

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019

Important policy decisions and activities/initiatives:

- The Indian Air Force Facilitation-cum-Publicity Pavilion at National Bal Bhawan was inaugurated by Hon'ble Human Resource Minister Sh. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Hon'ble Minister of State Sh. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre and Air Chief Marshal Shri B.S. Dhanoa on 31st July, 2019. The Pavilion will connect more than 7.5 Lakh children visiting the venue annually and showcase the prowess of the IAF - the state of art and versatile assets available in the IAF and in turn inspire students to choose IAF as a career option. A mobile application and game “**Indian Air Force - A Cut Above**” was also launched.
- Extensive meetings were held with the Principal Scientific Advisor and other experts to finalize the broad parameters of the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme, which will identify and encourage talented children across the country to enrich their skills and knowledge.
- Separate workshops were organized with World Bank on 29-30 July on the Integrated Fiduciary System Assessment (IFSA) and procurement methods and approaches to be observed in the MHRD for the Samagra Shiksha and six participant States i.e. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Kerala under Strengthening Teacher-Learning and Results for States (STARS) projects, and on 29th July on the Result Framework Document and DLI matrix of the project.
- A joint meeting with Secretary, Power was held regarding ways to ensure 100% electrification of all schools.
- The Orientation of National Resource Groups (NRGs) for National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was held at NCERT on 15th and 16th July. This integrated programme aims to build the capacities of around 42 lakh participants in all States and UTs, covering all teachers and heads of schools at the elementary level in all government schools, faculty members of State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) as well as officials and resource persons from Block Resource Centres (BRCs) and Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs).
- Four Assistant Secretaries joined the Department on 1st July, 2019 and were allocated to various Bureaus. Individual and group projects were assigned to them. Senior Officers including the Secretary (SE) welcomed them to the Department.
- A series of meetings were held with Secretaries of States and UTs, NGOs and international bodies, Bureau Heads and autonomous organizations in connection with the preparation of the 5 years' Vision Document of the Department and the National Education Policy.

- A Presentation was made by the Secretary on 5 years' vision plan in the meeting of Sectoral Group (No.4 – Social).
- A Video Conference was held with Secretaries of Education of States and UTs regarding the Accessible India Campaign.
- A Presentation was made by the NCERT to the Department and all autonomous organizations regarding the proposed action to be taken on the comments received to the National Education Policy, 2019.
- The new NCTE (National Council for Teaching Education) building was inaugurated at Dwarka, New Delhi by Hon'ble Minister of HRD on 26th July and Student-Teacher portal was also launched.
- 12th edition of Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) was conducted on 7th July by CBSE wherein 30 lakh candidates across the country participated. Result was declared on 30th July, 2019.
- Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan issued orders for the opening of 5 new KVs under Civil Sector viz. CRPF, Dalgaon, Assam, Rayagara, Odisha; CRPF Sonapat, Haryana; Prakasham, Andhra Pradesh and CRPF Gurgaon, Haryana.
- Hon'ble HRD Minister inaugurated the 8th Deputy Commissioners' Conference of KVS at Hotel Ashok in New Delhi.
- Result of recruitment drive for 6473 Teaching and 1026 Non-Teaching Posts in KVS were declared.
- Notifications for director recruitment of 2370 teaching and non-teaching posts in NVS and engagement of counselors on contractual basis were issued and published.