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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education and Literacy


New Delhi, the 23rd January, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

Encl : As above

 23/1/2024

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To

1. All Council of Ministers
2. Secretaries to the Govt. of India, All Ministries / Departments
3. Secretary to the President of India (Rashtrapati Ke Sachiv), Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Secretary to the Vice-President of India (Up-Rashtrapati Ke Sachiv), Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi.

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- PS to Hon'ble EM
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Monthly information for the month of December, 2023

1. **Important Policy decision** taken and major achievements during the month are at Annexure-I
2. Important policy matters held up on account of **prolonged inter-ministerial consultations**: NIL
3. No of cases of '**sanction for prosecution**' pending for more than three months: NIL
4. Particulars of cases in which there has been a **departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy** of the Government: NIL
5. Status of ongoing **Swachhta Abhiyan (progress under Special Campaign to dispose pendency)**: At Annexure - II
6. **Status of Rationalization of Autonomous Bodies**:
No change in status as given in the month of October, 2022.
7. Information on the specific steps taken for **utilization of the Space Technology based tools and applications** in Governance and Development:

S.No.	Organization	Steps Taken
1.	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	<u>GIS Project Phase-II</u> The data of 1250 KVs have been updated in GIS website. (3 KVs are situated abroad).
2.	Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Development of VSK Software Instance for KVS and NVS.➤ Development of Work Flow based Online Post result demographic corrections System➤ Development of Centre Allocation System for Examination (CASE) for Board Examination 2024➤ Development of Portal for Practical/Project/IA Marks Uploading for Class X and XII for Board Examination 2024➤ Development of Online Affiliated Schools Information System (OASIS) version 5.0 with additional features.➤ Development of Online QP download and Answer Key Challenge System for different posts of EMRS Recruitment Exam.

8. **Vacancy position of senior level appointments** in the Ministry/Department, including Autonomous Bodies/PSUs:

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)	Presently, the post of Internal Financial Advisor (IFA) & Chief Accounts Officer (CAO) at Level-13 is vacant in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.
NCTE	The Post of Chairperson, NCTE (Level 16) is vacant. At present, additional charge of the post is held by Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, Delhi University. The post of Vice-Chairperson, NCTE (Level 15) is vacant.
National Bal Bhavan (NBB)	The post of Director, National Bal Bhavan is vacant. At present additional charge of the post is given to Director, DoSE&L

9. List of cases in which the **ACC directions** have not been complied with: NIL
10. Details of **FDI proposals** cleared during the month and status of FDI proposals awaiting approval in the Ministry/ Department: NIL

Annexure-I

Important developments and activities during the month of December, 2023

- I. Financial Achievements/Releases :
40.85% of the BE was released by 31st December, 2023.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:
 - A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Development

S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	Football for Schools (F4S)	<p>The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education supported by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) in the implementation of Football for Schools (F4S) in the Country.</p> <p>FIFA is contributing more than 11 lakh footballs for distribution in various schools throughout the country. More than 1.50 lakh schools will be the beneficiaries under this programme. District NVS will be the nodal distribution centre throughout the country. Footballs will be distributed based on the enrolment in upper primary to Higher Secondary level schools having playgrounds.</p> <p>Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, attended the first Kick-off programme for the distribution of footballs as part of the Football for Schools (F4S) at Cuttack on 1st December 2023. He distributed footballs at PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Mundali, Cuttack under this programme.</p>
2	National Award for Innovations & Good Practices in Educational Administration	<p>NIEPA has instituted the National Award for Innovations & Good Practices in Educational Administration for district- and block-level education officers. The scheme was launched in 2014 to encourage innovations and good practices in educational administration at the grassroots level for improving the functioning of the public system of education. The overall aim is to create a culture and ecosystem of innovations and good practices in educational administration at the field level of educational administration.</p>

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		<p>Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship conferred the National Award for Innovations and Good Practices in Educational Administration (2020-21 & 2021-22) on 65 outstanding district and block education officers from across the country, on 5th December 2023,</p>
3	<p>Diamond Jubilee of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan</p>	<p>On 25th December 2023, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, attended the function commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in New Delhi. Minister of State for Education; Minister of State for Education and External Affairs, and other senior officers attended the function.</p>
4	<p>Sakura Science High School Programme</p>	<p>On 9th December 2023, Secretary, DoSE&L, flagged off 64 children, in a ceremony at CIET-NCERT, who were invited by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) to participate in the Sakura Science High School Programme 2023 from India along with other countries. These meritorious school students are from KVS and NVS of 11 States: Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha, Ladakh, Uttar Pradesh and Goa. The group includes 26 boys and 38 girls.</p> <p>To expand the intellectual horizon and develop the spirit of scientific exploration among young learners, the JST in collaboration with the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education, have been implementing the Sakura Science High School Programme under the Sakura Science Programme (SSP) since 2014. The students are invited under the programme for short-term visits to Japan, allowing them to experience Japan's cutting-edge science and technology as well as its culture.</p> <p>So far, 468 students along with 75 supervisors have visited Japan under this programme. The last batch of 57 students visited Japan in July 2023.</p>
5	<p>Upgradation of DIETS</p>	<p>The Department of School Education & Literacy has formulated a concept of DIETs of Excellence (model DIETs) having appropriate Infrastructure and resource support; empowering teachers through continuous professional development; research and evidence-based practices; support inclusive education; and foster collaboration among educational institutions, community organizations and industry, etc.</p>

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		<p>All existing DIETs throughout the country were benchmarked against pre-defined levels of model DIET and the process of physical upgradation of all 613 functional DIETs of the country in a phased manner over a period of 05 years has been initiated to bridge the infrastructural gap. For this purpose, financial assistance of up to Rs 15 Crore/DIET under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha will be provided. During the first phase, 125 DIETs of 33 States/UTs have been identified with a total cost of Rs 92,320.18 lakhs.</p>
6	National Credit Framework	<p>In pursuance of this vision of NEP, 2020, a High-Level Committee (HLC) constituted by the Gov. of India has formulated the National Credit Framework (https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/9028476_Report-of-National-Credit-Framework.pdf) which is a comprehensive credit framework encompassing elementary, school, higher, and vocational education & training, integrating creditization of learning in various dimensions i.e., academics, vocational skills and experiential learning including relevant experience and proficiency/ professional levels acquired.</p> <p>The NCrF lays down a broad framework, enabling provisions and basic guidelines.. The concerned authorities will now have to develop detailed operational guidelines for the implementation of the Credit Framework.</p> <p>The NCrF lays down a broad framework, enabling provisions and basic guidelines. The concerned authorities will now have to develop detailed operational guidelines for the implementation of the Credit Framework.</p> <p>CBSE has developed its own SOP for implementing the National Credit Framework (NCrF) in schools through the allocation of credits for classes 9 to 12. The SOP is compatible with the National Curriculum Framework for School Education.</p> <p>All States/UTs have been requested that a SOP for implementation of the National Credit Framework be evolved. Further, a technical platform for the digital storage of credits under the Academic Bank of Credit, as a repository of all credits earned by a student may also be developed and ensure the credibility and authenticity of the credits by utilizing the students' APAAR id.</p>
7	Veer Baal Diwas	<p>On the day of the Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, on 9th January 2022, the Prime Minister announced that 26th December will be observed as 'Veer Baal Diwas', every year to</p>

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		<p>mark the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh's sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji.</p> <p>DoSEL along with its Autonomous Bodies and States/UTs observed Veer Baal Diwas on 26th December, 2023 through digital exhibition in schools, screening of a film on Veer Baal Diwas, and organising online competitions such as interactive quizzes on MyGov and MYBharat portals. Through this programme, students were educated about the courage and sacrifice of the Sahibzadas and the historical significance of their martyrdom.</p> <p>The programme witnessed a nationwide participation of 1.42 crore students, teachers and community members from 1.19 lakh schools/institutions.</p> <p>The interactive online quiz, curated by CBSE, on the MyGov platform saw the participation of more than 1.5 lakh people throughout the country.</p>
8	Miscellaneous	<p><u>STARS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A meeting to review the implementation of STARS Project was held on 06.12.2023 for all the States under STARS Project. Mid-Term Review Meetings for the State of Rajasthan and Maharashtra under Samagra Shiksha and STARS were held on 04.12.2023 and 12.12.2023 respectively. ➤ An amount of Rs.1411.53 lakh has been released to the State of Odisha under STARS Project. ➤ An amount of Rs. 1068.72 lakh has been released to the State of Himachal Pradesh under STARS Project. ➤ An amount of Rs. 5758.06 lakh has been released to the State of Rajasthan under STARS Project. <p><u>Vidyanjali</u></p> <p>During December 2023, Vidyanjali portal was revamped and an additional CSR Module under Vidyanjali was introduced for large projects of CSRs; an additional 1000 new volunteers registered on the portal raising the cumulative total to 4.47 lakh volunteers and 6.84 Lakh onboarded Schools on the Vidyanjali portal as on 04th January 2023.</p> <p><u>SAMAGRA SHIKSHA</u></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Funds released under Samagra Shiksha up to December, 2023 (cumulative-all States/UTs/National Component) - Rs. 13815.49 Crores. ➤ Funds released under Samagra Shiksha up to December, 2023 (Rajasthan) - Rs. 1747.77Crores. <p><u>PM POSHAN</u></p> <p>25% of the admissible amount to the States/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Telangana, Anmdaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, DNH & DD, Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry, 50% of the admissible amount to Sikkim and Delhi and 75% of admissible amount to Goa and Jharkhand has been released during the month of December, 2023.</p>

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

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Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Rashtriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshini 50th Rashtriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani (RBVP) has been organized by NCERT from 26th- 31st December 2023 at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Mahalunge, Pune, Maharashtra. 06 students from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have been selected for the above programme.</p> <p>• Diamond Jubilee of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Year on 15th December 2023. The Diamond Jubilee Celebration was graced as Chief Guest by Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan ji, Hon'ble Minister of Education & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The programme was organized in Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan auditorium of PM SHRI KV No. 2 Delhi Cantt.</p> <p>• NEP-2020 The details of progress made in this regard up to 31st December, 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 are being prepared/reviewed in the light of new textbooks introduced by NCERT and for classes III-V are in progress and being uploaded on FLN blog (https://kvs-fln5.blogspot.com/). ➤ Task No. 85 (NEP Para 4.1 - 4.8) -A 3-day Training program was conducted for the Training Associates of ZIETs, KVS at NCERT New Delhi wherein 74 participants of KVS have participated. ➤ Task No. 231 (NEP Para 16.1 to 16.8) - In the current session 2023-24, 350 KVs have been onboarded as skill hub for providing Skill training to School/College dropouts, out of education and unemployed youth and for internal candidates of KVs under PMKVY 4.0 scheme. So far in 289 KVs courses have started. 						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• <u>ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>➤ Inter-School Band Competition: Following 03 JNVs have secured ranks in Zonal Level (Western Zone) Inter - School Band Competition 2023 - 24:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="560 1941 1457 2070"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="560 1941 834 2025">Band</th> <th data-bbox="834 1941 1273 2025">JNV (Distt. & State)</th> <th data-bbox="1273 1941 1457 2025">Rank Secured</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="560 2025 834 2070">Pipe Band - Boys</td> <td data-bbox="834 2025 1273 2070">Sriganganagar - II, Rajasthan</td> <td data-bbox="1273 2025 1457 2070">First</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 	Band	JNV (Distt. & State)	Rank Secured	Pipe Band - Boys	Sriganganagar - II, Rajasthan	First
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Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)	Pipe Band - Girls	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Third
	Brass Band - Girls	Wardha, Maharashtra	Third
<p>PM SHRI JNV Sriganganagar - II, Rajasthan will participate in National Level Band Competition to be held at National Stadium, New Delhi from 21st to 22nd January, 2024.</p>			
<p>➤ Rastriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani (Science Exhibition) NCERT - 2023: The selected Eight (08) JNV Students have participated with their exhibits in Rastriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani - 2023 held at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Mahalunge, Balewadi, Pune, Maharashtra between 26th to 31st December, 2023.</p>			
<p>• <u>ACTION TAKEN ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020:</u></p>			
<p>➤ Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav: The Janma Jayanti of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati has been celebrated as Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav in JNVs on 11th December, 2023. The Mahotsav was started before 75 days and culminated on 11th December, 2023 with a unique multilingual festival on a grand scale in all the 650 JNVs.</p>			
<p>➤ National Integration Meet 2023 -National Integration Meet 2023 - 24 of NVS has been organized at National Bal Bhawan, New Delhi on 29th & 30th December, 2023. The theme of the meet was 'Building a New India on the Footprints of Indian Heritage & Culture', 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' 'Millets the Super Food' & 'Mission Life- Lifestyle for Environment'. The Secretary (SE&L), CBSE Chairperson & NCERT Director graced the occasion with their presence for the event. 400 JNV students participated in different activities of the programme.</p>			
<p>• <u>OTHER ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:</u></p>			
<p>➤ Vigyan Jyoti Programme (Phase - IV, 250 JNVs): Vigyan Jyoti is a Flagship initiative of DST targeted to empower meritorious girls at school level to qualify and pursue STEM courses. Vigyan Jyoti programme is being implemented in 250 JNVs.</p>			
<p>➤ Participation of NVS Students in 67th National School Games 2023-24: NVS students have participated in various games & sports events of 67th National School Games 2023-24 conducted by School Games Federation of India (SGFI) as per the details under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volleyball Under - 17 (Girls) ○ Athletics Under - 19 (Boys & Girls) 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Table Tennis Under - 17 (Boys & Girls) ○ Boxing Under - 14, 17 & 19 (Boys) ○ Chess Under - 14, 17 & 19 (Boys & Girls) ○ Wrestling (f/s) Under - 19 (Boys & Girls) ○ Football Under - 17 (Girls) ○ Taekwondo Under-14, 17 & 19 (Boys & Girls) <p>➤ Construction Achievements: Augmentation [B (Balance)] works of 03 JNVs i.e. Kanker (Chhattisgarh), Raipur (Chhattisgarh) and Jhajjar (Haryana) have been completed during the month.</p>
National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An orientation programme was conducted on the use of NCERTs Educational Kits for enhancing experimental learning in schools at North-East Regional Institute of Education, Umiam, Meghalaya from 4th to 8th December 2023. ● A capacity building programme for Strengthening of SCERTs and DIETs was conducted at RIE, Bhopal from 13th to 15th December 2023. ● Capacity Building Programme for the Master Trainers from DIETs of Gujarat on Equitable and Inclusive Education in the light of NEP 2020 was conducted at Gujarat from 11th to 15th December 2023. ● School Health and Wellness Training Programme was organized at Udaipur, Rajasthan from 17th to 20th December 2023 and at Guwahati from 10th to 13th December 2023.
Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	<p>➤ Celebration of Bharatiya Bhasha Ustav The Ministry of Education, Government of India, marked the birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramania Bharati as Bharatiya Bhasha Ustav on 11th December 2023.. As part of this commemoration, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) encouraged schools to engage in various activities that align with this theme.</p> <p>➤ Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024- Registration began- Schools were urged to enroll students, teachers, and parents in an online Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) competition running from 12th December 2023 to 12th January 2024 on the government's portal.</p> <p>➤ 'Join Drive Against Drug Abuse': e-pledge In an effort to combat drug abuse, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has launched a campaign called 'Join Drive Against Drug Abuse.' Schools affiliated with CBSE were advised to participate by taking an e-pledge and actively raising awareness among students about</p>

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	<p>the detrimental effects of drug abuse, in collaboration with state authorities and other stakeholders.</p>
<p>National Council for Technical Education (NCTE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="438 455 1481 709"> <p>• Fit India Movement- 8th December 2023 The Member Secretary, NCTE inaugurated an outdoor Badminton court at NCTE as part of the ongoing #fitindiaweek2023. The Fit India Movement was celebrated at NCTE from 15th November to 15th December 2023. The Movement witnessed many participants at NCTE and brought awareness of physical and sports activities among NCTE staff during #fitindiaweek2023.</p> <li data-bbox="438 789 1481 1038"> <p>• Rajbhasha Meeting- 20th December 2023 The Member Secretary NCTE presided over the quarterly meeting with the Rajbhasha division on 20th December 2023. Extensive discussion on various aspects of Rajbhasha implementation was held and many important suggestions and recommendations were also put forth in the meeting which were beneficial for scaling the progress of Rajbhasha implementation.</p> <li data-bbox="438 1152 1481 1515"> <p>• ASSOCHAM National School Conference -22nd December 2023 The Member Secretary, NCTE took the centre stage as the Chief Guest and delivered a Keynote Address in the School Conference on “Navigating Challenges and Opportunities in the Modern School Landscape”, organised by ASSOCHAM on 22nd December 2023. She emphasized on the need for teachers to be equipped with the necessary 21st century skills to effectively navigate the modern education landscape as envisioned by flagship programmes of NCTE such as ITEP, NMM and NPST. She highlighted how ITEP realized the vision of NEP 2020 and ushered a paradigm shift in teacher education.</p> <li data-bbox="438 1594 1481 1991"> <p>• NayiChetna-2.0. Programmes in December, 2023 On 8th December 2023, SRC, NCTE administered a Gender Pledge and organized the screening of an animated movie titled ‘Kamli Ki Kahaani’ as part of the nationwide campaign against Gender-based discrimination, #NayiChetna - 2.0. Further a poster-making contest on the theme "Gender & Violence" and a debate on the theme ‘Gender Based Violence’ were organised. As part of NayiChetna- 2.0 initiative, NRC, NCTE on 8th December 2023, organized with the objective of promoting inclusivity and fostering a society that is free from gender-based violence and discrimination.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities under OBE Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ E-Vidya Programme at OBE Level A NIOS is continuously providing learning support to OBE learners by using various modes of ICT and Media. Five interactive live sessions on E-Vidya were conducted at OBE level A in following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mathematics ○ Vocational ➤ Community Radio Two Community Radio programmes were conducted on following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OBE Programme with new flexibilities ○ सकारात्मक परिवेश • MoU signed between NIOS and SCTE&VT, State Govt of Odisha for ITI learners NIOS signed an MoU with SCTE&VT, State Govt of Odisha on 8th December 2023 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The main objective of this MoU is to open pathways for ITI pass outs from regular course of Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) for horizontal and vertical mobility and enhance employability through additional Senior Secondary Qualification. . • ASHA Certification Examination ASHA Certification Examination was successfully conducted on 17th December 2023 in 10 states. Name of participating States; Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand. No. of Candidates Appeared in the Examination: 10034

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.