

Ministry of Education
Department of School Education and Literacy

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER,
2020**

I. Financial Achievements/Releases :

59.09% of the Plan allocation was released by 31st December, 2020.

II. Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives:

A. Policy Related Discussions/Meetings:

<u>Important Issues / Development</u>		
S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	Samagra Shiksha	Funds released upto December, 2020 – Rs. 19097.25 crore.
2	Implementation of the PadhnaLikhna Abhiyan (PLA) Scheme during the Financial Year 2020-2021.	As a follow-up to the Project Approval Board's (PAB's) approval accorded, in its meeting held on 21.10.2020, to the Annual Action Plans of the States/UTs for implementation of the PadhnaLikhna Abhiyan (PLA) Scheme during the FY 2020-2021 with an allocation of Rs. 89.76 crore (Central Share), a total amount of Rs. 76.14 crore has been released. Primer and guidelines developed by NCERT have been sent to the States/UTs and they have been advised to translate them in their regional languages, print them in adequate numbers and distribute them amongst learners, voluntary teachers, etc. for effective implementation of the Scheme.
3	New Scheme of Adult Education for the Financial Years 2021-2026.	The preparation of the new Scheme of Adult Education for the Financial Years 2021-2026 has been started and the two committees have been constituted in this regard, namely (a) Advisory Committee for the new Scheme of Adult Education (AE) for the FYs 2021-2026; and (b) Departmental Committee of the AE Bureau for preparation of EFC/CCEA Notes for the new Scheme of AE for the FYs 2021-2026:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Advisory Committee, headed by JS(AE&Coord), held two meetings through virtual mode on 21.11.2020 and 02.12.2020. • A draft Concept Note and a Draft EFC Note aligned with NEP, 2020 have been prepared for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme and they are

		under consideration, before obtaining the “in-principle” approval of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
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<u>Important Meetings</u>				
S.No	Date	Chaired by	Attendee	Issue
1	01.12.20	Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav, JS	Shri Vipin Kumar JS & Others	Opening of Financial Proposal for IVA Selection STARS Project - MoE
2	02.12.20	Secretary (SE&L)	All States & UTs	Third in the series of workshops to discuss NEP implementation plan and Samagra Shiksha revised norms with the states and UTs.
3	03.12.20	CEO, NITI Aayog	Ms. Geetu Joshi, EA	16 th Meeting of the Empowered Committee for Aspirational Districts Programme.
4	07.12.20	Shri Vipin Kumar, JS	Nodal Officers of all Bureaus of DSE&L	VC Meeting on pending issues/grievances in CPGRAMS, OAMS and e-Samiksha portal
5	07.12.20	Ministry of Women and Child Development	Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav, JS	Suo Moto cognizance taken by the Hon'ble Court due to Alarming Rise in Number of Reported Child Rape Incidents in WP(CrI) 1/2019
6	08.12.20	Hon'ble Shiksha Mantri	Secretary, All Bureau Heads & Heads of Autonomous organisations of this Department	Meeting through VC regarding implementation of NEP and revised norms of Samagra Shiksha scheme.
7	09.12.20	-	Shri Maneesh Garg, JS	Meeting regarding Learning Outcomes in Aspirational Districts with NITI Aayog
8	09.12.20	Secretary (SE&L)	All Bureau Heads & Heads of Autonomous organisations	Senior Officers Meeting on NEP implementation
9	09.12.20	NITI Aayog	Ms. Geetu Joshi, EA	To discussion on impact funding in education for Aspirational Districts

10	15.12.20	Hon,bleMoS, Education	Commissioner, KVS& other officers	Celebration of 57 th KVS Foundation Day
11	16.12.20	Secretary (SE&L)	Representative of Ministry of Law & Justice,All Bureau Heads, Heads of Autonomous organisations of this Department and their Regional Offices	Webinar on LIMBS portal with Ministry of Law & Justice Pending Grievances on CPGRAMS Portal
12	18.12.20 & 23.12.20	CEO, NITI Aayog	Ms. Rashi Sharma, Director	Meeting through VC by High Power Committee to suggest Sectoral Reforms in Teacher Education
13	22.12.20	Secretary (SE&L)	All Bureau Heads & Heads of Autonomous organisations	Senior Officers Meeting on NEP Task supposed to be completed within three months
14	22.12.20	Hon,ble Education Minister	Commissioner, KVS	Talked with teachers
15	24.12.20	Secretary (SE&L)	Shri Maneesh Garg, JS	Meeting through VC by the Joint Task Force for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) under NEP
16	28.12.20	Shri Santosh Kumar, JS	Shri Vipin Kumar JS & Others	Selection of IVA for STARS Project - Negotiations
17	28.12.20	Shri Maneesh Garg, JS	Shri P.K. Banerjee, DDG(Stats), Ms. Rashi Sharma, Director	Meeting on UDISE/ GIS to discuss data requirements under FLN mission to be integrated with UDISE+ and Child wise data base.
18	30.12.20	Hon'ble Minister of Education	Ms. Geetu Joshi, EA	Group of Ministers meeting to review of EBSB.

Other Information	
S.No.	Issue
1	Draft EFC note for extension and revision of Samagra Shiksha scheme circulated to all Ministries after approval of IFD and Hon'ble Education Minister
2	Draft Social Audit Guidelines for Samagra Shiksha prepared and circulated to other bureaus for their comments and suggestions
3	Draft Report on Quality and Innovation under SamagraShiksha prepared and inputs sought from autonomous bodies of the Department
4	Draft Guidelines for identification and mainstreaming of OOSC prepared and submitted for approval
5	NISHTHA elementary on DIKSHA platform has got 3.2 Crs registration from 21 lakh teachers and 2.7 cr completions in 18 modules so far
6	Works done for NEP mandate: Draft Guideline prepared by D/o SE&L for Safety and Security of Children in schools has been forwarded to Ministry of Law & Justice for advice in the matter.

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	<p>1. Fit India School Week Celebration: Fit India School Week Celebration was successfully conducted by all Kendriya Vidyalayas in 25 Regions under “FIT SCHOOL WEEK CELEBRATION” program uniformly in all KVs across the Country.</p> <p>2. Activities under PISA & DIKSHA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. KVS (HQ) has organized online re-orientation sessions from December 17-18, 2020 to reinforce various measures to be adopted to enhance the Creative & Critical Thinking (CCT) skills of the students, Competency Based Education (CBE) and role of Mentors & Nodal teachers. ii. Capacity building/reorientation of all teachers on CBE & CCT being taken up at regional level iii. 22195 teachers have completed the online training on Competency Based Education (CBE) on DIKSHA Portal iv. Over 900 Principals are undergoing online training Competency Based Education (CBE) on DIKSHA Portal <p>3. NEP-2020: The Ministry of Education has assigned various tasks to KVS as part of</p>

	<p>implementation plan of NEP-2020. Accordingly KVS has taken action on each task assigned and details of the progress made in this regard is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Task No. 32 (NEP Para 2.2) - An introductory material on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy has been prepared by a team of Head Mistress which is vetted by Officers at KVS (HQ). This material is used to sensitize all Primary teachers teaching classes 1 and 2 in Kendriya Vidyalayas across the Country. ➤ Task No. 149 (NEP Para 5.8 -5.14) - KVS has formed a Committee for preparation of training modules on “Conducive Environment for Learners and Learning” including member from NIEPA. The draft modules have been prepared for training Principals, Vice Principals, Head Masters and Teachers separately. ➤ Task No. 153 (NEP Para 5.15 – 5.16) & Task No. 154 (NEP Para 5.17 – 5.19) KVS has its own Training Policy. In order to align it with the recommendations of NEP-2020 a committee has been constituted to review the existing KVS Training Policy and suggest modifications/changes required. Suggestions are invited and the areas are being finalised. ➤ Task No. 105 (NEP Para 4.34 – 4.35) – In order to train Paper Setters, evaluators and moderators for internal assessments of KVS, a Committee is constituted which will prepare a training module on the subject. The meeting of the committee is going to be held shortly. ➤ Task No. 85 (NEP Para 4.23 – 4.29) – KVS has introduced Artificial Intelligence as vocational subject in all Kendriya Vidyalayas in Class – VIII. Other vocational courses will be introduced as per CBSE curriculum and the interest of Students. ➤ Task No. 144 (NEP Para 5.2 – 5.7) – KVS has its own Transfer Policy and the transfer process is online. However amendments in the existing transfer policy in the light of NEP-2020 has been proposed and it has been approved by Hon’ble Minister of Education.
<p style="text-align: center;">Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct of 1st Pre-Board Exam & UNIT Tests/PWTs: UNIT Tests/PWTs for non-board classes and RO Level Pre-board for Class XII were conducted successfully in the month of December. The result of Unit Tests and pre-board 1 were declared. 2. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020: NEP draft Implementation plan for NVS has been prepared and preliminary guidelines have been issued to JNVs for publicity, implementation strategies for this session and for the next session.

	<p>3. Preparation to PISA 2022: Virtual Meeting with All Deputy Commissioners & Assistant Commissioners of all Regional Offices held on 24.12.2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61754 students have participated in CCT 6 & 7 online on PISA portal. • 5178 Mentor teachers registered on portal to guide students for preparation in Competency based education. • NVS teachers have developed CCT Questions in Reading Literacy, Mathematical Literacy and Scientific Literacy. The material has been shared to all JNVs for practice. <p>4. Vigyan Jyoti: Online classes for girl students of Class XI and XII of 58 JNVs have been conducted in subjects of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Activities like interaction with role model and virtual lab visit etc. were undertaken. Printed study material for JEE / NEET examinations has been distributed to the students.</p> <p>5. Online Training of PET Community Coaching: A virtual Training programme was conducted for all the PETs of JNVs from December 1st to 22nd, 2020 by SAI LNCPE, Trivandrum. In this programme, PETs were trained mainly on the following themes :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Physical Education and Age Appropriate Fitness Activities. b. Community Coaching. c. Fitness Assessment through Fit India App and Fitness Protocol for students, teachers and parents. <p>This training programme has been highly beneficial for the overall professional development of PETs.</p> <p>6. Online Trainings: 2 dayonline trainings have been conducted on “Preparing Schools for Competency based Education (CBE)” for PGTs (Maths, Science, Social Science, and English) in collaboration with National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET), Quality Council of India.</p> <p>7. Fit India School Week: The Fit India Week was celebrated in all the JNVs during December, 2020. Various fitness activities were undertaken under this programme. A total number of 600 JNVs participated in this programme and 90,550 students participated in the activities related to Fit India Week Programme.</p> <p>8. Migration: JNVs have conducted online quiz programme& cultural exchange programmes such as virtual visits, celebration of festivals, food habits, dresses, places of local importance to promote National integration involving migrated children.</p>
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	<p>9. Flagship programmes and Other National level initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Clubs have been constituted in JNVs. (ii) 18 entries from NVS have been submitted to NCERT for National Kala Utsav Competition. (iii) Activities on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Jal Shakti Abhiyan & Tree Plantation are being conducted. <p>10. INSPIRE Manak Award: Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research' (INSPIRE) scheme is one of the flagship programmes of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. Total 77 students of JNVs have won INSPIRE Manak Award out of 405 students registered.</p> <p>11. Celebration of World AIDS Day: World AIDS Day was celebrated in JNVs on 1st December, 2020 to raise awareness about HIV / AIDS. This year it demonstrated international solidarity in the face of the pandemic. Various competitions like poster making competition, essay writing competition, etc.</p> <p>12. Alumni Portal & Online Alumni Meet: Alumni Portal has been launched on 25.12.2020. A large number of alumni and current students also attended the online alumni meet.</p>
<p>National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under PM e-Vidya DTH-TV Live telecast, 88 Live interactive sessions for Classes I to X, 10 live interactive sessions for Classes 11 and 12, 22 webinars on ICT tools and 22 live sessions of counseling 'SAHYOG: guidance for mental wellbeing of children' were transmitted. 2. Under the programme development of e-Resources for the school and teacher education, 16 digital illustrations based on textbooks <i>Rimjim</i> of Classes 1 to 5, three video programmes and 26 AR contents based on science textbook of 9th and 10th were developed. 3. Under the NISHTHA Programme, orientation of coordinators and technical coordinators of autonomous organizations on implementation of NISHTHA online course on DIKSHA was conducted. Three English and three Hindi courses of course 1-3 were launched at national level and for 19 States/ UTs and six autonomous organizations. Three Hindi courses of 4 to 6 are uploaded in the DIKSHA portal and shared with States/ UTs for further process. 4. Writer's workshop and Illustrator's workshop were held for the Publication of '<i>Firkee Bachchonki</i>' on 2-3 December 2020 and from 8 to 10 December 2020 respectively.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. October 2020 issue of the Journal: <i>PrathmikShikshak</i> has been sent to publication division. 6. A workshop was organized for the development of e-Materials for <i>Rimjim</i> 1, 2 and 3 – A Textbook of Hindi at primary level from 28 to 30 December 2020. 7. Under the programme Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Including Development of Framework, Modules for Teachers and Development of Index etc., info graphics, worksheets and test items for all Learning Outcomes for Classes I to V have been completed. 8. Under the programme Development of Readiness Package for Students Entering School and Development of Training Material for Building the Capacity of Teachers and Teachers Educators on ECE, a five-day workshop was conducted from 22 to 26 December 2020 for the development of one year <i>Balavatika</i> module. 9. A workshop was organized for the development of transformatory material for awareness generation and attitudinal change with respect to gender from 28 to 31 December 2020. 10. A workshop was conducted for the capacity building of Academic Faculty of NCERT, SCERTs and IASE on Qualitative Research Methodology from 14 to 17 December 2020.
<p style="text-align: center;">National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NCTE has an Online Teacher Pupil Registration Management System (OTPRMS) wherein an applicant can apply online for a certificate. During the month, OTPRMS was linked with DigiLocker whereby the applicant could get the certificate from DigiLocker also. 2. As another novel initiative by NCTE, Rajbhasha Section held 3 webinars for the promotion and implementation of Rajbhasha. 3. The NCTE, in its commitment towards Teacher Education and Training, held 16 webinars covering 1490 participants and 26 hours of discussion during the month. The webinars with teacher training institutions and other experts in the field of teacher education covered topics like Quality Teacher Education for All, Transforming Regulatory System: Teacher Education, Development of Curricular Framework for Teacher Education, Quality concerns in Teacher Education: A Challenge for Teacher Education, NEP 2020: Challenges ahead of its Implementation and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Standardization of Teacher Education institutions. 4. Approval of the General Body Members of NCTE has sought, by circulation, for 4 agenda items namely (i) Institution “Best Teacher Educator” award; (ii) Consideration of the issue related to revision of the Norms and Standards for existig 3 year Integrated B.Ed.- M.Ed. degree course for appearing in TET and employment as school teachers; (iii)

	<p>Nomination of General Body members to Regional Committees; (iv) Waiving off the Registration Fee charged for Online Teacher Pupil Registration Management System.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)</p>	<p>A. <u>EXAMINATIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Grievances (including/relating to COVID 19) and other public grievances disposed off successfully to the satisfaction of stakeholders; • Examination Committee meeting has been convened on 15th December, 2020 to discuss various examination related issues keeping in view of NEP and Ease of Doing Business. • Finance related matters in respect of examination related activities have been placed in Finance Committee meeting held on 15th December, 2020 • Minutes of the Examination Committee has been placed before the Governing Body Meeting for approval held on 23rd December, 2020. • Discussions were held with Regional Officers’ on the issues of preparedness for examination 2020-21 like Fixation of Examination Centres, Appointment of Centre Superintendents, evaluation etc. for successful conduct of examinations and also keeping in view the Covid-19 guidelines issued by the Govt. of India. • Keeping in view of Ease of doing Business, discussion was held with experts to finalise ERP solution for examinations. • Requirement of the Answer book for the 2021 being assessed keeping in view the subject offered by the candidates. The cover page of the answer book is also being changed to match with the evaluation policy of the CBSE. <p>B. <u>ACADEMICS & TRAINING</u></p> <p>In the wake of unprecedented Covid-19 Pandemic, all the schools affiliated to CBSE have adopted remote teaching methods to continue their activities. The Board has suggested various measures for the schools to work online/over the phone to preclude chances of community transmission of this disease. The following announcements/advisories have been issued to schools during the month of December 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBSE Expression Series on Art and Culture In order to provide a platform to students to creatively express their ideas/views on the theme Art and Culture CBSE announced 2nd Expression Series for the session 2020-21 using pairing of States and Union Territories as per the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) programme. Each participant will get an online certificate of participation at his/ her registered e-mail ID after the successful submission of entry and ten best entries of each category will be selected

at the regional level by all CBSE regions for onward submission to CBSE. From the entries received from all CBSE regions, 3 best entries of each category will be selected and uploaded on the CBSE website.

- **The CBSE Science Challenge – 2020 through DIKSHA platform.**

As an initiative to generate curiosity, enquiry and higher order thinking amongst learners, the Board announced organization of the CBSE Science Challenge for students of classes 8th to 10th from 21st December 2020 to 11st January 2021. Participation certificates will be issued online on the DIKSHA platform itself upon completion of the course.

- **Project ‘First Aid for Students and Teachers (FAST)’ - First Aid Mobile App**

CBSE notified availability of a First Aid Mobile App – First Aid for Teachers and Students (FAST) developed by the National Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with Red Cross Society (IRCS). This App will help in imparting first aid training to teachers and school children, so as to ensure that any emergency situation in school premises is swiftly dealt with.

- **26th National Annual Conference of Sahodaya School Complexes**

This conference has been hosted by the Bangalore Sahodaya Schools Complex in collaboration with the CBSE on 11-12 December by using an online platform and a record number of 4000 plus principals attended it. Honorable Minister of Education inaugurated it and the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka was the Guest of Honour for the inaugural ceremony. The Secretary, School Education and Literacy in her address highlighted the need for every teacher to take up the challenges and convert them into opportunities to bring about the realisation of holistic education with a focus on New Education Policy 2020. Honourable HRM released 4 resources Manuals at this conference:-

The two days conference ended with the valedictory address by Hon’ble Minister of State for Education, Govt. of India. **He has also released the Hindi version of Mathematics work book ‘अंकोंकाजादू’.**

- ✓ **Handbook of Joyful Learning**

It has been created as a resource for practitioners and explains, in detail, the concept of Joyful Learning, the science behind it, ways to make a classroom joyful. Focus in the Handbook is to give clarity about integrating various subjects to achieve joyful teaching and learning. It was released by Hon’ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India on December 11, 2020.

✓ **Handbook of Inclusive Education**

It aims to provide all important information required by a principal, teacher, parent and student about Inclusive Education in schools affiliated to CBSE. It also contains a chapter on continuing education during emergencies or natural disasters. It was released by Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of India on December 11, 2020.

✓ **Resource Books of Physical Education (Academic Elective for classes XI and XII)**

The Board has published this unpriced e-resource for teachers and students of classes XI-XII. The textbook has a goal oriented, activity based and investigative approach. Learning Outcomes are laid out before each chapter listing the desired assessment standards and expected levels of learning that children should achieve. These Resource Books were released by Hon'ble Minister of Education on December 11, 2020.

• **PISA updates during December 2020-Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT) Weekly**

The CBSE Creative and Critical Thinking (CCT) Weekly Practice Program to enhance higher order cognitive competencies of learners and to generate curiosity by connecting learning with real life situations, launched on 08.02.2020 continues in the month of December 2020 with 05 editions of questions. Set of 5 questions were shared every week in December 2020 for students of classes 7th-10th on Reading Literacy (English and Hindi), Mathematical Literacy and Scientific Literacy with the aim to provide an opportunity to build critical thinking skills amongst students.

• **Online Training Sessions**

In the month of December 2020, 1638 Online Training Sessions were conducted for the teachers by 16 CoEs, 98168 teachers registered in these sessions.

C. INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

- Re-engineering of Online School Affiliation Management System (OSAMS)
- Pre-Examination activities of Examination 2021.
- Implementation of e-SPARROW software for online APAR system for all employees of the Board.
- Processing and Setting up of Block chain in CBSE Results.
- Upscaling of e-office from 500 users to 1000 users.
- Monitoring and Controlling of portal for JNVST Examination.
- Development of evaluation system for Art-Integrated Exemplars

	<p>Competition for Teachers of CBSE affiliated schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-engineering of Expression Series Mobile APP for inviting entries from students through schools on theme of “Art and Culture”. • Re-engineering and Monitoring of कलासेतु Portal (Art Education and Art Integrated Learning). • Development of online Integrated Payment System (IPS). • Development of a portal of online examiners details for Examination 2021
<p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS)</p>	<p>1. Live Telecast of Personal Contact Programme (PCP) on PM e-Vidya: Personal Contact Programme (PCP) is an essential component of learning process. As a new initiative NIOS is conducting live PCP for learners for all subjects at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels through e-vidya channels. Apart from the learning opportunities, it also provides a two-way communication to clear doubts during study. 240 live sessions were telecast at Secondary and Senior Secondary level in the Month of December, 2020.</p> <p>2. Development of Self Learning Material (SLM) for OBE Programme (6-14 years age group) :The development of Self Learning Material in various subjects under Open Basic Education (OBE) Programme at Level A, B and C for 6-14 years age group has been initiated. The graded curriculum and learning outcomes for Class 1 to 8 have been developed in all subjects. The Learning Outcomes have also been developed in consonance with the Learning Outcomes prepared by the NCERT.</p> <p>3. Translation of OBE SLM under Bharatiya Jnana Parampara :The translation of Self Learning Material at Level A, B and C in the following subjects to Sanskrit Medium has been completed: Veda, Yoga, Vijnana and Vocational Skills.</p> <p>4. Translation of SLM under Bharatiya Jnana Parampara at Secondary and Senior Secondary level :The translation of Self Learning Material of the following subjects at Secondary and Senior Secondary level to Hindi and English medium has been started: Sanskrit Vyakaran, Sanskrit Sahitya, Veda Adhyayan, Bharatiya Darshan.</p> <p>5. Development of Self Learning Materials for various courses: Revision/ Development of courses at Senior Secondary level in Hindi, Sindhi, Geography, Accountancy and Business Studies are going on. New lessons have been written in these subjects and are under editing, reviewing and finalisation stages.</p> <p>A workshop has been conducted for development of Curriculum for 100 Days’ Teacher Training Programme. Review of the curriculum has been prepared in the workshop.</p> <p>A workshop was held to review the curriculum of Professional Development</p>

Programme for Elementary Teachers (PDPET) course for Teachers has been initiated in the light of Outcome based Education.

6. Development of Video tutorials for NCERT

Academic Department has undertaken to develop video tutorials based on textbooks of NCERT at senior secondary level. These will be made available at PM e-Vidya Portal. These subjects are:

- Geography- 2
- Accountancy- 1
- Economics- 5
- Business Studies- 5

7. Learning Materials for DivyangLearners :Development of videos in Sign language in the subjects such as English, Home Science and Data Entry Operations is being done under PM e-Vidya project of Govt. of India. Qualified Deaf experts were identified for development of quality sign language videos. Total 67 videos have been recorded in the month of December, 2020.

8. Radio programme on Mukta Vidya Vani :The web radio of NIOS- Mukta Vidya Vani is aired through NIOS website. The live audio Personal Contact Programme (PCP) for the learners are aired with two way communication through a Toll Free Number. The duration of each programme is 45 minutes. During December, 2020 the live radio talks were broadcast in the following subjects:

Secondary (22 Live Programmes)

Sanskrit, Social Science, Science & Tech, Accountancy, Economics, Mathematics, Hindi, ICH, Painting, Data Entry Operation, Home Science and Business Studies

Senior Secondary (22 Live Programmes)

Hindi, Mass Communication, Sociology, Painting, Mathematics, Computer Science, Business Studies, Tourism, Geography, Library & Info. Science, Biology, Military History, Sanskrit, History, Physics, Environmental Science, Data Entry Operation, Home Science and Military Studies.

9. Radio Vahini - FM 91.2 MHz, Community Radio Station: The Community Radio Station of NIOS named Radio Vahini broadcasts programs on FM 91.2 MHz and caters to the local community within the 12-15 KM range of the NIOS headquarters. Twenty programmes were conducted in the month of December, 2020. These programmes covered various issues such as COVID, *Balika Shiksha*, environment education, consumer right, digital education, Student Support Service of NIOS, New education Policy- Emerging India etc.

10. 54 live interactive TV programmes of 1 hour duration were broadcast.

	<p>11. Recordings of 62 video programmes were done in HD studio.</p> <p>12. Editing of 84 live TV programmes completed including 54 Sign language programmes.</p> <p>13. Total 539 audio/radio programmes broadcast on Radio Vahini including 522 recorded and 17 live interactive programmes on civic issues.</p> <p>14. Total 580 audio PCPs done on MVV including 522 recorded and 58 live interactive on various academic and vocational subjects.</p> <p>15. 28 audio recordings have been done on various Vocational subjects for Diksha Portal.</p> <p>16. One hundred Handicraft & Artisans were trained at Varanasi under the Project: Education of Handicraft artisans and their Children in Collaboration with Ministry of Textiles .</p> <p>17. Vocational Education Department has worked on audio recordings, Video recordings and prepared Multiple Choice Questions, on DIKSHA PLATFORM in the subjects of Hair Care and Styling , Community Health, Mushroom Production and CRM Domestic Voice.</p> <p>18. Webinar with Lt. Col Manoj Lakhera held on 15.12.2020 to discuss and resolve issues/concerns pertaining to implementation of NEPIA in Indian Army.</p> <p>19. An MoU was signed on 04.12.2020 between Odisha Rural Development and Marketing Society (ORMAS) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to provide schooling opportunities (Secondary and Sr. Secondary Level) to DDU-GKY (DeenDayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana) Trainees throughout Odisha.</p>
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C. 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.