

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REVIEW MEETING HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE GOVERNOR-CUM-CHANCELLOR THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING WITH THE VICE CHANCELLORS OF ALL UNIVERSITIES OF BIHAR AND DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THE "SAMARTH PORTAL" ON 12.05.2026 AT 04:00 PM IN THE SABHA KAKSHA, BIHAR LOK BHAVAN.

1. Attendance

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by the Secretary to Hon'ble Governor-cum-Chancellor who welcomed the Chief Secretary, the Vice-Chancellors and senior officials from all Universities of Bihar as well as officers of the Higher Education Department (participating through Video Conferencing).

A comprehensive review was undertaken regarding the present status, implementation challenges, operational requirements and corrective measures relating to various modules of the SAMARTH Portal.

2. Deliberations and Directions

2.1 Mission Mode Implementation of SAMARTH Portal

The Secretary to Hon'ble Governor urged all Vice-Chancellors to implement the SAMARTH Portal in mission mode across their respective Universities and affiliated colleges. It was emphasized that the portal should be comprehensively utilized for:

- i.** Student admissions and enrolment
- ii.** Examination management and result processing
- iii.** Teacher and employee management
- iv.** Attendance monitoring
- v.** Leave management of Vice-Chancellors and employees
- vi.** Service-related matters
- vii.** Other academic and administrative functions.
- viii.** Payroll

The Hon'ble Governor directed that all the modules of the SAMARTH Portal be operationalized immediately in every University.

2.2 Data Authenticity and Verification Mechanism

- i. The Hon'ble Governor emphasized that all data uploaded on the SAMARTH Portal must be fully authentic, verified and reliable.
- ii. Universities were directed to establish a proper certification and validation mechanism to ensure that all uploaded data is duly examined and authenticated before final submission.
- iii. The efforts undertaken by Munger University and Purnea University in implementation of the SAMARTH Portal were appreciated and other Universities were advised to adopt similar best practices.

2.3 Constitution of Task Forces

The Hon'ble Governor directed constitution of three separate Task Forces for suggesting reforms and improvements in higher education administration and academic governance consists of officers of Bihar Lok Bhavan, Higher Education Department, Vice Chancellors and representatives of Finance Department.

The Task Forces shall undertake study visits to 3-4 States e.g.- Gujarat, Keralam, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh etc. for examining:

- i. Best practices in higher education
- ii. Administrative processes
- iii. Academic reforms
- iv. Efficient governance models.

2.4 Establishment of New Colleges

- i. It was informed during the meeting that the process for establishment of 208 new degree colleges is underway. The Chief Secretary has instructed that in case of any issue with respect to newly commenced colleges the Vice-Chancellor should immediately coordinate with Higher Education Department for expeditious compliance of the orders of the State Government. All Vice-Chancellors were requested to raise concerns/constraints viz shortage of Teaching /Non-Teaching Staff, infrastructures, outsourcing staff etc. with the Secretary, Higher Education Department.
- ii. The Hon'ble Governor stated that Universities demonstrating effective implementation of the SAMARTH Mission and achieving measurable outcomes shall be suitably recognized and incentivized with a sum of Rs 01(One) Lakh as award.

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2.5 Academic Calendar and Faculty Shortage

- i. The Hon'ble Governor directed all Universities to ensure strict updating and adherence to the Academic Calendar.
- ii. It was further directed that immediate measures be initiated for addressing the shortage of teaching and non-teaching personnel. Universities were instructed to forward the list of vacant positions and requisitions to Bihar Lok Bhavan for needful.

2.6 Utilization and Accounting of Government Grants

- i. The Hon'ble Governor directed that all Universities shall maintain proper accounts and utilization certificates records of grants provided by the Government of Bihar.
- ii. The Universities shall remain fully accountable for expenditure and utilization of public funds to the Govt. of Bihar. The Department of Higher Education may call meeting of Universities to review progress, with intimation to office of the Hon'ble Governor.

2.7 Appointment of Nodal Officers

- i. The Secretary to Hon'ble Governor requested that in cases where teaching and non-teaching personnel are not adequately supporting implementation initiatives, the concerned Universities shall identify responsible officials and initiate corrective action.
- ii. Further, every University was directed to appoint a Nodal Officer for coordination and monitoring of the SAMARTH Portal and related digital governance initiatives.

2.8 Internship Opportunities

The Hon'ble Governor emphasized that Department of Higher Education should develop structured internship opportunities for students in alignment with UGC norms and NEP 2020.

2.9 Nomination of Chancellor's Nominees

The Hon'ble Governor directed that a panel of five names for nomination of Chancellor's Nominees in each University shall be forwarded to Governor's Secretariat for consideration (Letter No. 909 dated 12-05-2026).

2.10 Grievance Redressal and Technical Support

Vice-Chancellors highlighted several operational issues including:

- i. Shortage of manpower
- ii. Technical challenges relating to the SAMARTH Portal
- iii. Financial constraints



- iv. Requirement of trained technical personnel.

The Chief Secretary, Bihar assured that the State Government shall extend all necessary support for timely resolution of such issues.

Universities were also directed to maintain a repository of institution-specific problems and present action taken reports in subsequent review meetings. It was further advised that Universities shall make maximum use of the technical support available on the SAMARTH Portal for grievance redressal and issue resolution.

2.11 Implementation of CCMS

The Hon'ble Governor directed all Universities to implement the CCMS system for effective disposal and monitoring of court cases and related legal matters.

OTHER IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS & DECISIONS:

- i. Migration of data from the existing portal/system (UMIS) to SAMARTH shall be completed in a phased and monitored manner.
- ii. A replica of all data ported on SAMARTH portal should also be kept in the State Data Centre to ensure secure data, storage and backup mechanisms.
- iii. All Vice-Chancellors shall ensure continuous review and monitoring of implementation progress of SAMARTH at the university level.
- iv. Leave applications of Vice-Chancellors shall be processed only through the SAMARTH.
- v. All Vice-Chancellors may coordinate with the Office of the Commissioner, Saran Division, as a reference model for expeditious examination and clearance of roster matters pertaining to non-teaching posts.
- vi. The Department of Higher Education was directed to furnish a panel of fifteen (15) eligible finance officers from Finance Department for consideration of deputation as Assistant Finance Officers in the Universities of Bihar, with a view to strengthening financial administration and ensuring effective fiscal management.
- vii. All Vice-Chancellors shall nominate a Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) in their respective Universities for effective monitoring, timely examination and proper disposal of vigilance and disciplinary matters.
- viii. With regard to the issue of land acquisition pertaining to Jai Prakash University, it was directed that the Higher Education Department shall take up the matter with the District Administration, Saran, and the Department of Revenue & Land Reforms, Bihar for necessary action and expeditious resolution.
- ix. It was directed that, as per the requirements projected by the Universities, necessary non-teaching and technical manpower may be provided centrally

by the Higher Education Department in accordance with the relevant provisions and prescribed procedures.

- x. For the purpose of the next review meeting, all Vice-Chancellors shall furnish their respective agenda points to the Higher Education Department within one week, with a copy endorsed to this Secretariat, to facilitate meaningful and structured discussion on university-related matters.
- xi. It was directed that a committee may be constituted at the Department of Education for undertaking periodic visits to the Universities for better monitoring, assessment of implementation status, and timely review of administrative and academic matters including SAMARTH.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all participating officials and stakeholders.

By Order of the Hon'ble Chancellor,

Sd/-

(Gopal Meena)

Secretary to the Governor

Memo No.: BSU-76/2025-966/ G.S. (I),

Dated:-20.05.2026

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