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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of December, 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 December, 2021.



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To

All Hon'ble Members of Council of Ministers

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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2021:

Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During December, 2021

1. Meeting of India's Ambassador to US with Hon'ble Education Minister

Hon'ble Education Minister chaired a meeting with India's Ambassador to US Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu and senior officials of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 20th December 2021. The objective was to deliberate on ways to enhance Indo-US collaboration in the areas of education and skill development. The meeting followed a Round Table with the higher education institutions of the US and Indian chaired by Hon'ble Minister in November 2021. Based on deliberations in the meeting and directions of Hon'ble Minister, the departments of School Education & Literacy, Department of Higher Education and Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship have formulated working papers identifying possible areas of collaboration between the two countries and the modalities for moving forward. The draft working papers have been submitted for consideration.

2. Meeting between Hon'ble Education Minister and Minister of Youth Affairs, Bahrain

A virtual meeting was held between the two Ministers on 23.12.21 in which the focus was on enhancing collaboration between the two countries in the areas of skilling and vocational education.

3. Launch of translation of 10 Tamil Classical texts into Hindi / Kannada by Hon'ble MoS

Hon'ble MoS for Education Shri Subhas Sarkar launched translation of 10 ancient Tamil texts into Hindi and Thirukkural into Kannada on 22.12.2021.

4. Revised draft guidelines for IITs on Endowment Fund was issued for adoption

Earlier, Ministry of Education, in the year 2020, had issued draft guidelines on Endowment Fund to the IITs, which were prepared in consultation with IIT Delhi. However, based on a proposal of IIT Madras, revised draft guidelines have been issued in December, 2021. IIT Madras had submitted this proposal after consultation with other IITs. The revised guidelines shall further enhance alumni connect to these Institutes. These modifications will also enable IITs to raise a robust endowment from alumni globally, which is crucial to catalysing quality academic research - a stated goal of the National Education Policy 2020.

5. 54th Convocation of IIT Kanpur

54th Convocation of IIT Kanpur was held on December 28, 2021 and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was the Chief Guest and Chief Minister of UP was the Guest of Honour at the event. The Convocation was held in Hybrid mode. All the students were issued digital degrees through an in-house blockchain-driven technology developed at IIT Kanpur under the National Blockchain Project. Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the blockchain-based digital degrees. These digital degrees can be verified globally and are unforgeable. A total of 1723 students received their degrees and three honorary doctorate degrees were awarded to persons of eminence.
