

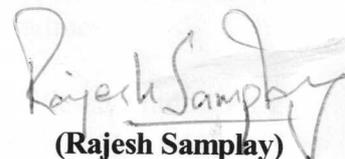
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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy

New Delhi, the 17th March, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of February 2020 -regarding.

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 February, 2020.


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All Member of Council of Ministers

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**Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy**

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

This is to report the following important developments in the Department of School Education & Literacy during the month of February, 2020.

- I. 87.50% of the Plan allocation was released by 29th February, 2020.
- II Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives of the Department are as under:
 - Meeting was held by Hon'ble HRM on 6.2.2020 with Mr. Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skill, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and World Bank (OECD) in the matter of PISA 2021 to discuss India's efforts to prepare its systems for assessments and to seek inputs and clarifications for improving system readiness.
 - The preparation of Group Report on 5 year Vision Documents and modalities for monitoring implementation of recommendation was discussed by the Group 4 of Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS) on Social Sector on 14.2.2020.
 - A meeting was held on 17.2.2020 under Chairmanship of Secretary General, NHRC to review the status of implementations of UPR-III recommendations of National Human Right Commission (NHRC). The accepted recommendations pertaining to MHRD were submitted to the Secretary General, NHRC.
 - The Secretary(Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat discussed end-to-end digitization/computerization in key DBT schemes on 11.02.2020. It was informed that the schemes-National Merit cum Means Scholarship and National Scheme on Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education are on-boarded on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and are completely end-to-end digitized. Under Mid-Day Meal and Samagra Shiksha the fund is transferred from the Department to States/UTs, which further transfer the fund to schools. The Department was requested to review Aadhaar authentication under various schemes in the light of Supreme Court Judgment and also explore the feasibility of seeding the consent of Parents.
 - The project proposal of ADB titled 'Supporting School Education in India' of USD500 million has been approved in the 104th Meeting of the Screening Committee of the D/o Economic Affairs chaired by Addl. Secretary (FB&ADB) on 18.2.2020. The project would be implemented in States of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Assam and Uttarakhand.
 - 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee for conduct of NAS-2020 was held on 27.2.2020. A Sub-committee will prepare appropriate sampling frame, sampling data so that details regarding language-wise, district-wise requirements of booklets are given to CBSE for printing, packaging and delivery. They may also decide on NAS items framework for 2020. NAS 2020 is proposed to be held in first or last week of Nov, 2020.

- 12th Joint Review Mission (JRM) visited the State of Karnataka during 17th February to 24th February, 2020 under Mid Day Meal Scheme.
- The Department and its organizations like KVS, NVS, NCERT, CBSE, NCTE and NIOS observed Matrabhasha Diwas on 21st February, 2020. Various activities were organized in schools across the country.
- Important Activities related to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) during the month are as follows:
 - Hon'ble President of India visited Dr. Rajendra Prasad Kendriya Vidyalaya at President's Estate along with the First Lady on 10.02.2020.
 - A three-day Workshop on Artificial intelligence by Intel for TGT Maths and Science of KVs (selected from Chandigarh, Delhi, Dehradun, Gurugram and Jammu Regions) was held from 19.02.2020 to 21.02.2020 at ZIET Chandigarh.
 - 16 KVs of Delhi Region participated in the Online Story Map Competition organized by National Mission for Clean Ganga. The winning schools of the competition were awarded by the Director General of National Mission for Clean Ganga in New Delhi.
 - Workshops on various themes like creative thinking, artificial intelligence, Fit India programme, Common Minimum Programme for Primary teachers, preparation of book on Physical Education, etc. were organized at regional level. 48 workshops were conducted in the month of February and 1529 participants were trained.
 - Wako Indian Open International Kick Boxing Tournament 2020 was held from 9th to 13th February 2020 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. Two students won 4 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medals.
 - KVS submitted online reports for participation, awards and received FIT India Certificates (rating of 3 Star & 5 Star) in FIT India School Certification Programme for the month of January 2020.
 - 48 KVs have been rated as 'Green Schools' by CSE under Green School Programme and 2 KVs won Climate Change Award
- Important Activities related to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) during the month are as follows:
 - 01 JNV in South West Khasi Hills (Meghalaya) district has been made functional from the campus of JNV West Khasi Hills as suitable temporary accommodation from the state govt. is awaited. However, land for permanent site has been received and Vidyalaya is under construction.

- A meeting was held with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) on 06.02.2020 to discuss the activities to be undertaken by NFCH in JNVs which promote communal harmony and national integration. A detailed action plan was also discussed regarding formation of Sadbhawana Clubs in identified 100 JNVs covering all the 8 regional offices.
- Vigyan Jyoti Programme was conducted at JNV Pallakad on 3rd & 4th Feb, 2020 in collaboration with ISRO. On the occasion, senior scientists of ISRO visited the school campus and inspired the students.
- A two days workshop for PGT Biology under PISA 2021 was conducted by Regional Office, Jaipur on 15th & 16th Feb, 2020.
- National Science Day was celebrated in all JNVs on 28.02.2020. On this occasion various science exhibitions were organized and students displayed their experiments.
- Important Activities related to National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) during the month are as follows:
 - Model TEIs (Teacher Education Institutes) Programme: During the month of February 2020, the committee on curriculum for this programme held three meetings and fine tuned the curriculum for B.Ed. programme. Efforts are being made to ensure that the curriculum reflects the best practices in the world.
 - Chairperson, member secretary and several officers of NCTE attended a two day consultative meet on teacher education on 4th - 5th February 2020. Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lieutenant Government of Puducherry, graced the occasion. She addressed the gathering with her thoughts on Teacher Education. This meet was organized by Sri Aurobindo Society, Puducherry.
 - NCTE has notified the Recruitment Regulations, 2020 in the Gazette of India on 17th February, 2020 giving due emphasis to all levels of employees enabling them promotional avenues in their cadre. These RRs are expected to minimize the grievances of regular employees and balance the department strength of internal candidates with those on deputation.
- Important Activities related to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) during the month are as follows:
 - NIOS and Ministry of Textiles, Directorate of Handicrafts entered into an MoU to provide education and skill to the Handicraft Artisans belonging to the SC Category. As a result, in the first phase, 100 Handicraft Artisans were provided with training in the area of Indian Embroidery along with Functional Hindi and Entrepreneurship in a 30 days fact to face training in the district of Varanasi in collaboration with Handicraft Service Centre, Varanasi. The learners were assessed and were also certified. Looking into the success of the first phase, MoT has sanctioned funds for training at three places - Jaunpur, Chandauli and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh for 300 Handicraft Artisans.

- NIOS entered into an MoU with FSSAI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for collaboration in courses related to Home Science. The first joint coordination committee meeting was held at FSSAI HQ at Delhi.
- NIOS as a National Coordinator participated in the 5th SWAYAM Prabha review workshop on 21st February, 2020 at IIT Delhi and a presentation was made regarding the achievement of 4 SWAYAM Prabha DTH channel allocated to NIOS.
- During the month, 36 live interactive TV Personal Contact Programmes (PCP) of 2 hour duration each were produced, editing was done for 90 video programmes of 30 minutes duration and other sign language video programmes for telecast on TV and Youtube. 27 video MOOC programme were finalised for SWAYAM Portal.
- As per the functional requirement of ISO 9001:2015, an Internal Audit was conducted on 4th, 5th and 6th February, 2020.
