduct of JNVST 2018 on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in 5 centres of North Sikkim

(a) Online registration through Common Service Centres from Sept 25 to Nov.25.

Principal informed the Committee members that NVS has directed all districts to take up registration through Common Service Centres. This is also explained in the DO letter by Commissioner NVS to DC, North Sikkim wherein it is mentioned that NVS has signed an agreement with Ministry of IT to ensure that only online registration is taken up. Mr. Sherap Palden Bhutia, District Informatics Centre, North Sikkim informed that Common Service Centres are not functional in the whole of the district due to lack of Internet Connectivity. One suggestion given was to make all the aspiring students to approach the HRDD, Mangan for Class VI JNV Selection Test registration. Mr. Sonam Lepcha JD, HRDD Mangan informed that all necessary support would be rendered by his department to complete the formalities in registration. Principal JNV informed that staff and vehicle would be spared from Vidyalaya whensoever required to reach the far flung corners of the district. Therefore it was decided

after considerable discussion that one employee of Education dept and one staff of JNV would move from Oct 16 onwards to different primary schools in different blocks and start collecting the requisite details. Mr. Rupesh Kumar (Librarian) JNVST incharge - staff from the Vidyalaya informed the committee members that authentication certificate from the Head master where child is studying Class V, educational details of the applicant, presence of parent and child and a valid mobile number for receipt of OTP were mandatory at the time of registration. It was agreed that Principal JNV would co-ordinate with JD, HRDD to ensure that all blocks of North Sikkim are covered and genuine applicants get all necessary support to apply. JD, HRDD also suggested that the amount of Rs. 45/- fixed as charges for uploading of application and handing over Admit Card should be waived off. The Chairman of VMC, readily agreed to this suggestion and it has been decided by VMC unanimously that no amount shall be collected from any parent towards uploading of JNVST applications or for handing over Admit cards. JNV shall provide necessary contingency materials / hardware required for the same.

**(b) Increase in number of applications**

All committee members have agreed to offer requisite support to increase the number of applications. As, on date, about 520 candidates are studying in Class V in the district of North Sikkim.

**(c) Publicity for JNVST 2018**

It has been decided to display posters at public places like Panchayat, Collectorate, Markets, Primary Schools, Hospitals etc. to ensure that public gets to know of the specific details, particularly, during the time period from Sept. 25 to Nov 25 for registration of JNVST.

**(d) To continue with existing 5 centres**

Principal informed the committee members that as was done in 2017 JNVST for 2018 also only 5 centres viz as Govt. Sr. Sec. School Phodong, Govt. Sr. Sec. School Mangan, GJHS Lingdong, Govt. Sec. School Hee Gyathang, Govt. JHG Chungthang would continue to be examination centres. This was agreed upon by all members since the total number of students appearing for JNVST would only be around 300 in number.

**2. Provision of Internet facility in Smart Room**

**(a) Exploring possibilities from different service providers**

All VMC members agreed to the fact that Internet connectivity is pretty bad and some serious steps have to be taken to come up with solutions. Chairman informed that BSNL is drawing optical cable connection from Gangtok to Mangan and already they have signed an agreement with GREF. It is expected that by March 2018, this could become possible and in that case efforts would be taken to give connections to JNV and EMRS. When Principal informed that the ERNET is charging around 3 lac plus a year for VSAT and is providing a very poor service, Mr. Sherap Bhutia, NIC, North Sikkim offered to provide an estimate for WIMAX services. He said that the speed would be good and it has already been tried out in different locations of North Sikkim. The estimate is expected to be received in 15 days after site

inspection and then it would be forwarded to NVS / HQRs for approval. Meanwhile Principal informed the committee members on a proposal received from Bharti Airtel for which an MOU has to be signed for 15 years and necessary consent / approval obtained from NVS, HQRs.

Chairman, VMC assured optimistically that by 2018, the problem of Internet connectivity would be taken care of with the laying of optical cables by BSNL.

3. Request for repairing / recarpeting of road from Zero Point to JNV Phodong.

The point was raised by parent representatives, citing the extremely bad condition of the road. Chairman VMC assured that he would look into the matter and do the needful.

4. Request for deputing of eminent personalities in public service to interact / motivate students.

Principal informed that the JNV students would be much benefitted if they get opportunities to listen to talks of eminent personalities belonging to different walks of life. Chairman assured that he would depute persons of eminence / good orators at least once in a month to JNV.

5. Staff position in JNV

A very elaborate and lengthy discussion took place on the availability of teachers, on the quality of teaching and the performance of teachers. JD, HRDD and Chairman wished to know on the procedure of postings of teaching staff. Principal clarified that regular teachers were posted by Hqrs after the recruitment process of written exam followed by interview, whereas Contract teachers were posted by Regional Office, Shillong after a panel interview. In case Contract teachers are not posted by Regional office due to non availability only then, Contractual appointment is made locally, Principal informed that there is a dearth of availability of teachers in subjects such as Maths, Science etc. In the recent past half a dozen teachers have been recruited locally with the help of HRDD, North Sikkim. Regarding quality, Principal stated that teachers from over 20 states are presently serving in JNV and majority of them are doing their best. The special timetable of early morning and late night classes have already been started for board classes. Moreover every parent who visited the campus during last week of September has been shown the mark-list of his / her ward and academic performance was discussed. Regarding language issues, Principal informed that the newly posted PGT (Hist) is able to carry out academic matters only through Hindi. However, the presence of TGT (SS) who has come on transfer is mitigating the situation as he holds MA in History and is ably assisting in Board class teaching. As for vacancy position of Vice Principal, the Principal informed that Mrs. Rekha Ashok has been posted on promotion but she is temporarily attached to JNV Chickmangalore, Karnataka and is expected to join only in the month of Feb 2018. By Oct. end the TGT and Special teachers' regular posting is expected to be completed and by then Vidyalaya would have all permanent staff.

6. Programmes organized during July – Oct.

Principal briefed the VMC members on the variety of activities taken up by the Vidyalaya since July. As part of the Sensitisation Campaign On Sexual Abuse, teachers who have undergone AEP training took awareness classes. 'Komal' video was also shown to all students. Children were also made aware of the online facility available for registering sexual offence anonymously.

Swachta Pakhwara was organized from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug to 15<sup>th</sup> Aug followed by Hindi fortnight celebration from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep to 15<sup>th</sup> Sep. Several Inter house competitions were organized and winners were given suitable prizes. The Field Public Office of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized a two day Integral campaign on Swachta Hi Sewa on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Sep. Principal also informed that NSS and NCC (Jr. cadets) activities are going on in full swing. 10 students (girls) have been selected for one week camp in Namchi from 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. for selection of RD parade cadets.

Teachers Day and Gandhi Jayanti were celebrated in a befitting way. The Vidyalaya management committee members were impressed with the Co-curricular activities taken up in the JNV.


7. Exploring possibility of funds amounting to 2-3 lacs to construct semi permanent shed for Multi Gym

Principal requested Chairman, VMC to explore possibility of sanctioning funds to the tune of 2 to 3 lacs for construction of a semi permanent shed to install equipment for a Multi gym. The equipment is lying unused for want of a structure. Chairman assured that he would try his best to sanction the sum this year.

8. Other points raised with the permission of the chair

Considerable time was spent on the feedback of the two parent representatives Mrs. Tshering Yangchen Bhutia and Mr. B. B. Subba on the present functioning of JNV. The parents said that food quality was good but had anxiety on the achievement of good results, particularly, in Board classes. Parents also requested for timely posting of teachers, emphasis on spoken English in everyday communication and in ensuring that Academic standards are maintained. JD and Chairman asked for details of fund allocation on different Heads such as Library, Lab, Furniture, Mess, Uniform etc. for which Principal gave detailed reply. It was also decided to share the services of quality teachers with EMRS Swayem and handover teaching Aids as was done in 2016. All the VMC members unanimously stated that JNV Phodong is the best school in North Sikkim, therefore this pace-setting model school is expected to scale greater heights. District Collector assured that North Sikkim administration would extend full support in the functioning of JNV.

Mr. Dinesh Prasad, Sr. Teacher proposed vote of thanks to each and every member for sparing valuable time and giving valuable guidance to the VMC. The meeting concluded at 4.30 PM.

  
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