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Ministry of Education
Department of School Education and Literacy

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of April, 2023-reg.

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 April, 2023.

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Important developments and activities during the month of April, 2023

I. Financial Achievements/Releases :

1.64 % of the BE was released by 30th April, 2023.

I. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:

A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Development

S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	National Curriculum Framework	<p>As a follow-up of the NEP 2020, the development of four National Curriculum Frameworks, viz., NCF for School Education, NCF for Early Childhood Care and Education, NCF for Teacher Education and NCF for Adult Education has been initiated. The National Steering Committee under the Chairpersonship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan was set up by the Ministry of Education to undertake and guide the development of NCFs. the National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage had been brought out and launched by the Ministry of Education on 20th October 2022. In continuation of this NCF-FS, National Curriculum Framework for School Education – Pre-Draft is also ready (https://ncf.ncert.gov.in/webadmin/assets/b27f04eb-65af-467f-af12-105275251546).</p> <p>NCERT has solicited feedback on the pre-draft NCF-SE from diverse stakeholders like students, parents, teachers, teacher educators, experts, scholars and professionals. Feedback from diverse stakeholders will further help NSC to look critically into different modalities and approaches that this framework is proposing.</p>
2	Pre-cursor to 3 rd meeting of the Education Working Group	<p>the 3rd meeting of the Education Working Group was held in Bhubaneswar from April 27-28, 2023 and the precursor events to the G20 Education Working Group Meetings was held from April 23-26, 2023. A special exhibition on the theme of “Future of Work” was organized and was open to the public between April 23-25 and then on April 27 & 28.</p> <p>As a part of ‘Jan-Bhagidari’, month long events commenced in the state of Odisha from April 1, 2023 (which is also celebrated as “Utkal Dibasa” or “Odisha Day”). More than 100,000 people have participated in these Jan</p>

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		<p>Bhagidari events, such as, Quiz contests, Essay competitions, Declamation contests, Yuva Samvad etc. Students from schools, ITIs, Polytechnics, colleges including engineering colleges, NSTI and beneficiaries of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) participated in these events.</p> <p>On 23rd April 2023, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship inaugurated the 'Future of Work' exhibition under 3rd Education Working Group (EdWG) meeting. nearly 70 exhibitors participated in the exhibition, including premier institutes and organizations from diverse sectors such as NIT Rourkela, IIT Bhubaneswar, IIM Sambalpur, Microsoft, Meta, UNICEF, NCERT etc., displaying technologies that will drive the future of work with constant innovations in the modern workplace, future skills, and innovative delivery models. Hon. Minister also addressed the first precursor event of 3rd EdWG Meeting, a seminar on Deep Tech with a focus on advanced technology in Future of Work at IMMT Auditorium in Bhubaneswar.</p>
3	Bilateral meeting with Singapore	<p>A Singaporean delegation led by Singaporean High Commissioner (SHC) H.E Mr. Simon Wong called on Hon'ble Minister of Education, Skill development and Entrepreneurship on 25th April 2023. During the meeting Hon. SM suggested both sides should work together to identify concrete deliverables and chart out a roadmap for bilateral cooperation in skill development between India and Singapore. In the field of school education both countries can work together to ensure that courses on future skills are integrated within the school curriculum. Skills Future Singapore under the Singaporean Ministry of Education can work with NCERT and CBSE in this regard. Hon. SM also suggested that Singapore must consider involving its industry partners to scale up the level of engagement with respect to skill development cooperation with India.</p>
4	3 rd meeting of the Education Working Group	<p>The third Education Working Group meeting under G20 commenced on 26th April 2023 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha with a seminar on 'Building Capacities for Lifelong Learning in the context of Future of Work'. The meeting was a continuation of the previous two working group meetings held in Chennai and Amritsar earlier, aimed at discussing and implementing innovative ideas and policies to globally transform the education sector. Over 60 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries and International Organisation countries participated in the 3 day meeting. Hon. Minister of State for Education, was the Guest of Honour. Apart from the discussions, the three-day meeting also included a cultural programme, featuring traditional Odishi performances. On the last day of the seminar, the delegates visited the Konark temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</p>

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5	Workshop on 'Future of Work'	<p>On the sidelines of 3rd meeting of the Education Working Group a workshop on 'Future of Work: Skill Architecture and Governance Models of India and Singapore' was held in Bhubaneswar on 25th April 2023. Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister addressed the workshop. High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to India; Deputy Secretary, Higher Education and Skills, Ministry of Education Singapore participated in the plenary session. Secretary, Higher Education, Secretary, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Secretary, Secretary School Education and Literacy and senior officials of the Ministry of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship attended the workshop from the Indian side.</p> <p>The objective of this workshop was threefold. (a) exchange of knowledge between India and Singapore, in the sphere of education and skilling; (b) develop pathways for collaboration on best practices and policy responses that enable the development of robust education and skilling ecosystems; and c) exchange of views among senior policymakers on the way forward.</p>
6	Samagra Shiksha	<p>Department of School Education and Literacy organised the breakaway session (BS-III) based on the theme, "Improving Quality of Education-Improving Outcome Through Vidya Samiksha Kendras". The programme was organised at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi on the occasion of Civil Services Day on 20th April, 2023. Secretary DoSEL, senior officers from the Department, State Governments and academia participated in the Session. Various stakeholders like KVS, NVS, CBSE, CIET/ NCERT, NCTE, NIEPA, NIOS and Teachers in large numbers were present. Other officers also participated through the online mode.</p>
7	PM Poshan	<p>PAB-PM POSHAN meetings for the States/ UTs of Telangana, Gujarat, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, Assam, Odisha, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Punjab were conducted during the month of April, 2023.</p>
8	New India Literacy Programme (NILP)	<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Ministry of Education and the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) on 19th April, 2023 regarding Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme).</p>

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
<p style="text-align: center;">Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• 100th episode of Hon’ble PM’s radio Programme “Mann Ki Baat: KVS informed all students and teachers to share ideas, thoughts about Hon’ble Prime Minister’s 100th episode of radio programme “Mann Ki Baat. KVS displayed banner and physical standees in KVs, Regional Offices and also in KVS (HQs). Banners were also displayed on websites of KVs, ROs and also KVS (HQs). Students, teachers and employees also listened the historic address on 30th April 2023. KVs also shared regarding this historic programme in their social media handles. Further, as per direction of Ministry of Culture, Govt of India students of KVs also took part on special programme conducted on 29.04.2023 in 13 different sites of national historical importance in different parts of the country.</p> <p>• Activities and programmes for developing awareness on G-20 KVs organized activities like Quiz, declamation contests, essay and slogan writing competitions, etc. to make students aware about G-20.</p> <p>• NEP-2020 The details of progress made in this regard upto 30th April, 2023 in respect of various tasks assigned to KVS by the Ministry are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Task No. 32 (NEP Para 2.2) – Concept wise modules for Classes I & II have been reviewed and uploaded on FLN blog. For Class III & IV (English completed, Maths & Hindi in progress) and for Class V preparation of modules is in progress. ➤ Task No. 85 (NEP Para 4.1 – 4.8) – KVS will prepare action plan aligned with the recommendations as per NCFSE as and when it is published by NCERT. However, KVS has also prepared modules for creating conducive learning environment and continuous professional development of teachers. The same are being used during online/offline mode of training of teachers and school heads. ➤ Task No. 145 (5.2 – 5.7) – KVS has given an advertisement in November-2022 for filling up of 13411 teaching and non-teaching posts in the Employment News in its issue dated 3-9 Dec. 2022. KVS has plan to fill up these vacancies tentatively up to July/August-2023 after conducting written test, skill test (wherever applicable) and interview. ➤ Task No. 146 (5.2 – 5.7) – KVS has given an advertisement in November-2022 for filling up of 13411 teaching and non-teaching posts in the employment news in its issue dated 3rd Dec to 9th Dec. 2022 & 17-23 Dec.2022. The online portal was opened from 5th December, 2022 and closed on 2nd January, 2023. The Computer Based Test for the advertised posts has already been conducted from 7th February, 2023 to 11th March, 2023 at all India basis. The recruitment to the post of Deputy Commissioner has been completed in the month of March, 2023. The interview for the post of Assistant Commissioner has been conducted in the month of April, 2023. The interview for the post of PGTs (123 subjects) and TGTs (09 subjects)

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	<p>has been fixed and will be conducted from 15th May, 2023 to 30th May, 2023 at 09 centre at all India basis.</p> <p>The skill test for the post of Finance Officer, Stenographer grade-2 and Junior Secretariat Assistant has been scheduled for 13th May, 2023. The verification of documents of ASO and SSA will be done by KVS on 15th and 16th May, 2023. KVS has plan to fill up these vacancies tentatively in 2023 after conducting written test, skill test (wherever applicable) and interview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Task No. 149 (NEP Para 5.8 - 5.14) – Modules for capacity building programme for creating conducive learning environment in schools for teacher and school leader have been developed with the help of experts from NIEPA. KVS has also requested CBSE to conduct workshop for Master Trainer in some generic topics for Capacity Building of Teachers. ➤ Task No. 153 (NEP Para 5.15 – 5.16 & 5.17 – 5.19) - KVS has its own Training Policy. In order to align it with the recommendations of NEP-2020 a committee has been constituted including member from NCERT to review the existing KVS Training Policy. KVS Advisory committee of ZIETs meets every year to review the activities and training programmes conducted in previous academic sessions and suggest measures for improvement in the next session(s). ➤ Task No. 178 (NEP Para 6-7 – 6-9) – As per Provisions contained in Para-6.9 of NEP -2020, Balvatika classes(I,II and III) for children of age group 3+, 4+ and 5+ have been started in 49 KVs on pilot basis from 20th October 2022. 5477 children are admitted in Balvatika classes in all 49 KVs during 2022-23. As part of the 2023-24 academic year, children enrolled in Balvatika-III will be granted automatic promotion to Class I. Fresh admission to Balvatika-I during 2023-24 is in progress in the select 49 KVs. ➤ Task No. 231 (NEP para 16.1 – 16.8) – Artificial Intelligence introduced as a vocational subject in all 1205 KVs in Class – VIII. KVS conducted courses for skilling out of school/out of education youth in 191 KVs during 2022-23 as per the instructions of MoE and MSDE
<p>Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEP 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PM SHRI Schools: Process of Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) has been started for 317 selected JNVs. ○ German Language: German Language has been introduced in 13 new JNVs from the Academic Session 2023 – 24 with this the expansion of the German Language has reached to total 37 JNVs inclusive of Vocational Orientation programme running in 3 JNVs. • A Storytelling competition has been organized under India’s G20 Presidency with the theme of “India@2047” in which a total 42,370 students of JNVs have participated.

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National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Joint Working Committee meeting with NCERT and EDUFI (<u>Finnish National Agency for Education</u>), Finland was held online to discuss the future course of action on 4th April 2023. • International Relations Division (IRD) of NCERT organized a meeting on 'G20 April Education Working Group – STEM Education – Science and other Exhibits of NCERT' held at Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT), Bhubaneswar from 23rd to 28th April 2023. • Senior Education Minister of Liberia, Prof. D. Ansu Sonii visited NCERT on 13th April 2023 to learn from best practices on textbook development, the organizational structure of NCERT and the teacher training programmes.
National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITEP Committee Meetings The first meeting of the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) core committee was held at NCTE on 7th April 2023 in hybrid mode under the chairmanship of Chairperson, NCTE to discuss various aspects of the ITEP curriculum framework/ syllabi/ course content. ITEP was launched in 57 Higher Education Institutes for academic session 2023-24 across the country. This course will prepare teachers for the 4 stages of the new school structure i.e. (5+3+3+4). Four separate Committees have been framed to devise the curriculum for ITEP. Regular meetings of all the Committees are ongoing.
Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st CBSE EXPRESSION SERIES for the Session 2023-24 The 1st Expression Series for the session 2023-24 is based on the theme 'Skill Development in India: From Local to Global'. Schools organizing the series from 24th April to 3rd May 2023 and uploading the entries from 4th May to 13th May 2023. • IT Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development of CCMP Document for CBSE. ➤ Development and launch of 'Hindi Rajbhasha' Portal for fill up online Quarterly Progress Report. ➤ Re-engineering of 'SAKSH' Portal for Skills @ Middle School. ➤ Re-engineering of NCMTM APP for Class VI JNVST Exam 2023. ➤ Development of School Affiliation Re-engineered Automation System - SARAS 4.0.
National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)	<p>Inauguration of Mukta Kaushal Kendra at Mehsana, Gujarat.</p> <p>NIOS has established Mukta Kaushal Kendra at Mehsana district, Gujarat for the skill training of female learners belonging to the disadvantaged section of the society. The inauguration of the centre was done on 11th April 2023 at Mehsana by the Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Development and Hon'ble Minister of Education Gujarat, in the presence of Chairperson NIOS and various dignitaries from Gujarat as well as NIOS.</p>

C. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNANCE

E-Office is fully implemented in this Department. The exchange of information, communication & transactions are delivered through e-office/e-mail. Meetings with State Governments/Other Ministries/autonomous organizations are held through Video Conferencing.