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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of April 2021 -reg.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet relating to the significant activities of the Department of School Education and Literacy for the month of April, 2021.

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I. Financial Achievements/Releases :

1.46 % of the Plan allocation under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes/ Central Sector Schemes of the Department was released by 30th April, 2021.

II. Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives:

S.No.	Subject	Brief
1	CBSE Board Examinations	<p>Pursuant to the decision taken in a high level meeting held on 14th April 2021, in view of present situation of the pandemic and school closures in various states, and also taking in account the safety and well-being of the students, CBSE vide its Notification dated 14th April 2021 has notified the following :</p> <p>(i) The Board Exams for Class XIIth to be held from May 4th to June, 14th, 2021 are hereby postponed. These exams will be held hereafter. The situation will be reviewed on 1st June 2021 by the Board, and details will be shared subsequently. A notice of at least 15 days will be given before the start of the examinations.</p> <p>(ii) The Board Exams for Class Xth to be held from 4th May to June 14th, 2021 are hereby cancelled. The results of Class Xth Board will be prepared on the basis of an objective criterion to be developed by the Board. Any candidate who is not satisfied with the marks allocated to him/her on this basis will be given an opportunity to sit in an exam as and when the conditions are conducive to hold the exams.</p> <p>CBSE is currently examining proposals for an alternate credible and fair way to declare results for class X. The situation for class XII will be reviewed by CBSE in June 2021.</p>

2	SARTHAQ	<p>In pursuance of the goals and objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 issued on 29th July, 2020 and to assist States and UTs in this task, the Department of School Education and Literacy has developed an indicative and suggestive Implementation Plan for School Education, called 'Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education (SARTHAQ)'. This implementation plan was released on 8th April 2021 by Hon. SM also as a part of the celebrations leading to the Amrit Mahotsav on 75 years of Indian independence.</p> <p>SARTHAQ has been developed through wide and intensive consultative process with States and UTs, Autonomous bodies and suggestions received from all stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan keeps in mind the concurrent nature of education and adheres to the spirit of federalism. States and UTs are given the flexibility to adapt this plan with local contextualization and also modify as per their needs and requirements. This implementation plan delineates the roadmap and way forward for implementation of NEP, 2020 for the next 10 years, for its smooth and effective implementation.</p>
3	Pariksha Pe Charcha	<p>The 4th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, the unique interactive program of HPM with students, teachers and parents was held for the first time in virtual mode while adhering to the COVID-19 protocols. The programme was aired 7th April, 2021 on number of TV channels and digital media in Hindi and in other major Indian languages. Among Autonomous Bodies under the Department, students of CBSE affiliated schools, KVS, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and CTSA throughout the country viewed the programme in very large numbers.</p>

4	MyNEP2020	<p>Hon. SM, on 1st April 2021, launched the “MyNEP2020” Platform of NCTE Web Portal. The platform seeks to invite suggestions/inputs/membership from the stakeholders for preparing draft for development of National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) and National Mission for Mentoring Program membership (NMM). The “MyNEP2020” platform will be operational from 1st April 2021 to 15th May 2021.</p> <p>This exercise of digital consultation envisages the participation of teachers, education professionals, academicians, & other stakeholders in preparing the documents on teacher policy for sustainable and positive change in the Teacher’s Education Sector. For preparing the documents on above two major recommendations of NEP 2020, NCTE will work in close consultation with individuals/organizations.</p> <p>Expert committee will extensively review the inputs collected during the consultation period and will finally formulate the Drafts for public review. Comments by the reviewers from the stakeholders will then be used to prepare a final Draft for notification.</p>
5	Samagra Shiksha	<p>Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) as well as pre-PAB of Samagra Shiksha was held as per following details under the chairmanship of Secretary (SE&L) to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B), for 2021-22</p> <p>1. 7th April, 2021: NIEPA, NCTE, CBSE, NIC, TSG. A budget of Rs 16355.78 lakh has been approved for 2021-22 as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i)CBSE - Rs 15234 lakh (ii)NCERT for NAS - Rs. 688.52 lakh (iii)NCERT for FLN- Rs 173.92 lakh (iv)NIC - Rs 259.34 lakh <p>2. 20th April, 2021: J&K.</p> <p>3. 23rd April, 2021: NCERT. NCERT has been asked to revise some of its proposals and resubmit.</p> <p>4. 27th April, 2021: Karnataka.</p> <p>5. 29th April, 2021: Gujarat, Kerala.</p>

6	COVID Action Plan	A meeting on 26th April 2021 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (SE&L) to finalize a roadmap for continuity of learning during the pandemic. After detailed discussions, a comprehensive Covid action plan has been prepared consolidating all the earlier guidelines and interventions including timelines for all Stakeholders involved in Access, Retention, Continuous Learning, Capacity Building and Stakeholder engagement. The document has been shared with all States/UTs and other concerned stakeholders for further necessary action.
7	Adult Education	<p>The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has conveyed that it has been decided to extend the period of implementation of PLA till 31st July, 2021, with the following conditions:</p> <p>(i) Undertake the activities of PLA scheme up to 31st July, 2021 within the approved Budget of the scheme for the FY 2020-21.</p> <p>(ii) Allow State/UTs to incur expenditure of unspent balance of PLA Scheme in respect of Central share and State share available with them during the extended period upto 31.07.2021 for smooth implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>(iii) Allow Adult Education Bureau, Department of School Education and Literacy to incur unspent balance of National Resource Support Component during the extended period upto 31.07.2021 for implementation of PLA scheme.</p> <p>(iv) Allow Adult Education Bureau, Department of School Education and Literacy to accept proposals of 3 (three) States, namely, West Bengal, Goa and Maharashtra who could not submit their proposals during the FY 2020-21.</p>

8	Foundational literacy and numeracy	<p>The New Education Policy 2020 recognizes that foundational literacy and numeracy are critical prerequisites for schooling and education and envisages that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making learners competent in doing meaningful reading and writing by the time they enter grade 3. • Developing the basic understanding and competencies related to numeracy and its related concepts among young learners till grade 2. • Developing skills among the learners to amalgamate their outside school experiences in their classroom learning to attain foundational literacy and numeracy in a better way. <p>Detailed Guidelines on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy have been issued to the States and UTs for their comments/suggestions. These Guidelines have been prepared through an intensive consultation process with NCERT, UNICEF, and Civil Society organisations.</p>
9	Training programme for covid responsive behavior released on DIKSHA	<p>A training programme has been launched for covid responsive behavior on DIKSHA for teachers, school heads and SMC members in collaboration with UNICEF.</p> <p>As and when a school re-opens, special precautionary measures have to be put in place by the school authorities to ensure safety of school staff, students and nearby communities from the COVID pandemic. This course has been designed with the objective of providing essential knowledge and action plan with demarcation of responsibilities, for prevention of transmission of COVID 19 in the school environment.</p>

A. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
<p style="text-align: center;">Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Information regarding Jal Shakti Abhiyan “catch the rain” was communicated to all the Kendriya Vidyalayas. • CSIR innovation award for schoolchildren 2021: The modalities and details of CSIR innovation award instituted by DST were shared with students of all Kendriya Vidyalayas for participation. • 2021 International letter writing competition for young people: Information regarding international letter writing competition organized by Department of Post Ministry of communication was disseminated all Kendriya Vidyalayas. • A Calendar of month wise activities to be undertaken to celebrate 75 weeks of the 75th year of independence, commencing from March 2021 to August 2022 was prepared. Information regarding the activity to be undertaken in the month of April was disseminated to all the Kendriya Vidyalayas. Students prepared scrapbook Power Point presentation on the important historical events and their significance in the struggle for independence. • Personalized learning programme using connected Classroom Solution for Kendriya Vidyalayas under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) has been completed in 277 Classrooms
<p style="text-align: center;">Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID Response teams have been formed at various level. Nodal Officers have been nominated for day to day monitoring and guidance and they are extending all possible help. Similarly, teams have been formed at School, Cluster and Regional level also to monitor the impact of COVID ensuring timely treatment and extending all possible help to the students, their parents and staffs regularly. • Medical advance is being sanctioned immediately to the needy staff. • Regular visit of Doctor, availability of staff nurse and hired vehicle (24*7) are ensured. Ambulance is also allowed on need basis. • Instruction is also given to ensure availability of oxygen cylinder, oxymeter, medicine at school level and a few oxygen concentrator at regional level to ensure timely help to staff and their family. • Help is being extended to students and staff by coordinating with hospitals and alumni of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

<p>National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the project development and dissemination of educational media programmes, seven audio programmes and 145 video programmes have been prepared. • Under PM e-Vidya, live telecast of 22 webinars of ICT Tools have been done for the teachers, teacher educators and stakeholders. • 21 live sessions of Counselling SAHYOG guidance for mental wellbeing have been transmitted. • Six Manodarpan webinar sessions have been transmitted by NISHTHA online on DIKSHA. • In NISHTHA Online DIKSHA there are 4.63 crore enrolments and 4.10 crore course completion till 19 April 2021.
<p>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Regional Offices of the Board to host best original answer books of the candidates who have secured 100% marks in major subjects on the Board's website after assessment by experts. • Examination-A meeting of Regional Officers was conducted to communicate important issues due to COVID-19. • Affiliation - CBSE has introduced the School Affiliation Re-engineered Automated System (SARA) the Affiliation process in consonance with NEP, 2020 and in lines with spirit of DPIIT. The new system is end-to-end Online. • Academics & Training – In order to acquaint the interested schools regarding the provisions laid down in Affiliation Bye Laws 2018 as well as the process of applying for Affiliation/ Upgradation etc, the Board has organised webcast sessions from time-to-time during the months of March & April, 2021 • Online Training Sessions - During the month of April 2021 total 1378 online sessions were conducted on various topics and 66339 teachers participated in these sessions. • Information and Technology - Development of various modules of School Affiliation Re-Engineered Automation System (SARAS) including AI/ML implementation for documents reading. • Development and Implementation of Online Inspection Committee Allocation System for Affiliation. • Development and Implementation of Online Inspection Report System for Affiliation. • Development of IPS for Inspection Committee members and translators. • Development and Implementation of SAMA (School Area Measuring App) & Portal to measure school area virtually as well as physically.

<p style="text-align: center;">National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live sessions on e-Vidya at the Secondary and Sr. Secondary level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is providing learning support through various modes using ICT and Media. E-Vidya is one of the major platforms where NIOS is conducting 2 hours live session from Monday to Friday in various subjects at the Secondary and Sr. Secondary level. Some of these programmes were also conducted in sign language at the Secondary level for providing learning opportunities for hearing impaired learners. ○ 16 live sessions at Secondary and 19 at Sr. Secondary level were conducted in April 2021. • Learning support for differently-abled learner: 10 videos in Indian Sign Language Medium have been recorded in Business Studies and English at Secondary and Senior Secondary level and the same was broadcast on PM eVidya channel. • Audio-Radio Programme productions and broadcast: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 493 audio programmes including 16 Live audio programmes were broadcast on the Community Radio Station - Radio Vahini (FM 91.2 MHz). ○ 506 audio PCPs including 34 Live interactive audio PCPs were continually web-streamed on the Mukta Vidya Vani (MVV).
<p style="text-align: center;">Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online remedial classes for class XII are regularly conducted. • Online classes from class – VI to XII have been started and the students are attending in good number. • Bridge course for all classes is also going on after re-opening of School. • Students are regularly instructed to follow the guidelines of COVID-19.

B. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNANCE

E-Office is fully implemented in this Department. The exchange of information, communication & transactions are delivered through e-office/e-mail. Meetings with State Governments/Other Ministries/autonomous organizations are held through Video Conferencing.