

Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy

Monthly information for the month of February, 2024

Important developments and activities during the month of February, 2024

- I. Financial Achievements/Releases :
68.24 % of the RE was released by 29th February, 2024.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:
- A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Development

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1	Interim Budget 2024-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* The Budget Allocation for the FY 2024-25 of ₹73,498 crore is the highest ever for the Department of School Education & Literacy.* There has been an overall increase of ₹12,024 crore (19.56%) in the Budget Allocation of Department of School Education and Literacy in the FY 2024-25 from RE 2023-24.* The highest ever Budget Allocation may be seen in the Autonomous Bodies of KVS & NVS at ₹9,302 cr. and ₹5,800 cr respectively.* Budget Allocation in Flagship Schemes has increased, i.e., Samagra Shiksha (by ₹4,500 cr), PM-POSHAN (by ₹2,467 cr) and PM-SHRI (by ₹3,250 cr) as compared to RE 2023-24.* Allocation in KVS has increased by ₹ 802 cr while allocation in NVS has increased by ₹330 cr w.r.t RE 2023-24.
2	EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme	<p>Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, , launched the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme on 6th February 2024 in New Delhi. 06 Students of JNVs of 2022 - 23 batch have received scholarship letter from Hon'ble Union Minister during the programme.</p> <p>Five MoUs were exchanged between CSR sponsors/impact founders including Fiat India, HDFC Bank Limited, ClearMedi Healthcare, Bharat Forge, and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation showcasing the joining of forces</p>

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		<p>between the Government and private sector towards a shared vision of nation-building and empowering the future workforce of this country. The innovative Vidyanjali Fintech Platform/portal was launched during the event. The EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme extends financial support for the meritorious Navodaya Vidyalaya students who lack means. In addition to extending financial assistance to economically marginalised and meritorious students of Navodaya Vidyalayas, this endeavour also encourages involvement of the private sector through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives</p>
3	ULLAS Mela	<p>Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship inaugurated the two-day ULLAS Mela on 6th February 2024 at the National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Education was also present as the Special Guest.</p> <p>ULLAS achievers, volunteers and winners of the Poster-making Competition were felicitated during the event. ULLAS Concise Primer & Margdarshika (NCERT); ULLAS Primers/Margdarshika (States &UTs); Jingle on ULLAS (NCERT); ULLAS: Documentary Film (MoE); and Mobile Hai Sahi - Short Animated Film on Critical Life Skills (NCERT) were also digitally released by the Hon. Minister.</p> <p>The ULLAS scheme, in line with NEP 2020, targets adults (aged 15 and above) who could not go to school or attain formal education and imparts Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), through critical life skills, such as Digital Literacy, Financial Literacy, Legal Literacy, Environmental Literacy, Health & Hygiene, etc. It is implemented in a hybrid mode</p>
4	APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry)	<p>The Ministry of Education and CSC SPV jointly launched APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) through Common Service Centres (CSCs) on 7th February 2024. This was followed by a National Conference on APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card in New Delhi on 13th Feb 2024. Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship attended the Conference. APAAR has been conceptualized under the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) vide which all college/university-going students are required to register</p>

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		<p>on ABC, i.e., Academic Bank of Credits. APAAR ID will remain with the student for his/her entire life. APAAR ID is authenticated with Aadhaar and linked to Digi Locker. It aims to provide a unified and accessible academic experience for students across India by assigning a unique and permanent 12-digit ID to every student, consolidating their academic achievements in one place(ABC). Village Level Entrepreneurs will go to schools and enrol students and will provide them with APAAR ID. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is a virtual/digital storehouse that contains information on all the studies done by the student in any institution, his/her performance and the credits earned by individual students throughout their learning journey.</p>
5	PM SHRI schools	<p>Hon. Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, along with Hon. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh inaugurated 211 PM SHRI schools in Raipur on 19th February 2024.</p>
6	Miscellaneous	<p>STARS Joint Review Mission under STARS Project was held from 29.01.2024 to 05.02.2024 An amount of Rs.1769.78 lakh has been released to the State of Himachal Pradesh under STARS Project. An amount of Rs. 3862.63 lakh has been released to the State of Rajasthan under STARS Project. An amount of Rs. 4516.77 lakh has been released to the State of Kerala under STARS Project.</p> <p><u>Vidyanjali</u> During the month of February 2024, an additional 2000 Govt. and Govt. aided schools onboarded on the portal raising the cumulative total to 6.90 Lakh onboarded Schools on the Vidyanjali portal as on 29th February, 2024.</p> <p><u>Samagra Shiksha</u> Funds released under Samagra Shiksha upto February, 2024 (cumulative-all States/UTs/National Component)- Rs. 18574.95 Crore Funds released under Samagra Shiksha upto February, 2024</p>

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		<p>(Rajasthan)-Rs. 1747.77 Crore Release of 3rd instalment of funds of Rs.69365.00 Lakh dated 31.01.2024 to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for implementation of the Samagra Shiksha during the year 2023-24.</p> <p>Release of 2nd instalment of funds of Rs.15162.89 Lakh dated 09.02.2024 to the State Government of Haryana for implementation of the Samagra Shiksha during the year 2023-24.</p> <p><u>PM POSHAN</u></p> <p>25% of the admissible amount for the financial year 2023-24 has been released to the States/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Chandigarh and DNH & DD during the month of February, 2024 under PM POSHAN Scheme.</p>

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

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<p>Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspire Award- MANAK- 2023-24 Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research' (INSPIRE) scheme is one of the flagships programmes of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. 247 students have been selected from KVS under the scheme to participate at District Level Exhibition and Project Competition (DLEPC) in 2023-24. Each student will receive an amount of Rs.10,000 each for preparing the projects and prototypes for DLEPC 2023-24. • Students Visit to Amrit Udyan in Rashtrapati Bhavan Complex As per instruction of Additional Secretary to the President of India, 5588 students from Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi, Gurugram and Agra Region including 312 CwSN students visited the Amrit Udyan till 29.02.2024.
<p>Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action taken on National Education Policy 2020:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Launching of PM SHRI Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme has been inaugurated by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, in Chhattisgarh state on 19th February, 2024. The inaugural function was chaired by Shri Vishnudev Sai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh state. 22 JNV students along with 15 teachers have exhibited projects on Science, Technology, Mathematics & Transportation, displayed of work on Art & Craft, Clay & Terracotta Art, Bamboo & Wooden Art etc. and other 189 JNV students also participated in the function. • <u>Other Activities, Programmes and Achievements:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Science Day: National Science Day has been celebrated in all JNVs on 28th February, 2024 to commemorate the discovery of Raman Effect by Sir C. V. Raman on 28th February, 1928, by observing different activities in JNVs in which 1,77,442 students and 13,801 staff of 649 JNVs have participated. ➤ Football 4 School (F4S) Program: NVS has been designated

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	<p>as a Nodal Agency for distribution of Footballs under Football 4 School (F4S) District Level Kick Off Programme. In this programme, through 18 JNVs of Odisha State have distributed football during the month.</p>
<p>National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CURRICULUM, SYLLABUS AND TEXTBOOKS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A workshop for the development of textbooks in the Languages viz., Hindi, English, Urdu and Sanskrit as a follow up of NEP 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education, 2023 was conducted at NIE, New Delhi from 1st to 6th, 5th to 9th, 11th to 16th, 12th to 16th, 19th to 22nd, 19th to 23rd, 24th to 28th February, 2024. ➤ A workshop to review the textbook on Telecom Technician – IoT Device systems was organized at PSSCIVE, Bhopal from 12th to 16th February, 2024. ➤ A meeting of the Curricular Area Group on Vocational Education (CAG-VE) to review and finalize the guidelines and syllabus and development of activity book for implementation of vocational education in the Middle stage (Grades 6 to 8) and Secondary Stage (Grades 9 to 12) was held at CIET, New Delhi from 14th to 16th February, 2024. • CAPACITY BUILDING OF TEACHERS, TEACHER-EDUCATORS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training of Master Trainers of Gujarat and Goa on Social Audit of Samagra Shiksha Scheme was conducted at Ahmedabad on 12th February, 2024 and at Goa on 20th February, 2024. ➤ A workshop for the development of modules and activities under the programme Cyber safety and Security was conducted at CIET-NCERT from 12th to 16th February, 2024. ➤ A capacity building programme of NRGs on NISHTHA Educational Technology Level -1” Phase -1 was conducted by CIET, NCERT from 19th to 23rd February, 2024. ➤ A capacity building programme of NRGs on NISHTHA Educational Technology Level -1” Phase-2 is being organised by CIET, NCERT. ➤ An orientation program to promote the use of the NCERT Educational Kits for enhancing the experimental learning in schools run by the States/UTs was conducted at RIE, Mysuru from 14th to 16th February, 2024. ➤ A capacity building programme for Managers/Head teachers teaching in Madrasas (alternative schools) for enhancement of quality education was conducted at SCERT, Tripura from 12th to 16th February, 2024. ➤ A training programme on Toy based Pedagogy for Key

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	<p>Resource Persons at Preparatory and Middle stages for the states of Karnataka, Kerala & Tamil Nadu' was conducted at RIE, Mysuru from from 5th to 9th February, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A capacity building programme of KRP's on Remote Sensing and GIS applications in Geography was conducted at Sikkim from 19th to 23rd February, 2024. ➤ A capacity building programme of Master Trainers/KRPs on Multilingual Education for SCERT, Agartala was conducted at Agartala from 12th to 16th February, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIGITAL INITIATIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Workshops for the preparation and proof reading of scripts under the programme 'Development of Audio-Video Guide including Sign Language on the Use of Economics Kit at the Secondary Stage' were conducted from 5th to 9th and from 19th to 23rd February, 2024. ➤ Under live yoga series in collaboration with Ministry of Ayush and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, 334 Live interactive sessions of 45 minutes each have been transmitted on PM eVidya channels #06 to #12 covering 250.5 hours. ➤ Special live sessions for the demonstration of Augmented Reality and DIKSHA Virtual labs was conducted on PMeVidya channels #6 to 12 at 11:00 am to 12:00 noon from 13th to 17th February, 2024. • CONDUCT OF LONG- DURATION COURSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Third phase of Six-month Certificate Programme on Developing School Social Science Textbooks and Other Curricular Materials was completed on 6th February, 2024. • EXTENSION PROGRAMME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Under <i>Manodarpan</i> a total of 19 Sahyog sessions were organised from 1st to 27th February, 2024 and a total of 4 <i>Paricharcha</i> sessions were organised from 1st to 27th February, 2024. ➤ Inter School Science Quiz competition and Inter- collegiate Science Quiz competition as a part of National Science Day Celebration under 'Expression Series' was held at RIE, Mysuru on 13th February, 2024 and on 21st February, 2024.
Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACADEMIC UNIT : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jadui Pitara' - a play-based learning-teaching material tailored for children between the age group of 3-8 years and Guidelines for Balvatikas (Pre-primary Education).

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	<p>The launch of e-Jaadui Pitara, a play-based teaching and learning resource, is shared with CBSE-affiliated schools, aligned with the NCF-FS 2022 to cater to the diverse needs of foundational learners. Schools have been encouraged to download the app to promote FLN competency and reach the designated Learning Outcome (LO) outlined in NCF-FS. CBSE-affiliated schools with Balvatikas or planning to establish them have also been advised to create dedicated spaces for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), incorporating Jaadui Pitara. Guidelines for Pre-School Education developed by NCERT are recommended for effective implementation of early childhood education practices, with emphasis on branding to enhance visibility and recognition.</p>
<p>National Council for Technical Education (NCTE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Meeting on Technology for Special Needs - 2nd February 2024. Meeting to discuss the application of digital technology in teaching-learning of Children with Special Needs in Inclusive Schools across the country was convened on 2.2.2024. The present members in the meeting had an in-depth deliberation on the pivotal role of Digital Technology as a catalyst for promoting inclusivity in education as envisioned in NEP 2020.</p> <p>• Launch of Transition Module for ITEP - 5th February 2024. Transition Module for 4-Year Integrated Programme (BA-B.Ed. / B.Sc-B.Ed.) programme in ITEP was launched on 5th February 2024 and invited an Online Applications for transition from desirous institutions.</p> <p>• National Conference on Teacher Eligibility Test (TET)- 12th February 2024. NCTE in partnership with CBSE organized One day National Conference on Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) on 12th February 2024 to discuss and deliberate upon the transformative changes required in light of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP).</p> <p>• Regional Consultation Meet on NPST Guiding Document- 16th & 17th February 2024 NCTE organized a 2-Day Regional Consultation Meet, Evaluation of the Programme and Year-end Seminar for Sharing Best Practices/ Taking Feedback from Stakeholders on NPST Guiding Document 2023 on 16th and 17th February 2024. The meet was</p>

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	<p>designed for broad consultation with the experts, working group, pilot target group, other stakeholders etc. for collecting inputs/ sharing experiences before country-wide roll out of the NPST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Dialogue Forum and governance meetings of the International Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030- 26th to 28th February 2024 <p>On nomination by Ministry of Education, Government of India, , Member Secretary NCTE participated in the 14th Policy Dialogue Forum on addressing Global Teacher Shortages: Dignifying, diversifying and valorizing the Profession, which was organized by UNESCO in Johannesburg, South Africa from 26th to 28th February 2024. The forum investigated the common challenges leading to teacher shortages, how to tackle them through effective policies and explore future transformative strategies to validate and reinforce the teaching profession. The Forum brought together international education stakeholders in person and online, to exchange ideas and explore policy options and recommendations for ministries, civil society organizations, international organizations, and donors that support teachers, school leaders, teacher educators, and policy-makers.</p>
<p>National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification regarding NIOS Examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notification No. 07/2024 dated 05.02.2024 regarding schedule of examination for Community Health Programme (Bihar) w.e.f. 04.03.2024 ➤ Notification No. 08/2024 dated 09.02.2024 regarding practical schedule/date sheet for March-2024 Public Examinations. ➤ Notification No. 10/2024 dated 23.02.2024 regarding schedule for registration and payment of examination fee for D.El.Ed. (Offline J & K), course for May/June, 2024 examination.

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.