

**Ministry of Education  
Department of Higher Education**

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023:**

**Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During February, 2023**

(i) First G-20 Education Working Group (EdWG) Meeting was held from 01.02.2023 to 02.02.2023 in Chennai. The meet discussed areas for an inclusive, equitable, relevant and quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all. Best practices in Tech related education in member countries were also discussed in a major way. During the event a Gala Dinner “रात्रि भोज पर संवाद” was organized in which Hon’ble Governor of Tamil Nadu along with other dignitaries grace the occasion.

(ii) Consultation-cum-Review meeting was held on 28.02.2023 with States/UTs of North Zone (Haryana, HP, J&K, Ladakh, Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh, UP, Uttarakhand) to discuss status of implementation of NEP, 2020.

(iii) The New Delhi World Book Fair - one of the largest book fairs in the world was organized from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 05<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in New Delhi by National Book Trust, India. Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for Education inaugurated the event in the august presence of national and foreign dignitaries. France was the Guest of Honour country. Ms. Annie Ernarux, Nobel Prize winning author of France, grace the inaugural session and also delivered a speech. One of the major highlights of the book fair was launch of 70 books in 22 languages under the PM-YUVA 1.0 Mentorship Scheme by the dignitaries in the presence of all the young authors who worked and brought out books. These books focused on national movement of India and unsung heroes under a mentorship scheme of the Ministry of Education with National Book Trust, India as the Implementing Agency. The National Book Trust, India also released 30 books under its new India@75 series which has been launched to document the life and sacrifice of known as well unknown heroes of freedom struggle. The Theme of the Book fair was Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and a special Theme Pavilion was created in 1200 square meters tracing the journey of India as an independent nation and the role of books in creating an inclusive national consciousness and ethos.

(iv) To strengthen people to people connect and build empathy between youth of the North Eastern States and other States, Ministry of Education, Government of India has conceptualized an initiative of ‘Yuva Sangam’ under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat in collaboration with various other ministries and departments such as Culture, Tourism, Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs & Sports, Home Affairs, Department for Development of North-East Region (DoNER) and IRCTC. This was jointly launched by four Union Ministers on 06.02.2023. More than 1000 youth will participate in the pilot of Yuva Sangam all over India to North eastern states and vice versa. During their visits, the youth will have a multi-dimensional exposure under five broad areas – Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogik (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect).

(v) IIT, Gandhinagar and the Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi has organized three-day International Colloquium on “Emerging Perspectives of Harappan Civilisation” for February 10 to 12. The three-day International Colloquium was mainly focus

