

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**Department of Higher Education**

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024:**

**Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During May, 2024**

(i) The 'Capacity Building on Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE)' program under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program (MMTTP) was launched in presence of members of the Program Advisory Council, CBDE; mentors from the industry; representatives of the shortlisted Higher Education Institutions (HEIs); Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators; and officials of the Department. More than 130 participants virtually attended the meeting.

(ii) Portal for seeking nominations for National Awards to Teachers (Higher Education) 2024 was launched. Guidelines for the submission of nominations have also been issued. The awards will be conferred on the exemplary teachers/faculty members of technical and non-technical higher education institutions and Teachers of Polytechnic Institutions. There shall be three sub-categories under the first category based on the following broad disciplines: Engineering & Technology, Architecture; Pure Sciences including Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy; and Arts and Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages, Legal Studies, Commerce, and Management. The last date for submission of nominations is 20.06.2024. The selected awardees will be felicitated on 5<sup>th</sup> September (Teachers' Day) to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India and a remarkable teacher.

(iii) A 'Digital Readiness for Leaders' Workshop to discuss the importance of data-driven and AI-enabled administration along with national and international best practices was conducted on 08.05.2024. All officers of the rank DS/Director and above participated in the session.

(iv) An Integrated Approach to Promoting Positive Mental Health, Resilience & Wellbeing in HEIs was conceptualized, which covers different activities to achieve the objectives of NEP, 2020, which includes capacity building program for Centrally Funded HEIs on 'Promoting Positive Mental Health, Resilience & Wellbeing' under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program. In this regard Online Orientation was organized with Dean Students' welfare of all Centrally Funded Institutions (CFIs).

Subsequently, two online sessions with 12 CFIs on Capacity Building for Promoting Positive Mental Health, Resilience and Wellbeing were held on 10.05.2024 and 24.05.2024. More than 200 faculty members of these CFIs have interacted with Resource persons on Youth Mental Health, Resilience & Wellbeing – A Life Span Perspective; Early Identification & Intervention in Common Mental Health Concerns and Establishing Scalable Practices for Wellbeing - Developing Centres of Excellence / Exemplars.

(v) Two Day "Zone-wise In-Person Workshops" on Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disabilities were organized for 27 HEIs zone wise on 13-14 May 2024, 16-17 May 2024

and 20-21 May 2024. During this workshop, the key focus was on reviewing and finalizing full-scale implementation plan, handholding, designing and implementing HEI based intervention strategy. More than 150 faculty members were targeted through this workshop.

(vi) A delegation led by Joint Secretary (IC) represented India in the G20 EdWG meeting at Brasilia from 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024. Discussions were held on the theme of "Capacity building of teachers and what G20 countries can do together".

(vii) An all India meet of Design Innovation Centres was held at IIT Hyderabad in which was attended by the 20 DIC hubs and 62 spoke institutions under the Ministry's NIDI scheme. The objective was to review the progress made under the scheme and promote greater synergy between the units, work out mechanism for extending design innovation thinking and its study beyond the 62 hub institutions and build stronger industry connect.

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