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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of March, 2023- regarding

A copy of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet related to the significant activities of the Department of Higher Education for the month of March, 2023 is being circulated for perusal and information.

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To

All Hon'ble Members of Council of Ministers

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MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023: Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During March, 2023

- I. Meeting between Hon'ble EM and Hon Jason Clare, Minister for Education, Australia & Signing of Mutual Recognition of Qualification: An Australian delegation led by Education Minister Mr. Jason Clare visited India between 28th February and 3rd March, 2023. Minister Clare participated in student engagement programmes on 1st March, 2023 at Kendriya Vidyalaya and Venkateswara College. On 2nd March, 2023 a bilateral meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and the Hon Minister Jason Clare. A Mechanism for Mutual Recognition of Qualifications between India and Australia was signed by both Ministers. A number of institutional level MOUs were also exchanged in the presence of the two Ministers.
- II. G20 2nd Education Working Group (EdWG) Meeting under India's Presidency: The Second G20 Education Working Group Meeting was held from 15-17th March, 2023 in Amritsar, Punjab. The Seminar on 'Strengthening Research and promoting innovation through richer collaboration' was held on 15th March 2023. The G20 2nd Education Working Group Meeting was held on 16-17th March 2023. The priority areas related to Education Working Group and Education Working Group Report were discussed during the meeting. The event brought together delegates from the G20 Education Working Group to discuss the future of work and innovation, with a focus on building bridges across nations for equitable development. During the event importance of collaboration in research for achieving Sustainable Development, inter-dependency of domains and interdisciplinary action for solving problems, India's frugal innovations, which have the potential to solve problems of the developed world, and the need to acknowledge and use grassroots innovation etc were highlighted.
- III. Meeting between Hon'ble EM and Mr. Gan Kim Yong, Minister of Trade and Industry, Singapore: A meeting between Hon'ble EM and Mr. Gan Kim Yong, Minister of Trade and Industry, Singapore was held on 13th March, 2023 a New Delhi at the sidelines of Singapore-India Hackathon launch event. The issues discussed included Collaboration in Skills, curriculum design, and TVET.
- IV. Meeting between Hon'ble EM and Ms. Gina Raimondo, US Secretary of Commerce: A meeting between Hon'ble EM and an American delegation led by Ms. Gina Raimondo, US

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- Secretary of Commerce was held on 9th March, 2023 in New Delhi. The issues discussed included Collaboration in 3S SME, Skilling and Startups; need of creating skilling and lifelong learning opportunities at large scale, and institutional mechanism for improving Indian skill ecosystem in collaboration with US companies.
- V. A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 22.03.2023 to discuss and deliberate upon the draft report on 'transformative reforms for strengthening the periodic assessment and accreditation of all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in India' submitted by the Committee under the Chairpersonship of Dr. k. Radhakrishanan.
- VI. A meeting of Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS) Group-4 (Social) (Secretary level) was held on 13.03.2023 under the Convenorship of Secretary, Higher Education and Co-Convenorship of Secretary, Culture, to discuss and finalise the presentation on Vision India @ 2047 of SGoS Group-4.
- VII. A Consultation-cum-Review meeting was held on 09.03.2023 in virtual mode with States/UTs of Western Zone; and another meeting was held on 24.03.2023 also in virtual mode with States/UTs of East/Central Zone to discuss implementation of NEP, 2020. The meeting was held at the level of Secretary, Deptt. of Higher Education.
- VIII. Meeting regarding action taken on Cyber hygiene and Cyber Security on was held 02.03.2023:
 - IX. Education Ecosystem Registry (EER) document has been placed in public domain for consultation. The EER document was prepared by the NETF Cell. EER is expected to enable federated, de-centralized hosting of student and teacher registry with common minimum data fields shared through EER Open APIs with other compatible, interoperable and standardized registries; with due user consent for data sharing in adherence to InDEA2.0 and NDEAR architecture.
