

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SCHOOL EDUCATION  
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**Rc. No. 426/B/SCERT/2017**

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**Sub:-** Vidya Vikaasam program, AP SCERT – Conduct of Student Learning Achievement Survey (SLAS) 2017 for Classes 4,6 and 9 in sample set of schools in all districts – State and district level -- Reg.

**Ref:-** 1. Memo No. 420155/Prog. II/A1/2016 dated 03.02.17  
2. MoU signed between Department of School Education, Center for Science of Student Learning (CSSL), Central Square Foundation (CSF) and Samagra dated 07.02.17  
3. Minutes of meeting in O/o Commissioner of School Education, dated 20.11.17  
4. File C. No. 426/B/SCERT/2017  
5. Lr. No. 426/B/SCERT/2017 stating reasons for conduct of SLAS and plan for usage of analysis findings in trainings and dissemination

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All the Regional Joint Directors (RJDSEs), District Educational Officers (DEOs), District Project Officers (DPOs) are informed that vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, permission was accorded by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to set up an Assessment Cell in SCERT composing of subject experts and Assessment experts and strengthening of District DCEBs.

As per reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited above, an MoU was entered between Department of School Education and partners CSSL and Samagra. it was decided to conduct Student Learning Achievement Survey (SLAS) every year for a period of 3 years using high quality assessment tools provided by CSSL. Data and analysis from this SLAS (misconception analysis, granular competency gaps) would be used to train the State Assessment Cell and District Assessment Cell members, develop informed teacher training modules and disseminated to all schools and teachers to transform teaching-learning processes in classrooms.

The first round of SLAS was conducted in December 2016, only for Class 4. 21,121 students in total were tested from 519 Government schools and 479 Private schools. The detailed analysis report for SLAS 2016 was submitted to the Department on 29-08-17 and dissemination was conducted through state, district workshops and teleconference in Sep-Oct 2017. Analytical dashboard for SLAS has also been prepared at



<http://ap3r.usky.in>. Additionally, divisional level workshops for direct dissemination to HMs in the state is in progress.

The Department has proposed to go ahead to conduct **SLAS 2017** for the following reasons:

- SLAS will enable the state to identify the most accurate picture of learning levels of children across Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary classes
- While National Achievement Survey (NAS) was conducted on 13/11/17, NAS is a horizontal cross-sectional study and only benchmarks the state to the rest of the country- SLAS on the other hand is a Longitudinal Impact assessment that intends to diagnose the learning gaps specific to Andhra Pradesh at a student level
- NAS was conducted for Classes 3,5,8 while SLAS will be conducted for Classes 4,6,9.
- SLAS will also provide advanced analysis like Misconception analysis, Item response theory and scale anchoring to benchmark knowledge and ability performance of children.
- SLAS will complement NAS findings and be used towards developing informed training modules and disseminating enriched analysis to all schools and teachers

**In light of the above reasons, it is decided to conduct SLAS in the following format:**

- Students from Class 4, 6 and 9 will be tested
- SLAS will only be conducted for 2 subjects- Language (Telugu for Telugu Medium and English for English Medium) and Mathematics
- SLAS tool will be provided by CSSL
- SLAS will be conducted in a mix of Government and Private schools
- Approx. 1250 students will be tested in each class and school management in all districts. Hence, each district will test at least 1250 students of Class 4,6,9 each from Govt. schools (Telugu medium); 1250 students of Class 4,6,9 each from Private schools. The list of schools identified for sample testing will be sent separately by Dec 26.
- SLAS will only be conducted in Telugu and English medium schools
- Sampling will be conducted by CSSL through a Stratified sampling procedure to ensure representative sample across each district
- SLAS is an objective, multiple choice question tool- OMRs will be used for evaluation of students
- Services of CRPs will be utilized for invigilation and administration of SLAS in all the schools



SLAS will be conducted between **Jan 5-8, 2018** for 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> classes and only for Language and Mathematics subjects.

Date	Class	Subject	Timing
5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018	Class 4	Language	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
		Mathematics	1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018	Class 6	Language	10:30 am – 12:30 pm
		Mathematics	2:30 pm – 4:15 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018	Class 9	Language	10:30 am – 12:30 pm
		Mathematics	2:30 pm – 4:15 pm

**Time schedule for conduct of SLAS:**

Sl.	Task	Date	Responsible person
1	Issue of proceedings to all districts on conduct of SLAS 2017	22-12-17	Done
2	Teleconference to all district level officers	26-12-17	State office
3	Identification of CRPs in all districts who will administer SLAS (send list to state/partners)	27-12-17	DEOs/DPOs
4	Master Training workshop for CRPs	27-12-17	SCERT/CSSL
5	District led evaluator training for CRPs	30-12-17	DEOs/DCEB
6	Printed copies of papers and OMRs in sealed school packaged delivered to district DCEB office	02-01-17	State office
7	Sealed papers delivered to respective Mandal resource points (under MEO control)	04-01-17	DEO office
8	CRPs to pick up <u>Class 4</u> package of Language and Mathematics at mandal point and go to school (on the day of exam, before 9 am)	05-01-17	Selected CRP for school
9	School wise OMR packages for <u>Class 4</u> are picked up by CRPs and brought back to mandal point (end of the day of exam)	05-01-17	Selected CRP for school
10	CRPs to pick up <u>Class 6</u> package of Language and Mathematics at mandal point and go to school (on the day of exam, before 9 am)	06-01-17	Selected CRP for school
11	School wise OMR packages for <u>Class 6</u> are picked up by CRPs and brought back to mandal point (end of the day of exam)	06-01-17	Selected CRP for school
12	CRPs to pick up <u>Class 9</u> package of Language and Mathematics at mandal point and go to school (on the day of exam, before 9 am)	08-01-17	Selected CRP for school



13	School wise OMR packages for <u>Class 9</u> are picked up by CRPs and brought back to mandal point (end of the day of exam)	08-01-17	Selected CRP for school
14	Consolidated OMR packages of all classes come to DCEB office	10-01-17	DCEB
15	Consolidated packages sent to scanning centers	13-01-17	DCEB

In order to ensure smooth conduct of SLAS, training/workshop will be conducted as per the following dates:

Date	Training	Venue/Time	Participants	Resource Persons
26-12-17	Teleconference to all RJDs, DEOs, DPOs and AMOs on SLAS 2017	Teleconference from state office (timing will be intimated later)	All RJDSEs, DEOs, DPOs and AMOs of the state	-
27-12-17	Master Training workshop (State level)	Vijayawada (9:30 am – 4:30 pm)	All DCEB Secretaries, District Assessment Cell members and State Assessment Cell members	Team from CSSL and Samagra
30-12-17 (Tentative)	District level CRPs Evaluator workshop	Respective venues in each district	1 selected Dy.EO, 2 selected MEOs, All selected CRPs who will administer exam in schools	DCEB Secretary, District Assessment Cell and appointed State Assessment Cell member

The SLAS is designed to test the system and suggest learning improvement measures- it is NOT to test an individual child or school. Results/Analysis from SLAS will **NOT** be utilized for any performance points or otherwise- hence all DEOs, MEOs, Head Masters and teachers are requested to ensure fair conduction of SLAS so as to bring maximum benefit to the state. Any malpractice will be viewed seriously and action taken against concerned persons.

Enclosed are also specific guidelines for conduct of examination  
Final selected list of sample schools will be communicated by 26-12-17 to all districts.



In this regard all RJDSEs, District Educational Officers, District Project Officers in the state are requested to regard this with URGENT PRIORITY and communicate SLAS schedule to all schools and managements in their respective districts and also follow guidelines as mentioned in annexure.

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**Commissioner of School Education**

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To,

All the Regional Joint Directors in the State

All the District Educational Officers in the State

All the Project Officers, SSA in the State

The Director, Municipal Administration

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Copy submitted to all Principals of DIETs of state for information

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## Guidelines for conduct of SLAS 2017-18

- SLAS is scheduled to be conducted from Jan 5-8, 2018 as per schedule above for set of sample schools in all districts
- Communicate the SLAS schedule from 05-01-2018 to 08-01-2018, for 2 subjects (Language and Mathematics) and across 3 classes (Class 4, 6 and 9) in a set of sample schools under Govt. and Pvt. Managements

### District Education Officer:

- Instruct all selected sample schools Head Masters (from all managements) to take necessary action in ensuring full attendance of students of Class IV, VI and IX for the examination days
- DEOs to take necessary action for strict maintaining of confidentiality of question papers at all levels
- DEOs should attend teleconference on 28-12-17 with other district level officials on details of sample schools and conduct of SLAS
- DEOs with the support of DPOs to identify <sup>110 in each district</sup> CRPs who will be available on all 3 days to ensure smooth conduct of SLAS- **Deadline to submit list of identified CRPs is 27-12-17**
- Allocation of CRPs to schools will be made by State office. DEOs shall depute CRPs to schools that are outside their own clusters/mandals.
- DEOs should conduct a meeting with MEOs of identified mandals, DyEOs, SSA officials on **29-12-17** to prepare for a smooth conduct of SLAS examination without any scope for malpractices
- DEOs to constitute a district level team to monitor conduct of SLAS examination with MEOs, Dy.EOs, SSA officials in their respective districts

### DCEB Secretary

- DCEB Secretary and District Assessment cell members to take care of supplying of Class IV, VI and IX question papers, background questionnaires and OMRs to mandal point
- DCEB Secretary should also strictly ensure that Question papers, OMRs are kept under strict confidentiality- they must ensure the same confidentiality at mandal resource centers as well



- Leakage of Q.P.s, mass copying and malpractices to be avoided at all levels and will be viewed very seriously

**Mandal Education Officer:**

- MEOs of the selected sample mandals are responsible to keep all Question papers and OMR sheets in the strong room, 1 day before the examination
- MEO should inform all the CRPs to receive the Q.P.s on the morning of the day of conduct of SLAS examination
- MEO should ONLY give the allotted Class wise school package on the respective day of examination. For e.g. on examination day, 05-01-18, MEO should only give Class 4 school package of the respective school to the allotted CRP by 8:30 am. Similarly on examination day, 06-01-18, MEO should only give Class 6 school package of respective school to allotted CRP by 9 am and on day, 08-01-18, MEO should only give Class 8 school package of respective school allotted CRP by 9 am
- MEO should constitute a 2-member team at the MRCs responsible for distributing the school packages and receiving the same on the day of examination
- MEO to conduct a meeting with allotted CRP on 03-01-18 to prepare a smooth plan of action for storage, distribution and logistics during examination days

**Cluster Resource person (CRP):**

- Selected CRPs by DEOs should attend the district level evaluator training workshop on 30-12-17 **without FAIL.**
- CRPs should verify the seals of the question paper bundles at the time of receiving the from MEO office
- All CRPs from each district will be added in a Whatsapp group for smooth communication and information dissemination with state and district level officials
- CRPs will only collect the question papers and OMR packages on the morning of the day of the examination!!
- CRP is the first level monitoring officer to ensure smooth conduct of SLAS examination without any deviations



- CRPs will also ensure the accurate collection of background information of school, HMs and students
- After completion of examination, the exam OMRs must be neatly packed, without any damage and submit to the concerned MEO office, from where, it will be sent in the same sealed form to the district DCEB office

**Head Masters of selected sample schools:**

- Head Master is the monitoring officer at the school level to ensure smooth conduct of the examination – it is the moral right to ensure zero malpractice
- HM should also verify the seals of the question paper bundles at the time of examination conduction
- HMs will ensure all necessary arrangements of students of Class IV, VI and IX students have been made in advance for conduct of SLAS- HMs to provide complete support to the CRP in providing data and monitoring

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