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Proceedings of Orientation Meet on HP Children's Science Congress

A meeting of District Science Coordinators on HP Children's Science Congress was organised in the conference hall of office of State Council for Science, Technology & Environment, HP on 22nd July, 2016. The meeting was chaired by Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Joint Member Secretary, State Council for Science, Technology & Environment. Sh. Ghanshyam Chand, State Project Director, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan was guest of honour in the meeting. The host organisation was represented by Dr. Aparna Sharma, Senior Scientific Officer-cum-State Coordinator, HP Children Science Congress, Mrs. Sunanda Pathania, Scientific Officer, and Sh. Shashi Dhar Sharma, Senior Scientific Assitant -cum-State Academic Coordinator.



Address by Chief Guest Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Joint Member Secretary, State Council for Science Technology & Environment

The Orientation meet was attended by a total of 28 participants including Smt. Poonam Sood, Dy. Director of Elementary Education, Bilaspur; Sh. H.R. Guleria, Dy. Director of Elementary Education, Una; Dr. Manjula, State Pedagogy Incharge, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan; Sh. Ajay Sharma, TGT Science, State President Himachal Pradesh Science Masters Association; District Science Supervisors of Sirmaur, Bilaspur, Kangra, Solan, Shimla, Una and officials of State Council for Science Technology & Environment, H.P.

Sh. Kunal Satyarthi (IFS), Joint Member Secretary welcomed the distinguished guests and congratulated them for organising this interactive meeting for finalization of budget as well as schedule for the various levels of Children's Science Congress for 2016-17. Sh. Ghanshyam Chand, State Project Director from Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, Smt. Poonam

Sood, Deputy Director of Elementary Education, Bilaspur, Sh. H.R. Guleria, Deputy Director of Elementary Education, Una, Dr. Manjula, State Pedagogy Incharge, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, the district science supervisors and officers/ officials of the State Council staff attended the meeting.

Sh. Kunal Satyarthi presented a brief summary of Children's Science Congress and appreciated the efforts being put in by the State Council as well as the education department in organising this event for the last 23 years in the State. He emphasised the need for further diversification of the event by including new activities and lauded the collaborative efforts between Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, Education Department and the State Council for popularisation of science in the State.

Sh. Ghanshyam Chand, State Project Director, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, H.P. appreciated the efforts of State Council and Education Department for expanding the outreach of Science popularization programs in far off areas of the State. He assured of active collaboration from his department in all such ventures in future. He informed that 36 schools had received funds in 2014, 2015 & 2016 under Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan for Science and Mathematics Learning and they were covering 353 clusters (each cluster comprising of three schools) under the 'PRAYAS' programme.



Address by Guest of Honour Sh. Ghanshyam Chand, State Project Director, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, H.P.

During the meeting, the draft of schedule of State Level HP children's Science Congress 2016 was distributed amongst all the participants by Sh. Hardev Thakur, Science Supervisor, Distt. Sirmour. He discussed about preparations and venue at Nahan for organisation of State Level HP Children's Science Congress-2016.



Dr. Manjula, State Pedagogy Incharge, Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan during discussion

Dr. Manjula, State Pedagogy Incharge from Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan emphasised the need to encourage the children to explore, think and bring innovative ideas on ground. She highlighted that opportunity should be given to those children who had not participated in CSC during previous years. She also urged to invite DIET, DPO and other related organizations to actively participate in HP Children's Congress.

Sh. Ajay Sharma, TGT Science, State Association raised the issue of revision of honorarium for Judges for evaluating various events of CSC. Sh. Amrit Mahajan, Science Supervisor, Bilaspur suggested for a hike in TA/DA during HP Children Science Congress. He also raised the issue that certificates for participation be distributed to students from Sub-Divisional Level onwards. It was unanimously decided there would be one format of certificates for all Levels of CSC. Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Science Supervisor, Una requested to give prizes to three winners instead of two at activity corner. Sh. Amrish Sharma, requested to hold Mathematical Olympiad at Sub Divisional Level too which is currently being organised at the District Level.

President Himachal Pradesh Science Masters



Sh. Ajay Sharma and Sh. Amrit Mahajan, State President and General Secretary Himachal Pradesh Science Masters



Open Discussion

Sh. Thakur Singh Bisht, Science Supervisor, Shimla requested to appoint good judges so that nepotism and favouritism could be avoided. It was decided two prospective judges would be nominated from each district through Deputy Director Elementary Education and State Council for Science, Technology & Environment would then select judges from amongst them.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair by Sh. Shashi Dhar Sharma.