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New Delhi, the 18th September, 2023

#### **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of August, 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 August, 2023.

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# Ministry of Education Department of School Education and Literacy

### Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of August, 2023

Important developments and activities during the month of August, 2023

- I. Financial Achievements/ Releases:
  - 18.17 % of the BE was released by 31st August, 2023.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:
- A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

#### Important Issues/ Development

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S. No.	Subject	Brief
h, n		Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, today released the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE), on 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2023. Under NCF-SE, the curriculum has been aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, emphasizing the 5+3+3+4 design of schooling. This framework addresses the entire educational journey from the foundational to secondary stages.
1	National Curriculum Framework for School Education	NCF-SE sets clear learning standards and competencies, enabling teachers to foster critical thinking, creativity, and genuine understanding. The framework empowers educators, encourages engaging pedagogies, and emphasizes the importance of school culture and values.
		Some of the key highlights of NCF-SE are:
		<ul> <li>Comprehensive curriculum framework covering all 4 stages of schooling.</li> <li>Learning Standards with clear, specific, and rigorous flow-down.</li> <li>Empowering teachers and schools.</li> <li>Engaging and effective pedagogy.</li> </ul>

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		<ul> <li>Transforming assessment including exams. to enable genuine learning and reduce stress, including the Board exams.</li> <li>Multidisciplinary education. for developing an integrated and holistic perspective and learning.</li> <li>Equity and inclusion.</li> <li>Renewed emphasis on Art, and, Physical Education &amp; Well-being, Environmental Education, Vocational Education.</li> <li>Multilingualism and learning Indian Languages.</li> <li>Conceptual understanding and procedural fluency in Mathematics.</li> <li>Flexibility and Choice in the Secondary Stage.</li> <li>Interdisciplinary Areas of Study.</li> <li>Rooted in India.</li> </ul>
2	Let's Move Forward comic book	Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister launched a novel comic book titled "Let's Move Forward." on August 29, 2023. This comic book is a collaborative effort between the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and UNESCO New Delhi under the School Health and Wellness Programme (SHWP). The SHWP, initiated under the Ayushman Bharat campaign is an initiative undertaken by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Its primary objective is to impart health education, prevent diseases, and enhance access to health services through wellness centers within educational institutions.  The "Let's Move Forward" comic book is designed to cater to the diverse requirements of adolescents and encapsulates crucial information pertaining to the 11 thematic components of the School Health and Wellness Programme. These encompass a comprehensive range of subjects, including emotional well-being, interpersonal relationships, gender equality, nutrition and health, substance abuse prevention, healthy lifestyles, reproductive health, internet safety, and more.  It is accessible in multiple languages, including Hindi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odiya, Tamil, and Telugu.

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3	IDC 2023	As a gesture to express the nation's gratitude, a select group of 50 school teachers, from Central Board of Secondary Education and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghathan schools from across the country, who have displayed outstanding dedication and commitment in their fields were invited by the Department of School Education & Literacy on the occasion of IDC 2023.  On 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023, the teachers visited Kartavya Path, the National War Memorial and Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya. An interactive session with Union Minister of State, for Education and External Affairs, was also held in New Delhi On 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2023, the invited teachers participated in the Independence Day Ceremony at the Red Fort, New Delhi

## AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
	<ul> <li>Meri Mati Mera Desh         KVS has observed Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign from 9th to 15<sup>th</sup> August         2023 paying tribute to the veers who have made the supreme sacrifices         for the country. As directed, the following activities were conducted in         KVs:             <ul></ul></li></ul>
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	<ul> <li>Partition Horror Remembrance Day         KVS observed and conducted digital exhibition in 200 KVs covering         districts exclusive of districts covered by NVS and other CBSE schools.</li> <li>Har Ghar Tiranga Programme         Special assembly session was organized in all Kendriya Vidyalayas with         each day dedicated to a particular aspect of Tiranga from 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>         August 2023 and communicated the objective of programme.</li> <li>MoU between SIAM and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on Road Safety         An MoU has been signed between Society of Indian Automobile         Manufacturers (SIAM), and KVS on Road Safety Initiative Programme (Safe         Journey) on 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 which aims at execution of Road Safety         Online Educational Session for Students of Kendriya Vidyalayas. This         programme aims to instill responsible road behavior and promote road         safety consciousness among young minds.</li> <li>NEP-2020</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The details of progress made in this regard upto 31st August, 2023 in respect of various tasks assigned to KVS by the Ministry are as follows:</li> <li>Task No. 32 (NEP Para 2.2) - Concept wise modules for Classes I &amp; II have been reviewed and uploaded on FLN blog. For Class III &amp; IV (English completed, Maths &amp; Hindi in progress) and for Class V preparation of modules is in progress.</li> <li>Task No. 144 (NEP Para 5.2 to 5.7) - Post wise Transfer orders in respect of teaching staff upto PGTs and non-teaching staff upto ASO generated through online portal designed by NIC have been issued on 31.07.2023, 03.08.2023 and 04.08.2023.</li> </ul>

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	The notification for opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Kamrup
and the state of t	(Metro), Assam has been issued on 09.08.2023 and the JNV has been made functional.
	• The notification for change of land for permanent site i.r.o. JNV Khagaria (Bihar) has been issued on 09.08.2023.
	Two new NCC units have been commenced in JNV, Bhadrak (Odisha) & JNV, Kalahandi (Odisha) during the month of August, 2023.
	• 278 JNVs have been selected for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase of PM SHRI Schools and
	registration process has been completed by JNVs on PM SHRI Portal.
5	A. AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV:  Meri Maati Mera Desh:
	"Meri Maati - Mera Desh" has been organised in JNVs from 09.08.23 to 23.08.23 by organizing following activities:
	<ol> <li>Panch Pran Pledge has been taken by Students, Teachers and Staff in 636 JNVs.</li> </ol>
1887 2	ii. 84782 Students have attended the Special Assemblies dedicated to the topic "Meri Maati - Mera Desh" in JNVs.
	iii. Veeron ka Vandan: 196 National Heroes (Freedom fighters and their families, retired personnel from defence, CAPF, States Police and the families of brave hearts) have been invited in JNVs and felicitation ceremonies have organized.
Navodaya Vidyalaya	iv. Vasudha Vandan - Around 11500 saplings have been planted in 631 JNVs to develop Amrit Vatika.
Samiti (NVS)	<ul> <li>Har Ghar Tiranga: "Har Ghar Tiranga" has been organized in JNVs from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Under this campaign Awareness program about flag code of India and hosting of tri-colour has been undertaken in JNV premises.</li> </ul>
	• Celebration of Independence Day: 77 <sup>th</sup> Independence day has been celebrated in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti alongwith its 08 Regional Offices and 649 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.
	<ul> <li>Partition Horror Remembrance Day: Partition Horror Remembrance Day has been observed in JNVs on 14<sup>th</sup> August by conducting an Exhibition in 200 JNVs to make people know about the sufferings of the partition affected people.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Organ Donation Day: Organ donation day has been observed in 478 JNVs in line with the directions of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India on 03.08.2023 by organizing various activities viz. Quiz / Slogan Writing / Posters &amp; Organ Donation Pledge drives.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>No. of Stakeholders who took Organ donation Pledge: 1,54,851.</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>No. of Students participated in other activities (Quiz comp. / Slogan writing / Poster making etc.): 36,908.</li> </ul>
National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)	<ul> <li>A meeting to review and finalize the translated Urdu and Hindi versions of the Dictionary, under Toy based pedagogy in Social Sciences, was held from August 28<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023</li> <li>A meeting on 'National Achievement Survey: Reflection and way forward' under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Secretary, DoSEL, MoE was conducted from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>A consultative meet on 'Guidelines and Action Plan for Curricular Integration and Implementation of ESD and GCED in Schools' was held at NIE, New Delhi from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>6,684 textbooks are energized by States/ UTs which are available on DIKSHA.</li> <li>As on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 in DIKSHA, 3,17,496 e-Contents for CWSN, 4,282 audiobook chapters, 954 textbook-based ISL videos, 2,205 resources for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, and 218 experiments &amp; activities are available under Virtual lab vertical.</li> <li>Contact phase III of Diploma Course in Guidance and Counselling through Blended Mode (Self-Financing) was started on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.</li> </ul>
Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	<ul> <li>2nd CBSE EXPRESSION SERIES for Academic the Session 2023-24         CBSE Expression Series 2<sup>nd</sup> for the academic session 2023-24 has been organized from 03rd August to 16th August, 2023 by CBSE on the theme 'G-20: India's Vision for a harmonious World'. Total participation in the series were 1,30,84,462 and 3,055 schools have been participated.</li> <li>Āryabhata Ganit Challenge - 2023         This year 4804 schools have registered for first level of Aryabhata Ganit Challenge 2023. The Question Paper for first level was made available to the schools till 05.09.2023. A computer-based test will be conducted by the board for the top three students registered from each school on 3rd October, 2023.</li> <li>Project Veer Gatha Edition 3.0         Third edition of Project Veer Gatha was organized by the Board to disseminate the details of acts of bravery and the life stories of these brave- hearts among the students. Students of class 3 to 12 are motivated to do projects/activities based on gallantry award till 15 September 2023. More than 3000 entries of schools and more than 1 lakh participation have been received so far.</li> <li>CBSE Games (2023-24)         Sports events at Cluster/ Zonal and National levels for its independent category of schools have been organized by the Board every year in</li> </ul>

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	various age-groups for girls and boys separately. Registration of schools is completed for this year and student participation is in process for cluster/ Zonal level.
	<ul> <li>Formation of CYBER CLUBS in Schools for developing an Ecosystem to Prevent Cybercrime</li> </ul>
	In line of the efforts taken by the government to spread awareness on cybercrime, the concept of forming Cyber Clubs in schools has been suggested during I4C meetings. Accordingly, the schools were suggested to organize different activities for Cyber Clubs where students can explore, learn, and excel in the field of cyber security and emerging technologies.
	<ul> <li>Meeting regarding Review of Implementation of NEP 2020- 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>The Member Secretary NCTE attended the meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament on the subject "Review of Implementation of NEP 2020" on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. The NEP 2020 aims to revolutionize the educational landscape by promoting holistic learning, flexibility and innovation. NEP 2020 emphasizes early childhood education, vocational and skill education, teacher education and technology integration.</li> </ul>
8	HAR GHAR TIRANGA (2023)
National Council for Technical Education (NCTE)	Har Ghar Tiranga campaign was conducted in NCTE with enthusiasm. In order to promote the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has also changed the display picture of all its social media accounts to Tri-colour.  Resolved taken during the campaign:  - WORK together for the betterment of our nation.
	- STAND united against any attack as a patriot.
	<ul> <li>ACT with unwavering conviction as a citizen</li> <li>Celebration of 29<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li> </ul>
	The celebration of the 29 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Day commenced with the traditional Lighting of Lamp by the Member Secretary NCTE along with Prof. C K Saluja and senior officers/officials of NCTE on 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. The celebration continued with a cultural programme.
	Panch Pran Pledge and Tree Plantation Drive - 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
	The Panch Pran Pledge was conducted at NCTE as a part of 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign on 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2023. After undertaking the

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-	pledge, NCTE also organised a 'Tree Plantation Drive' within the office premises. All the staff of NCTE including senior officers/officials enthusiastically participated in the events.
National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)	<ul> <li>Development of Online Modules for Adult Education Vertical of DIKSHA</li> <li>MoE has assigned NIOS as Central and Main organization of the DoSEL for undertaking Adult Education Programme. NIOS has been assigned to develop online modules for Basic Education. These online modules will be made available on Adult Education Vertical on DIKSHA.</li> <li>NIOS has initiated the development of online modules in various subjects under Open Basic Education (Adult) Programme.</li> <li>4 videos were recorded at OBE (Adult programme) at level A.</li> <li>Participation in Exhibition - Empowering India 2023 at Guwahati by VED With the support of VED, Regional Centre Guwahati participated in the "Empowering India - 2023" organised by Bharat Events Pvt Limited, New Delhi at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre, Guwahati from 18th - 20th August, 2023. Regional Center, Guwahati showcased the schemes, activities, achievements and initiatives of NIOS for publicity.</li> </ul>
	Participation in this event was a good opportunity to connect with a larger number of learners, industry and academicians for future prospects.

#### **B.** 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.