

**Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education**

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022:

Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During August, 2022

1. This year, Smart India Hackathon (SIH) in its 5th edition introduced the platform for school students in the form of SIH-junior along with the students from the higher education institutions as SIH-Senior. SIH also registered growth in Participation of Teams from 24733 in 2021 to 29634 this year. Hon'ble Prime Minister was present during the Grand Finale of SIH 2022 held on 25th August 2022.
2. Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Vadodara has been established through enactment of Central Universities (Amendment) Act, 2022. The Act got the assent of the President on 16.08.2022. The GSV has been envisioned to meet the emerging need of the expanding transportation sector in the new century. The scope of the Vishwavidyalaya will extend beyond the Railways to cover entire transport sector.
3. Department encouraged the Institutes under their administrative control and also co-ordinated with State Governments to encourage Institutions under their administrative control, to take active part in 'Har Ghar Tiranga' and 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' Programmes. These institutions further motivated their staffs and students to hoist Tiranga at their houses. Also, Institutions were requested to display the exhibition to showcase the sufferings of the partition affected people during 10th to 14th August, 2022 at prominent places, where a large number of people can see it.
4. A Meeting on Setting up of Digital University was held on 26.08.22 with participants from AICTE, IGNOU, UGC, DU, IIT Madras in presence of Hon'ble Education Minister.
5. A meeting was held with Dr K Kasturirangan and Prof. M.K. Sridhar to discuss the draft Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) Bill on 13th August, 2022 at Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru.
6. Regional Review Meeting of Centrally Funded HEIs situated in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble. Minister of State for Education Dr. Subhas Sarkar is held at IIIT, Sri City, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh on 26.08.2022. Agenda items of the meeting were Implementation of NEP 2020, Innovations/New initiatives taken by the institutes, management of study through various modes during COVID- 19 situation to mitigate learning losses, sharing of best practices adopted by institutes, steps taken by the institutes towards

skill development and research activities, steps towards holistic education and development of communication skills etc.

7. A meeting regarding creating an Intellectual Heritage in Development, Knowledge Resource and Making New India was held on 27.08.2022 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble EM.
