

Minutes of the 80th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Council of School Education - Samagra Shiksha (GCSE-SS)

The 80th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gujarat Council of School Education was held at 1500 hrs. on 29th January 2026 for review and sanction of the activities for Samagra Shiksha under the Chairmanship of Shri Milind Torawane, IAS, Principal Secretary (Primary & Secondary Education), Education Department. The list of all the members present in the meeting is attached at **Annexure-A**.

Smt. Shilpa Patel, Secretary, Samagra Shiksha extended a warm welcome to the Chairman and all the members of the Executive Committee and started the proceedings of the meeting as per the agenda. The minutes of the meeting are as under:

Agenda 80.1 & 80.2: To accord sanction to the Minutes of the 79th meeting of E.C. (29.09.2025) & ATR on 79th EC Meeting

The Minutes of the 79th Meeting of E.C. held on 29th September 2025 along with the Action Taken Report were reviewed and unanimously approved.

ATR for Agenda 79.6:

It was suggested to propagate Vocational Education in Self Finance Schools as well besides the Government and Grant-in-Aid Schools from Grades 9 to 12. GCSE-SS shall action this in coordination with Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB).

It was directed to expedite and complete the bid evaluation process for the selection of Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) through the GeM portal for the Academic Year 2026–27, latest by end of February-2026. It was further instructed to ensure that Vocational Trainers (VTs) are deployed in schools from the commencement of the Academic Year 2026–27.

The Commissionerate of Schools was directed to undertake appropriate and time-bound measures to achieve the target of VT deployment in accordance with NEP norms. Additionally, coordination with the Labour, Skill Development and Employment

Department was advised to identify region-specific trade requirements and accordingly implement vocational trade education for students.

ATR for Agenda 79.7

For work orders issued to the agencies selected for paper-based printing to provide Educational Material to Students of Government and Government-aided schools, the Committee had noted that as per the terms of tender the delivery for the printed Education material to the schools was to be completed by 12/12/2025. The Committee had noted that out of the 4 agencies to whom the work is awarded, there was delay in delivery by 3 agencies i.e. Maruti Printers, Mirror Image & Gajjar Offset. It was suggested to deduct applicable penalties on the concerned agencies for the respective delay in delivery of the printed Education Material beyond the contract delivery schedule. It was also directed that in case of any payment made to the agency without deducting the applicable penalties, the Concerned Officer will be held liable, and the amount will be recovered from the Concerned Officer.

Further, it was directed that henceforth all the works related to printing of books as educational material shall be done only through the Gujarat State Board of School Textbooks (GSBSTB). GCSE-SS shall prepare the list of Educational Material (other than textbooks), as per the budget & requirement, and accordingly place its indent formally to GSBSTB for printing and distribution. It was also directed that GCSE-SS shall plan, prepare and provide such indents to GSBSTB well in advance, so that such books are delivered up to schools before the start of respective semester term or academic year.

ATR for Agenda 79.8

For work orders issued to selected agencies for Jadui Pitara in Government Elementary Schools, it was informed to the Committee that visual inspection of the material before dispatch was carried out randomly by the team comprising of officers of GCSE-SS. The Committee had also directed to provide kits to such schools only where previously such kits are not provided. It was also directed that henceforth for any such scenario where zone-wise tendering is to be undertaken, the Zones shall be defined and fixed

as per the geography & districts, all the zone-wise tendering shall be done accordingly.

ATR for Agenda 79.9

For tender pertaining to establishment of 4,700 Learning-by-Doing (LBD) Labs in Government Elementary Schools, it was informed that the work order was awarded to the selected agencies. Further, it was directed to present a detailed comparison of components of LBD Labs, STEM labs and Atal Tinkering Labs. Also, it was directed that procurement of any such academic and pedagogy related learning materials and components shall be done in coordination with GCERT.

The Committee also noted that upon restructuring of the PRAGNA Project under the NIPUN Bharat program, the erstwhile PRAGNA Project Coordinators were also redeployed as Block Resource Persons (BRP). However, it was directed that in case where any Project Component or Project is closed, all resources for that project including the project-based manpower resources shall also be closed.

ATR for Agenda 79.10

For providing 32,450 Bluetooth Speakers in Government Elementary Schools, it was informed that Work Order has been issued to Harman India. The Committee had directed GCERT to develop Nursery Rhymes (*Baal Geet*) and work out a plan to telecast through BISAG and upload on Web repository to ensure utilization of the speakers at school level.

ATR for Agenda 79.11

For tender for providing Slates (16,60,218 Nos.) to students in Government Elementary Schools, it was directed that from next academic year onwards the grants for such material should be given directly to the School Management Committees (SMCs) before Shala Praveshotsav event, so that the procurement can be completed at local level in timely manner.

ATR for Agenda 79.12

For tender for providing Stationary Kits (16,33,332 Nos.) to students in Government Elementary Schools, it was directed that from next academic year onwards the grants for such material

should be given directly to the School Management Committees (SMCs) before Shala Praveshotsav event, so that the procurement can be completed at local level in timely manner. It was also informed that in case the material is procured at a rate lower than the approved budget, the remaining funds should be surrendered back.

ATR for Agenda 79.13

For tender for printing various Educational Material, the Committee had noted that work order was awarded to Saffron Speciality Papers Ltd. on 15/10/2025 for printing & supply of total quantity of 1,19,96,524 workbooks and the delivery was to be completed by 15/12/2025 as per the Contract. The Committee had directed to deduct appropriate penalty & take necessary action against the selected agency as per the terms of tender, for the delay in delivery of the workbooks / educational material.

Further, it was directed that henceforth all the works related to printing of books as educational material shall be done only through the Gujarat State Board of School Textbooks (GSBSTB). GCSE-SS shall prepare the list of Educational Material (other than textbooks), as per the budget & requirement, and accordingly place its indent formally to GSBSTB for printing and distribution. It was also directed that GCSE-SS shall plan, prepare and provide such indents to GSBSTB well in advance, so that such books are delivered up to schools before the start of respective semester term or academic year.

ATR for Agenda No.s 79.14, 79.15, 79.16, 79.17, 79.18, Agenda from the Chair 79.19.2, 79.19.4

The Committee had noted that the Work Orders were issued under various tenders, and the agenda was put up for post-facto approval of Executive Committee. The Committee had approved the ATR. However, the Committee had directed that henceforth prior approval of Executive Committee shall be taken before issuance of any Work Order. The Committee had also informed that henceforth no agenda seeking post-facto approval should be brought before Executive Committee.

The Committee had also noted that for the same tender package, the dates of issuance of work orders to different agencies were different and also delayed. It was directed that in such cases all the selected agencies shall be called together on a particular date and work orders shall be issued simultaneously. In case any agency fails to appear on the finalized date to accept the work order, as well as signing the agreement, then take appropriate action, as per the terms of contract.

ATR for Agenda from the Chair 79.19.3

For the construction of a Storage Building at GCSE-SS Old Office premises in Sector-17, Gandhinagar, the Committee had directed to work out the estimation of the said work.

ATR for Agenda from the Chair 79.19.6

For deployment of technical manpower resources on outsourcing basis at District Level Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) established in District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs), the Committee had noted that the New Item for this is proposed under the State Government Budget for year 2026-27 and subsequent to its approval in the Budget, the tendering process for the same shall be initiated. Further, the Committee had also directed to assess the existing resources at DIETs and accordingly plan the hiring of new resources on outsourcing basis.

The Committee had directed Civil Branch to develop -

1. An online Inventory Monitoring and Management module for keeping track of available inventory up to school level.
2. Module under Civil MIS – WSDP application for Schools with access provided to Principals to raise requests and complaints / concerns pertaining to Civil Works. It was also suggested to fix Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and penalties for civil works and fix accountabilities of the civil contractor agencies and take action against them for complaints / concerns received for civil works.
3. Module under Civil MIS – WSDP application for auto calculation of estimation of civil works and its estimated costs.
4. Redefine process for disposal of dead-stock inventory and develop its online module.

Agenda 80.3: Physical and financial progress under the Project Samagra Shiksha, PM SHRI, PM JANMAN

The Committee had noted that the fund utilization till date was very low in all the Schemes, and it was directed to arrange a component-wise review of the branches for fund utilization. It was directed to prepare model Request for Proposal (RFP) draft documents for planned and proposed interventions and once the budget is approved the tender should be published after following due approval process. Further, the Committee has also instructed to take appropriate measures to ensure the fund utilization within prescribed time-limits. The Committee had approved Physical and Financial progress of Project Samagra Shiksha, PM SHRI, PM JANMAN.

Agenda 80.4: To accord sanction Annual Report of Samagra Shiksha Year 2024-25

The Committee had discussed the agenda and accorded approval for Annual Report of Samagra Shiksha Year 2024-25.

Agenda 80.5: To Accord sanction Opening of SNA Bank Account under [GCSE-SAMGRASHIKSHA 60:40 (Scheme Code: GJ209)

The Committee had discussed the agenda in detail and accorded post facto approval for opening of a Single Nodal Account (SNA) in Bank of Baroda with name - Saving Account SPO GCSE SNA GUJ Account No: 77580100003080, IFSC CODE: BARB0DBNAVX, and SPO GCSE Holding Account Number: 77580200001047, IFSC CODE: BARB0DBNAVX for implementation of [GCSE-SAMGRA SHIKSHA 60:40 (Scheme Code: GJ209).

Agenda 80.6: To Accord sanction Approval for Opening of Saving Bank Account under State Scheme “Swami Vivekanand Gyan Shakti Tribal Residential School of Excellence GCSE-SS operation”

The Committee had discussed the agenda in detail and accorded post facto approval for opening of Savings Bank account in Indian Bank Name of Saving Account Swami Vivekanand Gyan Shakti Tribal Residential School of Excellence GCSE-SS Account No: 8204101318 IFSC CODE: IDIB000G522 for State Scheme “Swami Vivekanand Gyan Shakti Tribal Residential School of Excellence GCSE-SS operation.

Agenda 80.7: To Accord sanction Approval of award of work for Upkeeping Maintenance of Account tender for the F.Y. 2025-26 Tender floated on GeM.

The Committee deferred the agenda.

Agenda 80.8: To Accord Sanction of one (1) Class-I Officer post for procurement work at State Project Office, Samagra Shiksha

The Committee discarded the agenda.

Agenda 80.9: To Accord Sanction Revision in Sanctioned Posts for Civil Branch, Gujarat Council of School Education (GCSE), Samagra Shiksha (SS)

The Committee discarded the agenda.

Agenda 80.10: To accord sanction for multiple tender packages for the works of Construction / upgradation & construction of Hostels, DIET of Excellence, Secondary School, KGBV- 200 /350/ 150/ 100 Cap, Model School, Under Mission Schools of Excellence, GoG, GoI, CSR, PMSHRI, PM JANMAN, DAJGUA DOP.

The Committee discussed the agenda in detail and accorded approval for 41 tender packages for Construction / upgradation & construction of Hostels, DIET of Excellence, Secondary School, KGBV- 200 /350/ 150/ 100 Cap., Model School, Under Mission Schools of Excellence, GoG, GoI, CSR, PMSHRI, PMJANMAN, DAJGUA DOP with total estimated cost put to tender of Rs. 218.02 Crore + Taxes.

The Committee also directed to do category-wise empanelment of contractors for civil works. It was also directed to prepare a Model Tender document for Civil Works.

Agenda 80.11: To accord sanction for work order to be released for various packages under Mission Schools of Excellence, GOI, GOG, COS, GCERT, PMSHRI, PMJANMAN, DAJGUA.

The Committee discussed the agenda in detail and accorded approval for Work order for total of 1,119 packages amounting Rs. 2645.46 Crores for the upgradation & construction of 6,205 New Classrooms, 16,485 Classrooms Upgradation under Mission Schools of Excellence, and Construction / Upgradation of 9 - ALS Hostels, 16 - Boys Hostels, 2-BRC BHAVANS, 3-Elementary schools, 4-Hostel Buildings, 4- KGBVs (with 200 Capacity), 2- KGBVs (with 350 Capacity), 1 - Model school, 50 - Secondary Schools, PM JANMAN, DAJGUA Hostel in the various district of Gujarat.

Agenda 80.12: To accord sanction for the works of SITC of ON-Grid Solar Rooftop Systems on Government Schools of various districts under PM SHRI (GOI) scheme

The Committee discussed the agenda in detail and directed that for implementation of Solar Roof-Top system, GEDA formula should be adopted and complied with. The Committee had directed to send mail to all the agencies empaneled with GEDA and based on the responses received, it was directed to distribute the total work equally between all the empaneled Agencies with GEDA for the said category of work as per District allocation. It was also directed that GEDA's online platform should be adopted for online meter reading for units generated and this data be shared with Director of Primary Education (DPE) office for adjustment in payments of Electricity Bills of schools as applicable. It was also suggested to finalize modalities for monitoring of unit generations.

Agenda from Chair: 80.13 with the consent of the Chairman:

Agenda-80.13.1: To accord sanction for work order to be released for Procurement of furniture for KGBV through GeM portal.

The Committee had discussed the agenda in detail and accorded post-facto approval for work order issued under 8 bids for total amount Rs. 20.00 Crores for the work of furniture for KGBV under Mission Schools of Excellence.

Agenda-80.13.2: To accord sanction for work order to be released for Procurement of furniture for KGBV through GeM portal.

The bids received for the Invited Tenders for procurement of furniture for KGBV under Mission Schools of Excellence were evaluated technically and financially. The total work order cost for the 8 bids is Rs. 20.00 crore. It is hereby proposed to the E.C. to approve the work order for these 8 bids.

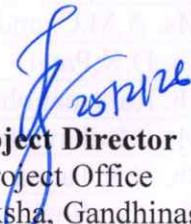
The meeting then ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.

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1. All the Members of Executive Committee
 2. All Officers of this office.

Annexure: A

The list of Participants who attended the 80th Meeting of E.C. on 29th January 2026

| No. | Name | Designation |
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| 1 | Sh. Milind Torawane, IAS | Chairman, EC & Principal Secretary (Pri. & Sec. Edu.), Edu. Dept. |
| 2 | Sh. J. Ranjeethkumar, IAS | State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Gujarat |
| 3 | Sh. Anil Radadiya | Representative of Chairman, GSHSEB, Gandhinagar |
| 4 | Ms. Maya M. Dabhi | Deputy Secretary, GAD Planning, Gandhinagar |
| 5 | Sh. A.T.Sangada | Financial Advisor, Education (F.D.), Gandhinagar |
| 6 | Sh. Prajeshkumar R. Rana | Director of Schools, Gandhinagar |
| 7 | Dr. M.I.Joshi | Director, Primary Education, Gandhinagar |
| 8 | Dr. N.D.Patel | Dy. Director, GIET, Ahmedabad |
| 9 | Sh. Harshad Chaudhari | Dy. Director, School Text Book Board, Gandhinagar |
| 10 | Dr. D.R.Daraji | Dy. Director, Higher Education, Gandhinagar |
| 11 | Ms. Gayatriben Patel | DPC & DPEO, Panchmahal |
| 12 | Dr. V.M.Patel | DPC & DPEO, Banaskantha |
| 13 | Sh. Digvijaysinh D. Jadeja | President, Gujarat State Primary Teachers Association |

Officers who attended the meeting from Samagra Shiksha

| No. | Name | Designation |
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| 1 | Ms. N.S.Gupta | Addl. State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha (Incharge) |
| 2 | Ku. Binduben Kodiyatar | Director Finance Controller, Samagra Shiksha |
| 3 | Ku. S.B.Maheshwari | Finance and Accounts Officer, Samagra Shiksha |
| 4 | Ms. Shilpa Patel | Secretary, Samagra Shiksha |
| 5 | Ms. A.M.Chaudhari | Dy. Director, Samagra Shiksha |
| 6 | Sh. D.N.Patel | Executive Engineer (Electric), Samagra Shiksha |
| 7 | Sh. Rahemanbhai A. Parbadiya | OIC: Quality Education & Monitoring, Samagra Shiksha |
| 8 | Ms. Medhaviniben P. Shashtri | OIC: Women's Development |
| 9 | Sh. H.R.Tanna | Addl. State Project Engineer, Samagra Shiksha |
| 10 | Sh. Axit Shah | Addl. State Project Engineer, Samagra Shiksha |
| 11 | Sh. Asif Savant | OIC: MIS, Samagra Shiksha |
| 12 | Sh. Vishal Soni | DBA & SA, Samagra Shiksha |
| 13 | Sh. Hitendra Joshi | OIC A.S. / V. E. Samagra Shiksha |
| 14 | Ms. Darshanaben Suthar | OIC: Girls Education, Samagra Shiksha |