

**Important policy decisions and activities/initiatives
during the month of July 2016**

(Department of School Education and Literacy)

- (i) 23rd Joint Review Mission (JRM) of Serva Shiksha Abhiyan, comprising independent experts and members of external funding agencies (World Bank, DFID, EU) was held from 21st to 28th July 2016 to review the status of civil works and financial management of the State Implementation Society of States/UTs.
- (ii) 1st Meeting of Central Grant in-aid Committee (CGIAC) on Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) & Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutes (IDMI) was held on 12.07.2016.
- (iii) The cooking cost for Mid Day Meal Scheme 2016-17 has been increased by 7 % w.e.f. 1st July 2016.
- (iv) Out of 54 Kendriya Vidyalays approved for opening by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) 42 KVs have been opened so far.
- (v) A Video conference was taken by me with the State Education Secretaries (Primary and Secondary Education) on 18.07.2016 to review the preparedness of the States/UTs for on-line submission of data of scholarship holders on National Scholarship Portal mainly with regard to Aadhaar enrolment and seeding of Aadhaar with bank accounts of beneficiaries covered under two Centrally Sponsored schemes of this Department viz. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) and National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE), covered under DBT platform. State-wise progress was monitored in this regard. The conference was attended by Shri Ajay B. Pandey, CEO/DG, UIDAI and Shri M. K. Mishra, Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services among others. The State Governments were instructed to complete the task of applying through scholarship portal by 31.08.2016.
- (vi) Swachh Vidhyalaya Puraskar – The framework and the time line of awards, 2016 have been circulated to all States/UTs. A Video Conferencing was also conducted by me with Education Secretaries/Principal Secretaries of all States/UTs to brief them about the guidelines and timelines for the awards at District, State and National Level.