Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of December, 2019, reg.

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 December, 2019.

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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To
All Member of Council of Ministers

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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER - 2019

Important policy decisions and activities/initiatives:

I. 71.80% of the Plan allocation has been released by December, 2019.

II Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives of the Department are as under:

- Secretary (SE&L) held a meeting with the Education Secretaries and State Project Directors and other Senior Officers of States and UTs through Video Conference on 16th December, 2019 for discussing issues relating to Samagra Shiksha - pace of expenditure, release of 1st and 2nd Instalment, NISHTHA, transfer of land/building for KVS/JNVs etc., Fit India Movement, Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat, Constitution Day and Campaign on Citizens’ Duties, Pariksha Pe Charcha and Kala Utsav.

- Swachhata Action Plan (SAP) Meeting was held 5th December, 2019 regarding the Progress Review 2019-20 and Plan for 2020-21. The Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) appreciated that this Department has utilized more than 75% of the funds committed and ranks among the top 10 Ministries/Departments in the implementation of SAP as per financial progress reported on the SAP Portal.

- This Department has been allotted 16th - 30th April, 2020 for Swachhata Pakhwada 2020 during Swachhata Pakhwada Nodal Officers Meeting-2020 held on 11th December, 2019, under the chairmanship of Secretary, Deptt. of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

- A review meeting on the status of implementation of Samagra Shiksha and Educational Indicators in UTs was held on 20.12.2019 as follow up of the Special Session of the Conference of Lt. Governors and Administrators of UTs held on 22.11.2019 in the Rashtrapati Bhawan. Issues such as Project Approval Board (PAB) Minutes/Commitments, Status of the release of funds, Action Plan & PGI Grade Improvements and Twinned UT/State Action Plan were discussed.

- With regard to PISA preparation, a practice test was held for schools of Chandigarh, KVS and NVS, during the 2nd and 3rd week of December, 2019. The results are being compiled.

- ADB has given a proposal of 500 Million USD for education in India. The Preliminary Project Report (PPR) has been submitted to Department of Economic Affairs on 16th December, 2019.

- The STARS project of World Bank for US $500 Million is under process and the 2nd stage of clarifications for in principle approval has been sent to Department of Expenditure on 17th December, 2019.

- Implementation plan for the New Education Policy is under preparation. A meeting was held on 26th December, 2019 to discuss the plan of Action for Draft NEP.
• Under NISHTHA training programme, training of KRP and SRPs has been completed in 21 States and UTs, till the end of December, 2019. Training of KRP and SRPs of the 8 States is in progress. Training of teachers at the block level has begun in 21 States and UTs. So far, 4,79,161, KRP/SLRPs, Teachers and Teachers/Principals have been trained.

III. Important activities related to CBSE are as follows:

• CBSE informed and motivated schools under 16 regional offices to participate in a ‘short essay’ competition for students of classes IX to XII for the third edition of Prime Minister’s interaction programme with school students “Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020” proposed to be held in the third week of January, 2020.

• As part of the initiative undertaken to promote Fit India Movement involving students, teachers and parents, CBSE schools are enthusiastically participating in Fit India School Week. Further the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has prepared a system of Fit India School Rating with simple and easy parameters, the same have been shared with all schools affiliated to CBSE.

• CBSE organized an Expression Series on Water Conservation to create more awareness on this crucial issue from 12th to 18th December 2019.

• All prior arrangements regarding JNV Section Test April 2020 is under process and all prior arrangements regarding JNVST January 2020 Examination is completed.

• CBSE successfully conducted Central Teachers Eligibility Test (CTET) on 08/12/2019 in 110 cities across the country and 5.42 lakh candidates passed the test.

IV. Important activities related to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) are as follows:

• 151 Regional Level Workshops were conducted in which at total number of 4351 participants attended.

• The second practice assessment of creative and critical thinking skills was conducted for all students of classes VI to VIII (group 1) and classes IX and X (group 2) in all Kendriya Vidyalayas across all regions on December 18, 2019. A total of 19,254 students appeared from classes VI to VIII and 119,514 students from classes IX & X.

• Sports

  a) KVS National Cricket Stadium was opened and FIT INDIA School Rating System was launched on 4th December 2019 at KV No. 1, Delhi Cantt. New Delhi by Hon’ble Minister of HRD & Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports.

  b) KVS Delhi region conducted Lawn Tennis (U-19 Boys & Girls) competition under 65th National School Games (SGFI) from 24-28 December, 2019 at District Lawn Tennis Association, New Delhi.

  c) KVS participated in 65th National School Games 2019 organised by School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and won 28 gold, 17 silver and 31 bronze medals.

• Programme on ‘Training of Trainers on Implementation Methodology for Motor Skill Development, Games for Primary Students of KVs’ was launched to facilitate training of 1000 PRTs in 25 Batches till 29th January 2020.

• Students from various Kendriya Vidyalayas participated in the Science, Technology
and Innovation Programme in Sochi, Russia under Students Exchange series initiated by Atal Innovation Mission and SIRIUS Centre, Russia. These students visited Russia as part of Indian Delegation from Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, 2019.

• National ICT Award-2017 was given to two PGTs of different streams by Hon’ble MoS for HRD. Meanwhile, Shri Rimpa Shiva of KV CCI Bokajan (Guwahati Region) got First Prize at International Tabla Competition held at Singapore.

V. Important activities related to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) are as follows:

• 2 new JNVs at Morbi (Gujarat) and Gurdaspur (Punjab) have been made functional.
• Interviews for 1539 posts of PGT advertised in July, 2019 were conducted.
• One day orientation workshop for 50 Principals of JNVs was organized on 04.12.2019 at NVS Hqrs Noida in collaboration with Department of Science & Technology on launching of project “Vigyan Jyoti”.
• Code India, a two weeks application based Computer Training Programme was organized by Code India, an Initiative of Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India in association with NVS at JNV Jaffarpurkalan, Delhi. 50 students from classes VIII to XI from all 8 Regions participated along with 10 teachers in Computer Science.
• 03 teachers of JNVs have been awarded Fulbright Scholarship-2019.
• A two day workshop, organized by UNESCO-MGIEP on My Dream Project was held for TGT (Maths) & TGT (Science) of 33 JNVs.
• CCT-II practice test was conducted in all JNVs on 16.12.2019 for preparation of PISA survey 2021.
• National Balrang Festival 2019 was organized by Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, an Autonomous Organization of Ministry of Culture at Bhopal, in which JNV North Sikkim secured first prize at national level.
• In the National Children Science Congress organized by Department of Science & Technology at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), one student of JNV Mehsana was among 16 shortlisted students, out of 641 students of different schools who participated.

VI. Important activities related to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are as follows:

• Revision/Development of courses at Sr. Secondary level in various subjects like Psychology, Geography, Accountancy, Business Studies, Home Science, Hindi, Sindhi, Entrepreneurship, Gender Studies and Mass Communication is ongoing.
• 5 Subjects viz. Business studies, Data Entry Operations, Psychology, Home Science and Science and Technology were translated into Assamese. Translation of Carnatic Music into Hindi is in progress.
• Development of 3 video Programmes in Chemistry and 5 in Physics, at secondary level has been completed for SWAYAM and SWAYAM PRABHA channels.