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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of January, 2021-
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet related to the significant activities of the Department of Higher Education for the month of January, 2021.



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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2021:

1. Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During January, 2021

A. Hon'ble PM's involvement in Higher Educational Institutions:

(i) Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of permanent campus of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Sambalpur in Odisha, after five years of working in a makeshift campus. Governor and Chief Minister of Odisha, along with Education Ministers were also present on the occasion.

The permanent campus of IIM Sambalpur will give a new identity to Odisha in the field of management and this will pave the way for an "Atma Nirbhar Bharat". The Prime Minister urged students of IIM Sambalpur to help the local community of Odisha grow, by utilising the knowledge they gain at the institute.

(ii) Prime Minister addressed the 18th Convocation of Tezpur University, Assam through video conferencing. Governor of Assam, Education Minister and the Chief Minister of Assam were also present on the occasion.

B. JEE Advanced 2021 Date Announced: Exam To Be Held On July 3.

JEE Advanced 2021, the eligibility test for admission to undergraduate engineering programmes in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) across the country, will be held on July 3 and be conducted by IIT Kharagpur.

While declaring the date of JEE (Advanced) exam, the Education Minister has announced to waive off the 75% marks (in class 12th exam) eligibility criteria for admissions to the academic year 2021-2022 for the ease of students. He also informed that JEE (Advanced) - 2021 will be held as a computer-based test.

C. Education Minister reviews implementation of New Education Policy- 2020

Education Minister chaired a meeting with the senior officials of the ministry to review the implementation of New Education Policy- 2020. A total of 181 tasks have been identified for implementation in Higher Education..

D. Education Minister and Minister Women Child & Development and Textiles jointly launched Toycathon-2021 and Toycathon Portal

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Ministry of Textile, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Ministry of MSME, Ministry of I&B and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have jointly launched Toycathon-2021.

This is a special kind of hackathon where students and teachers from schools and colleges, design experts, toy experts and startups get together to crowd source ideas for developing toys and games.

The Toycathon is based on nine themes viz. Indian Culture, History, Knowledge of India and Ethos; Learning, Education and Schooling; Social and human values; Occupations & specific fields; Environment; Divyang ; Fitness and sport; Out of the box, creative and logical thinking and Rediscovering/redesigning traditional Indian toys

E. Important Events

A dialogue on the “**New Education Policy 2020 – NEP Outreach**”, was organized by the Nehru Centre, London with National Book Trust, India (under Ministry of Education) on 18 January, 2021.