No. F. 5-1/2021-EE.1 Government of India Ministry of Education Department of School Education and Literacy

New Delhi, the 24th January, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of December, 2021 -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, 2021.

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Ministry of Education Department of School Education and Literacy

Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of December 2021

I. Financial Achievements/Releases:

57.81 % of the BE was released by 31st December, 2021.

II. Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives:

A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Development

S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	Samagra Shiksha	 Funds released under Samagra Shiksha upto December 2021 (cumulative – all states) - Rs. 16938.23 Crore. A D.O. letter dated 21.12.2021 was sent to all the States/UTs with a request to submit Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) proposals online on PRABANDH portal. The thrust areas of the appraisal exercise for 2022-23 were also shared. A meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) to review the status of SamagraShiksha in UT Chandigarh on 27.12.2021.
2	Padhna Likhna Abhiyan (PLA)	The draft Cabinet Note on New India Literacy Programme (NILP) has been revised with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Education and sent to Finance Secretary & Secretary Expenditure on 16.12.2021 from Secretary (SE&L) for obtaining the approval of Hon'ble Finance Minister on the revised draft Cabinet Note (for 2022-2027) to enable us to submit the same to the Cabinet Secretariat/ PMO for consideration and approval.

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3	Launch of Vidya Pravesh- a three month play based school preparation module.	In pursuance of NEP 2020, Vidya Pravesh- a three month play based school preparation module for grade I has been developed as a part of the NIPUN Bharat Mission, which is also aligned to the Learning Outcomes (LOs) of Balvatika (level-3). The aim of the module is to ensure accessibility to equitable quality education at the foundational stage of children's life for developing foundational competencies related to health, wellbeing, language literacy, mathematical thinking and environmental awareness. The school preparation programme is suggested to be designed and implemented for initial three months of Grade-I which can be transacted for four hours per day. It follows a play-based pedagogy and promotes experiential learning with emphasis on the use of developmentally appropriate activities and local play materials. Conscious efforts have been made to ensure the role of parents and community in the growth, development and learning of children. The module was circulated to all States and UTs with the request to ensure timely adoption/adaptation of the VidyaPravesh Module so that the Module could be launched in all schools of the country by the next academic session i.e., 2022-23.
4	Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC-5) Contest 2022.	The 5th edition of Pariskhas Pe Charcha, the unique interactive program of Hon'ble Prime Minister with students teaches and parents would be held through virtual mode in February, 2022. CBSE shared information about selection procedure (competition) for the participants who will be featured in Pariksha Pe Charcha programme. This competition is being organized from 28th December to 20th January 2022 for children studying in classes of 9 to 12 teachers and parents. About 2050 winners would also receive a certificate signed by Director NCERT and a special PPC Kit comprising of Exam Warriors book in Hindi or English, written by Hon'ble Prime Minister. Schools were requested to use their own social media handles and #PPC 2022 to disseminate the event. Schools were also requested to make their own posters /creatives/ videos, etc. and post and display the banners of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022 at their website and also during online classes by the teachers. Schools should ensure maximum registration of students from Classes IX - XII, teachers and parents in the online creative writing competition being conducted at https://innovateindia.mygov.in/ppc-2022/ from December 28,2021 to January 20, 2022 to avail of

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	-	the chance of being selected for this event.
5	Launch of Essential Concepts Document.	To support the schools and teachers in the era of blended learning due to Covid 19 pandemic, CBSE along with Educational Initiatives (EI) has prepared a document on Essential Concepts that lists all the core concepts in English, Mathematics and EVS/Science for Grades 1-10. Essential Concepts help in prioritising key ideas that are most important for a given topic so that a teacher's time is focused on ensuring that students don't miss out on these essential concepts. With the limited time available to teachers in the remainder of the academic session, this document will guide them on what key ideas to focus on to minimize the learning loss.
6	Online courses for classes XI & XII offered by NCERT on SWAYAM from 20 December 2021 till 31 May 2022.	Government of India has launched a platform for offering Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) that is popularly known as SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active learning for Young Aspiring Minds) on 9 th July, 2017. NCERT offers online courses for the school education system in 11 subject areas (Accountancy, Business Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Economic, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, English and Sociology) for classes XI-XII. Till date these courses have been disseminated in seven cycles. For the current eighth cycle, NCERT is offering 28 MOOCs for students of classes XI-XII from December 20, 2021 till May 31.2022. CBSE has shared information about online courses to all concerned. These online courses can support continuous learning of students in a virtual mode.
7	Miscellaneous	 Schools were requested to disseminate the information amongst all the students, teachers and other stakeholders about the National Virtual Library of India (NVLI), a project funded by the Ministry of Culture and executed by a team at IIT-Bombay to get acquainted with known and unknown facets of the culture of our country. Schools were requested to disseminate the information about 21st Biennial Online Conference of the International Society for Comparative Physical Education and Sports (ISCPES) on the theme "State of the Art in Physical Education, Sports and Physical Activity hosted by SAI LNCPE, Thiruvananthapuram from 16th-18th December among the Physical Education Teachers. Under Azadika Amrit Mahotsav the National Yogasana Sports Federation has decided to run a

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		project of 750 million Surya Namaskar from 01 January 2022 to 07 February 2022. A musical performance on Surya Namaskar is also planned for 26 January 2022. Schools were requested to disseminate the information among the Teachers, Parents and Students and ensure maximum participation of their students. It has come to the notice of the Department of School Education and Literacy that some ed-tech companies are luring parents in the garb of offering free services and getting the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) mandate signed or activating the Auto-debit feature, especially targeting the vulnerable families. In this background, parents, students and all stakeholders in school education have to be careful while deciding on opting for online content and coaching being offered by a host of Ed-tech companies. A series of Dos and Donts in availing the services of EDTECH companies have been circulated by the Department which the stakeholders of the education ecosystem may have to follow. Further the legal provisions for ecommerce firms have been reiterated for information of citizens who are consumers of EDTECH services. These companies will have to comply with general rules of ASCI's Code for Self-Regulation in advertising.

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
	Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav:
	o 75 Lakh Post Card Campaign was organized in all Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country from December 1-31, 2021. More than 3 Lakh students from Classes IV to XII participated in writing post cards to Hon'ble Prime Minister on topics "Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle" Or "My Vision for India in 2047". The 10 best postcards having the best ideas were uploaded on the CBSE portal.
	 Writing Activity on India's Struggle for Freedom was conducted on India's Struggle for freedom for students of Classes VI to XII. Students have written about the life of freedom fighters and the historical importance of their village, state from their paired state as per EBSB.
	 Students, teachers, and other stakeholders were encouraged participate in the "Online Course on the Indian Constitution" on the online platform SWAYAM.
	Students and teachers are encouraged to participate in the ongoing competitions Rangoli making Competition, DeshbhaktiGeet Writing Competition, and Lori Contest.
	"River Festival 2021" was celebrated in all Kendriya Vidyalaya aCross the country from 17-23, December 2021 as per directions from the Ministry of Jal
Kendriya	Shakti.
Vidyalaya	• NEP-2020:
Sangathan (KVS)	The details of progress made in this regard upto 31 st December, 2021 in respect of various tasks assigned to KVS by the Ministry are as follows:
	 Task No. 32 (NEP Para 2.2) — Approximately, 11600 teachers of KendriyaVidyalaya teaching classes 1 to 5, have enrolled in the Nistha 3.0 FLN online course and approx 90% of teachers have successfully completed course designed and launched by NCERT. 11771 PRTs/HMs have received training. Concept wise modules for Class — I and II on FLN have been prepared and are being used in academic transaction. Further an online application has been developed by KVS to assess learning abilities of entry level students to plan and take up suitable interventions in order to achieve the learning outcomes. ○ 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. These modules are being used during in-house training of teachers and principals by the Zonal Institute of Education Training of KendriyaVidyalaya Sangathan. ○ 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. Modules on creating conducive learning environment in schools for training teachers and school heads have been prepared and will be published in due course of time.

- 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 and are being used for training of Principals and Teachers.
- o **Task No. 144 (5.2 5.7) –**Transfers orders for Annual Transfer 2021 issued.
- Task No. 178 (NEP Para 6-7 6-9) KVs located in aspirational districts for adding of pre-school section, issues to be considered:
 - Admission age to be reworked.
 - (ii) Identification of schools-single vs multiple sections.
 - (iii) Upgrading infra-structure in the existing KVs.
 - (iv) Appointment of trained pre-school teachers and support staff.
 - (v) Budgetary requirement.
- o Task No. 231 (NEP para 16.1 16.8) In order to ensure implementation of vocationalisation and to develop a skill during school period of children, Artificial Intelligence introduced as a vocational subject in all 1205 KVs in Class − VIII. KVS has also identified 300 KVs across the country (informed to MoE) to be developed as Vocational Education Hubs and to be used for out of school youth training after school hours.

• New Education Policy – 2020 Implementations:

Establishment of Skill Hub Initiatives: 100 JNVs are identified for Skill Hub initiatives under NEP 2020, informed to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Courses identified for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV:

Post Card Campaign: Students of all Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have participated in Post Card Campaign from 01.12.2021 to 31.12.2021. In this campaign, students sent Post Cards to Hon'ble Prime Minister on following topics:

- *i.* Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle.
- *ii.* My Vision for India in 2047.

National Council of Educational

- Till date, CIET, New Delhi has recorded 949 sign language videos in Indian Sign Language (ISL) in collaboration with ISLRTC.
- 33 States/ UTs and 8 autonomous organizations under MoE, MoD and

Research and MoTA initiated NISHTHA 2.0 (Secondary) in 10 languages - Hindi, English, **Training** Urdu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, Marathi and Odia. (NCERT) 33 States/ UTs and 5 autonomous organizations under MoE (KVS, CBSE, CISCE, AEES, CTSA) initiated NISHTHA 3.0 (FLN) in 9 languages - Hindi, English, Urdu, Gujarati, Telugu, Kannada, Odia, Bengali and Mizo. Under the programme 'Development of National Curriculum Framework' first version of NCF tech platform was released for States. Mobile Survey App has been made live on Android and iOS platforms. Training of the States/UTs has been conducted online in two phases. Face-to-face orientation has been done for North Eastern States at Assam on the NCF tech platform and Mobile Survey App. Face-to-face orientation for northern States was conducted at SCERT Chandigarh on 27-28 December 2021. For establishment of digital infrastructure in NCTE HQ on National Centre **National** for Teacher Quality, wide consultation was done with various departments Council for such as NIC, NDEAR and CIET-NCERT on 24.12.2021 through virtual Teacher mode to prepare a road map and maintaining data base of school teachers Education for implementation of NPST and NMM programme in line with NEP 2020. (NCTE) MOU for Class-VI has been renewed.10th Meeting of the JNVST Advisory Committee was held on 30.11.2021. Examination is fixed on 9th April,2022 for Class-IX and 30th April,2022 for Class-VI. Preparatory work has started for confidential work for both Class-IX and Class-VI. Committee approved the result processing relating to JNVST-2021 (Class VI) held on the rescheduled date of 11.08.2021. **Central Board** of Secondary The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Education among Youth (SPIC MACAY) has been rendering services in this field for (CBSE) the last 44 years. CBSE suggested its schools establish Culture and Heritage Clubs for formally taking up such activities. SPIC MACAY would extend its resources as Knowledge Partners to Culture and Heritage Clubs in schools. Interested schools may coordinate with SPIC MACAY to avail maximum benefit of this opportunity. NIOS commemorated "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" on December 3, 2021. The objective of the talk was to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and appraise the learners **National** about the initiatives of NIOS. **Institute Of** Virtual Open School - In the month of December a total of 69 live sessions Open including 10 sessions in Indian Sign Language were taken by the experts. Schooling Virtual sessions were held 3 hours daily from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The (NIOS) learners were very reciprocating and enthusiastic in the online live sessions. • 13 Live programmes on various vocational courses conducted on PM e-Vidya channel for the learners Four Community Radio Programmes on various skill based courses and

awareness programme were conducted by academia/industry experts for the learners.

- 13 interactive classes conducted via Virtual Open School platform on five domain – Community Health, Beauty Therapy, ECCE, Yoga Teachers Training Programme and Cutting, Tailoring & Dress Making.
- Media Unit is producing live TV video and audio Radio programmes based on the curriculum of academic, vocational subjects to supplement the printed Self Learning Material to make learning easy for its learners spread within and outside the country including video programmes in Indian Sign Language for deaf and hearing-impaired learners.
- The daily Live Interactive Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs)being telecast from NIOS H.D TV/Video studio on the PM e-VidyaDTH channels # 10 & 12 is also available on YouTube Live Channel - @Nioslivevideo.
- The transmission of live and recordings of Audio Personal Contact programmes (PCPs) and audio programmes through:
 - Radio broadcast on NIOS Community Radio Station (CRS) -RadioVahini.
 - Web streaming on the NIOS MuktVidyaVani (MVV) service.
 - Both the Radio Vahini and MVV are transmitting audio PCPs and programmes throughout the year 24 x 7. The Toll free Helpline Nos. of CRS and MVV is 18001802543. It is also available on YouTube Live Channel @NIOSRadioVahini.
 - NIOS has developed a mobile App with name 'Radio Vahini' for learners to access all its Audio/Video programme on any smart device.
- More than 1.05 Crore learners were assessed and certified since June 2017 under PMGDISHA by NIOS including monthly achievement of 83950 candidates appeared in December 2021.

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.