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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of March, 2024- 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, 2024 is being circulated for perusal and information.

**Encl: As above,**

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**To**

All Hon'ble Members of Council of Ministers

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**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**Department of Higher Education**

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024:**

**Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During March, 2024**

(i) In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on voter education and electoral literacy signed on 02.11.2023 between the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Ministry of Education (MoE), a two-week long campaign "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye" in the colleges/institutions through UGC, AICTE, and State Education Departments in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports organized. This campaign was carried out from 28.02.2024 to 06.03.2024 and later extended up to 14.03.2024. The purpose of the series of events was to ensure universal enlightened participation of youth in elections.

(ii) Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disabilities conceptualized was organized in the month of March 2024 covering Masterclass of 5 Departments (Admission Department, Student Life or Campus Life Affairs Department, Academic Affairs, Faculty and Examination Cell Department, IT Department and Career and Placement Cell Department) in online mode. These sessions were specifically tailored to address the needs of individuals with Specific Learning Disabilities. A total of 432 faculty members from around 27 Centrally Funded HEIs benefited from this programme.

(iii) A five-day faculty leadership development programme namely 'Nurturing Future Leadership Program' was organized in the month of March, 2024 in top 25 nationally ranked institutions in the NIRF management rankings. A total of 521 faculty members from Centrally Funded Institutions underwent comprehensive training. Also, a five-day Academic Leadership Programme was conducted at IIT Jammu from the 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 in which 19 Heads of Institutions of Centrally Funded HEIs participated.

(iv) A workshop with all Directors of IITs/NITs/IISc/IISERs/IIITs/IIMs and Vice Chancellors of CUs in virtual mode on Viksit Bharat @ 2047, was conducted wherein it was decided that further workshops will be conducted by all institutions on various topics and collate all ideas for Viksit Bharat @ 2047. A concept note was shared with all HEIs for holding discussions. Similarly, UGC & AICTE were also requested for similar activities.

(v) The i-Hub Foundation was inaugurated by Hon'ble Education Minister during the '100-Cube Startup Conclave' held at IIM Sambalpur on 01.03.2024. I-Hub foundation got established as a physical and virtual incubator and accelerator of the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Also, for setting up 'Center of Management Education' in Angul, industry partners exchanged several MOUs with IIM Sambalpur and IIM Mumbai. Based on the idea of creating 100 startups of Rs. 100 crores each by the time Odisha completes 100 years, '100-Cube Startup Conclave' got its name.

(vi) To finalize 5-Year Action Plan and 100 days Agenda, extensive consultation with the Ministries / Departments of the SGoS Gr.4 was held and in this regard a meeting of SGoS Gr. 4 (Secretary Level) was held on 12.03.2024 to discuss and deliberate the issue. Also, discussion with Chairman, UGC, Chairman, AICTE and Chairman, NETF and others stakeholders of the Higher Education was held to finalise the Action Plan of the Department of Higher Education.

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