

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF May 2019

Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives:

- 1) In a landmark decision, the Hon'ble Supreme Court ruled in favour of the Department in a major case involving the issue of equal work and equal pay to over 2.67 lakh teachers in the State of Bihar.
- 2) The Performance Grading Index (PGI), which graded all States and UTs across 70 indicators, was placed in the public domain. The Index includes indicators such as status of learning outcomes, availability of facilities including toilets, and whether there is an electronic system to check the attendance of teachers and students. Chandigarh, Kerala and Gujarat topped the Index. All States and UTs are now working hard to improve their grade..
- 3) The UDISE+, an online platform to collect and analyse data on all schools, teachers and students, was made operational. It includes the GIS mapping of all schools with School Report Card on 5 platforms including ISRO and Google Earth, big data analytics, and continuous third party verification through a mobile phone app. A copy of the document on UDISE+ is enclosed.
- 4) A workshop on accessibility in schools was conducted with all States and UTs, covering inclusion of chapter on accessibility in textbooks, availability and training of Special Educators & general teachers, and school infrastructure. Senior officers from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment), Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also participated.
- 5) The Hon'ble HRM declared the final results of the Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) through blended mode on 22nd May, 2019. This was conducted by the NIOS for all in-service teachers who were not professionally qualified. 9,58,513 lakh in-service teachers in both government and private schools were declared successful and they have now obtained the requisite professional qualification as per the provisions of the RTE Act.
- 6) A workshop for finalizing the Guidelines and Implementation Framework for the World Bank supported Strengthening Teaching- Learning and Results for States (STARS) project was held. Representatives from all partner States i.e. Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Kerala, Maharashtra and Odisha and World Bank participated in the workshop.
- 7) The OECD and ACER, Australia conducted a 5 day workshop on Capacity Needs Analysis of India's readiness for the PISA 2021. They interacted with officers and academic staff in the CBSE, KVS, NVS and UT of Chandigarh during the period 13th-17th May, 2019. They also held extensive discussions with senior officers in the Department.

- 8) The results of the CBSE Examination for classes X and XII were declared. The Navodaya Vidyalayas achieved pass percentages of 98.57% and 96.62% in the CBSE class X and class XII results respectively, while the Kendriya Vidyalayas recorded pass percentages of 99.47% and 98.54% in the class X and class XII results respectively. These results are significantly better than all private schools taken together.