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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of October 2019 - 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 October, 2019.

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All Member of Council of Ministers

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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019

Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives:

- RE-2019-20 and BE 2020-21 was discussed and finalized in a meeting held by the undersigned on 07.10.2019 with senior officers of this Department.

- The component of Educational Infrastructure was discussed in the meeting of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) held under Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) on 07.10.2019 during consideration of the proposal “Development of Infrastructure in Boarder Areas (0.50km) of Arunachal Pradesh.

- The Draft Inception Report on “Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Package-3 Human Resource Development Sector” was presented by M/s KPMG in Niti Aayog on 11.10.2019. It relates to sharing of some preliminary findings from the sectoral analysis and literature review and study framework for evaluation of the CSS in HRD sector viz., National Education Mission, National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools and Education Scheme for Madrasas and Minorities. Detailed comments on the same have been sent to NITI Aayog.

- The meeting of Review Mission for Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project was held on 16.10.2019 at World Bank’s office. The objective of the mission is to appraise the progress of the project, and major emphasis was given on getting approval of EFC of STARS project from D/o Expenditure and Cabinet and hiring of Independent Verification Agency (IVA). In this regard, the Draft EFC note on STARS project has been forwarded to D/o Expenditure and other concerned Ministries for comments.

- The meeting of Search-cum-Selection Committee for selection of IVA for verification of Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) under STARS project was held on 24.10.2019. The committee after evaluating proposals of the intuitions/agencies has shortlisted three institutes, and invitations for presentations have been sent to shortlisted institutes on 31.10.2019.

- A meeting was held with representatives of Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 16.10.2019. ADB has submitted a proposal for financial support of USD 500 million to this Department for School Education.

- The DBT Schemes i.e. Kind Benefit under IEDSS component of Samagra Shiksha, Stipend for Disabled Girls under IEDSS component of Samagra Shiksha, interventions of
uniforms/textbooks under Samagra Shiksha, Mid-Day-Meal Scheme, National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) and National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) were discussed with DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat on 17.10.2019. MIS has been integrated with DBT Bharat Portal except National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) and National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE)

- Training Workshops on Shagunotsav were held on 14th, 18th, 30th and 31st October, 2019. Thus, National Level Training of all States/UTs on Shagunotsav is completed. Shagunotsav will be a Census based audit for assessing the physical, infrastructure and facilities in all government and government aided schools in all States and UTs.

- Centrally sponsored Scheme of Financial Assistance for Appointment of Language Teachers (ALT) with 100% central assistance has been launched for the remaining period of 2019-20 (i.e. from October, 2019 to March, 2020) on 22.10.2019. Under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided for appointment and training of Hindi teachers in North Eastern States and for appointment of Urdu teachers and grant of honorarium for teaching Urdu in all States/UTs.

- A discussion to review progress of NISHTA Project was held on 25th October, 2019. 10 States/UTs have completed training of KRP/SPs in NCERT. Among these, 9 States/UTs have initiated training of teachers by KRP/SPs. Further, training of KRP/SPs from other 11 States/UTs, in NCERT is in progress. So far training of 70565 number of KRP/SPs/Teachers/Head Teachers has been completed till 31st October, 2019.

- The first phase of Prime Minister's Innovative Learning Programme was organized by this Department from 10th to 23rd October, 2019 for encouraging gifted and talented children, 30 each from areas of Science and Performing Arts selected by an Advisory Committee chaired by Principal Scientific Advisor. The launch function for the same was held on 10th October, 2019 at ISRO, Bengaluru and Valedictory function was held on 23rd October, 2019 at New Delhi. The Prime Minister Innovative Learning Programme is named as DHRUV and the 60 gifted and talented children after getting badged by Chief Guest Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India during Valedictory function are called as DHRUVTARAs.

- PAB meeting of Scheme for Providing Education in Madrasas/Minorities(SPEMM) for the year 2019-20 had been held on 16.09.2019. Minutes of meeting has been issued on 25.10.2019.

- A High Powered Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble HRM to oversee the implementation of the IT Blueprint and the IT infrastructure of Department of School Education and Literacy and to review the activities under DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing). A Steering Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (SE&L) on the activities relating to DIKSHA.

- A Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Chairperson, CBSE to prepare e-content related to NCERT curriculum and related generation of specific skills
such as critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and foundational numeracy and literacy among school students and also content that will build international assessment related competencies.

- The Aptitude test for students has been named as Tamanna (Try and Measure Aptitude and Natural Abilities). The Primer, the Test Booklet, the Technical Manual and the Guidelines for Teachers and Parents have been uploaded on the websites of MHRD, NCERT and CBSE.

- Activities of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) during the month are as follows:
  (i) On the 11th October, 2019, the Hon’ble Union Minister of HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank” inaugurated newly constructed school buildings of 13 Kendriya Vidyalayas, namely, KV Golaghat, Assam; KV Halflong, Assam; V Tamulpur, Assam; KV Araria, Bihar; KV Jaipur, Gujarat; KV Viramgam, Gujarat; KV Kodagu, Karnataka; KV No. 2 Satha, Madhya Pradesh; KV Sambalpur, Odisha; KV Shivgarh, Uttar Pradesh; KV Perambur, Tamil Nadu; KV Miryalguda, Telangana and KV Betul, Madhya Pradesh. 22,800 students will be benefitted with these inaugurations. The foundation stone was laid for the construction of school buildings of 6 Kendriya Vidyalayas namely KV Longding, Arunachal Pradesh, KV Kawardha, Chhattisgarh, KV Giridih, Jharkhand, KV Chennapatana, Karnataka, KV Jagatsinghpur, Odisha and KV Nizamabad, Telangana.

  (ii) 74 training Workshops were conducted and 2208 participants were trained in these Workshops.

  (iii) 152 workshops of 03 days each were organized by the 25 regions of KVS to sensitize 6463 teachers teaching Maths, Science and English in classes VI to X in all Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. These teachers were sensitized regarding PISA and empowered to adopt various effective strategies for CR teaching learning so as to nurture and enhance the creative and critical thinking skills of students.

  (iv) The Seema Darshan Phase- XIII was conducted at Suratgarh (Air Force, BSF & Army establishments) from 07th to 11th October, 2019. A total 50 boys from 05 KVS ROs – Guwahati, Patna, Ranchi, Silchar and Tinsukia, 06 escort teachers and OSD (Def) from KVS HQ took part in the event.

- Activities of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) during the month are as follows:

  (i) As per 100 days action plan newly constructed building of 06 JNVs i.e. Kanshiram Nagar (UP), Malkangiri-II (Odisha), Sitapur-II (UP), Dang (Gujarat), Navsari (Gujarat) and Puri (Odisha) were inaugurated through video conferencing by Hon’ble HRM and Chairman NVS on 11.10.2019. Building of 04 remaining JNVs i.e. Palwal (Haryana), Bhandara (Maharashtra), Jhabua-II (MP), Ahmedabad (Gujarat) were informally
inaugurated due to Model Code of Conduct for Assembly Election and bi election in
those areas.

(ii) As per part of 100 days agenda foundation laying done in respect of 08 JNVs i.e. SefaiJala (Tripura), South Tripura (Tripura), South West Khasi Hills (Meghalaya), Jalpaiguri (W.B.) Kalaburgi-I (Karnataka) and Kolar (Karnataka) completed through
video conferencing by Hon’ble HRM and Chairman NVS on 11.10.2019. Foundation
laying in respect of 02 JNVs i.e. Jabua (MP) and Mahisagar (Gujarat) were postponed
due to Model Code of Conduct for Assembly Election and bi Election in those areas.
However, construction process has been initiated.

(iii) Process for engagement of 01 male and 01 female counsellor in all functional JNVs has
been completed. Recruitment for filling up 2370 posts advertised on 9th July, 2019 is at
advance stage of completion.

• Activities of NCERT during the month are as follows:

(i) ‘Capacity Building Programme on Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan’ was organized during
21st to 25th October, 2019 at SCERT, Tripura in which 35 heads of schools from
Ambassa Block participated.

(ii) As per part of the National Awards for Innovative Practices and Experiments in Education for
School and Teacher Education Institutions the Programme for Evaluation of project proposals at
DTE level was organized 14th October, 2019.

(iii) In connection with the development of Learning Outcomes for Secondary and Senior
Secondary stage a two day workshop for finalization of the draft learning outcomes for
secondary stage was organized during 3rd - 4th October. 37 members from various State
boards and representatives from SCERTs participated. The document was finalized in
consultation with the representatives and the development team members of the
NCERT. The Document 'Learning Outcomes at Secondary Stage' in Hindi and English
has been sent to Publication Division for proof reading and language editing.

• Activities of CBSE during the month are as follows:

(i) CBSE advised Schools to observe the celebration of Constitution Day and subsequent
activities culmination in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti by conducting the activities, namely, Pledge
taking ceremony, debates, essay competitions, cultural programs, quiz
competitions, seminars and lectures, National level essay, debate and quiz
competitions on Fundamental Duties and themes related to Constitution, reading of
Preamble and Fundamental Duties and organizing Mock Parliament.

(ii) CBSE advised the Schools to observe the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma
Gandhi by conducting the activities namely cleanliness drive, helping elderly
neighbours and differently abled-people, donating old clothes to needy children,
visiting Old Age Homes, Special Homes, Orphanages, writing 150 quotes on Mahatma Gandhi, 150 days of community service by students/schools, planting of 150 trees, walking on Padyatra of 150 km, cycling 150 km, doing 150 deeds of kindness, saving 150 litres of water and writing 150 articles in newspapers etc.

(iii) CBSE motivated all schools to participate in FIT INDIA Movement by organizing FIT INDIA Plogging run event voluntarily on 2nd October 219 to promote the habit of fitness and cleanliness in all the citizens and to pay a befitting tribute to the Father of the Nation. The participants collected plastic garbage while running.

(iv) School have been advised to observed the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as ‘Rashtriya Ekta Diwas’ (National Unity Day) on 31st October 2019.

• Activities of National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) during the month are as follows:

National Council for Teacher Education, NCTE has tried to focus and commit its resources towards launching the process of identifying 700 quality teacher education institutions (approximately one in each district of the country). NCTE has tentatively christened this venture as “Project Lighthouse”.

• Activities of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) during the month are as follows:

(i) 52 live Mukta Vidya Vani Programmes based on curriculum and 20 Community radio programmes were conduct by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

(ii) 3 new subjects at Senior Secondary level Military Studies, Military History and Physical Education and Yog, under the NIOS Educational Project for Indian Army (NEPIA) was introduced by NIOS.

(iii) 10th Departmental Advisory Committee Meeting of the Vocational Education Department was held on 22nd October, 2019 at the NIOS Headquarters. The vocational Programmes and activities of the department were put up for consideration and approval of the DAB Members.

• Other common activities

(i) To mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, ‘National Unity Day’ was observed on 31st October, 2019 at the Directorate of Adult Education (DAE) and NIOS. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, NCERT, NIOS and in the Directorate of Adult Education (DAE).
(ii) Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat programme was conducted in NVS and KVS. Vigilance Awareness Week (28.10.2019 to 02.11.2019) was inaugurated on 28.10.2019. Employees were administered pledge on this occasion.