

**Ministry of Education**  
**Department of School Education and Literacy**

**Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of February 2021**

**I. Financial Achievements/Releases :**

67.55% of the Plan allocation was released by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**II. Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives:**

**A. Policy Related Discussions/Meetings:**

<b>Important Issues / Development</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Brief</b>
1	Budget Announcements (2021-22)	<p>Hon'ble FM in her Budget 2021-22 Speech had announced following in respect of the School Education Sector:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Strengthening of more than 15000 schools as exemplar schools,</li> <li>ii. Development of National Professional Standards for Teachers' development,</li> <li>iii. Development of toy-based learning pedagogy at all levels of school education,</li> <li>iv. Setting up of National Digital Educational Architecture,</li> <li>v. Standardization of Indian Sign Language and development of curriculums for hearing impaired children,</li> <li>vi. Mentoring of school teachers and educators,</li> <li>vii. Development of Holistic Progress Cards,</li> <li>viii. Development of comprehensive online module for adult education,</li> <li>ix. Training of 56 lakh teachers in 2021-22 through National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers for Holistic Advancements (NISHTHA)</li> <li>x. CBSE Board examination reforms.</li> </ol> <p>After the Budget Announcements, an Implementation Strategy was prepared for each of these announcements. The Implementation Strategy, inter-alia, incorporates aims and objectives, ways to identify the targeted beneficiaries, time lines for implementation, budget requirements, possible ways to integrate with programmes of other Ministries/ Departments, risk assessment and its mitigation, expected outcomes with performance indicators etc. The implementation strategy was finalised after detailed discussion with eminent educationalists through Webinar on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.</p>
2	Scheme of Adult Education	<p>For the new Scheme of Adult Education with nomenclature "New India Literacy Programme" for financial years 2021-2026, EFC note and concept note have been prepared.</p>

3	Samagra Shiksha	The Department is aligning the existing Scheme - Samagra Shiksha with the recommendations of NEP 2020. Samagra Shiksha EFC was circulated with various Ministries / Departments for their feedback / suggestions. Suggestions received have been incorporated and submitted for approval of Shiksha Mantri.
4	NEP 2020	The first meeting of the committee for developing guidelines for encouraging and incentivizing private and philanthropic activity in the education sector was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Manoj Ahuja, Chairman, CBSE on 01.02.2021. Meeting with PRATHAM regarding Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Mission and meeting regarding Mother Tongue under the Chairmanship of Secretary (SE&L) were held on 23.02.2021. Meeting with nominated representatives from GoI Ministries/ Department regarding Implementation Plan of National Education Policy 2020 was held on 25.02.2021.

<b>Important Meetings</b>				
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chaired by</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Issue</b>
1	04.02.2021	Secretary (SE&L)	Commissioner, KVS	VC regarding review of all pending buildings of KVS
2	09.02.2021	Secretary (SE&L)	Sh. Maneesh Garg, JS (SS-II)	Meeting with Mr. Andreas Schleicher, OECD on PISA
3	12.02.2021	Secretary, SE&L	Commissioner, KVS	Meeting on Pariksha Pe charcha and the India Toy Fair 2021
4	17.02.2021	Secretary (HE)	Sh. Maneesh Garg, JS (SS-II)	Meeting to discuss the matters related to Webinar scheduled on 03.03.2021 regarding Implementation of Budget 2021-22 Announcements for the Education Sector.
5	18.02.2021	Cabinet Secretary	Secretary (SE&L)	Meeting to review the implementation of budget announcement 2021-22
6	19.02.2021	Dr. Vinay. P. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, PSC	Secretary (Se&L), Joint Secretaries and Heads of Autonomous Bodies of this Department	Meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Demand for Grants for 2021-22
7	21.02.2021	Hon'ble , SM	Commissioner, KVS	Inaugural function of Matrabhasha Divas
8	25.02.2021	Hon'ble , SM	Commissioner, KVS	40 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee meeting of NVS
9	26.02.2021	Hon'ble Finance Minister	Secretary (SE&L)	Meeting to discuss post-budget action points for infrastructure roadmap ahead

## B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
<b>Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36654 KV Principals &amp; teachers have undergone online training courses on the DIKSHA portal</li> <li>• National Level Science Congress was conducted through online mode on 2nd and 3rd February, 2021</li> <li>• 26782 students of Kendriya Vidyalayas participated in the KVS-IOQM organised by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE). 39 students from class VIII-XI, 06 students of class XII &amp; 05 girl students of class VIII-XI have been selected for participation in International Mathematical Olympiad (INMO) which is scheduled for 7th March, 2021.</li> <li>• 440 Students of Kendriya Vidyalayas were shortlisted by Department of Science &amp; Technology for participation in the Inspire Manak Awards which was conducted on 8th &amp; 9th February, 2021 through virtual mode.</li> </ul>
<b>Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification for opening of JNV in Malda district of West Bengal and Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh State have been issued.</li> <li>• Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas were re-opened for Board Class students' w.e.f. 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, for Classes X &amp; XII students as per the SOPs after obtaining consents from parents and by following all the measures for prevention of COVID-19. Online classes are being continued for remaining classes.</li> <li>• NVS in association with NIEPA organized Five Days' Online Training module for preparing Principals as Master Trainers on Pedagogical Leadership from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 (excluding 24.02.2021).</li> <li>• 7427 NVS teachers including Principals and Vice Principals registered for NISHTHA on DIKSHA programme, out of which 7251 (97.64%) participants have successfully completed all 18 Courses of NISHTHA Programme.</li> <li>• 94 TGTs (Kannada) &amp; 69 TGTs (Telugu) attended Six Days' Online Course on Teaching, Testing and Evaluation for Regional Language Teachers of NVS in Science, Social Science and Mathematics</li> <li>• 05 students selected for National Toy Fair through Toycathon. 03 students selected who participated in National Toy Fair.</li> <li>• e-Granthalaya installation completed in 589 JNVs.</li> </ul>
<b>National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) Stage II exam was conducted all over the country on 14 February 2021.</li> <li>• A training programme for teacher educators of North Eastern States on using ICT in teaching school subjects in inclusive classroom at elementary level was conducted by NERIE, Umiam from 8 to 10 February 2021.</li> <li>• A capacity building programme for the DIET &amp; SCERT faculty members on Textbook Development at Elementary Level for all NE States was conducted by NERIE, Umiam, Shillong from 22 to 26 February 2021.</li> <li>• A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NCERT, India, Florida Centre for Reading Research at Florida State University (FSU), USA and College of Education, University of St. Francis (USF), USA was signed through virtual mode.</li> <li>• A meeting was organized in virtual mode on 22 February 2021 between NCERT, Organization of Educational Research and Planning, Ministry of Education of I.R. Iran,</li> </ul>

	and Iran Culture House, New Delhi for increasing the bilateral Cooperation between and NCERT.
<b>National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As mandated in NEP 2020 and budget announcements 2021-20, NCTE is developing the strategy / course of action for the development of National Mission for Mentoring (NMM).</li> <li>As mandated in NEP 2020 and budget announcements 2021-22 NCTE is developing the strategy/course of action for the development of National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST).</li> </ul>
<b>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)</b>	<p><b>A. <u>EXAMINATIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of Examination Form 2021 for classes Xth &amp; XIIth by Private Candidates was permitted.</li> <li>Circular was issued for the conduct of Practical Examination/Project/Internal Assessment for classes X/XII 2021.</li> <li>Date Sheet for Board Examination 2021 Class X &amp; XII was issued.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. <u>ACADEMICS &amp; TRAINING</u></b></p> <p>The following announcements/advisories have been issued to schools during the month of February 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch of Pedagogical Leadership Handbook</li> <li>CBSE Expression Series on Students' Perspectives on Teaching and Learning was conducted from 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.</li> <li>Storytelling Competition on Stories of Human -interest was held from 6<sup>th</sup> February to 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.</li> <li>The Government of India has organized ' The India Toy Fair, 2021' from 27th February 2021 to 2nd March 2021 on a virtual platform to bring policy makers, toy manufacturers and distributors, investors, industry experts, MSMEs, artisans, start-ups, children, parents and teachers together on a common platform.</li> <li>The CBSE Reading Challenge 2.0-Central Board of Secondary Education has announced organization of the CBSE Reading Challenge 2.0 for students of classes 8th to 10th for the English &amp; Hindi languages on the DIKSHA platform from 16th February 2021 to 15th March 2021.</li> <li>CBSE launched the online courses on Experiential Learning and Competency based Education through DIKSHA platform.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. <u>CENTRAL TEACHER ELIGIBILITY TEST (CTET):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CBSE has conducted Central Teachers Eligibility Test (CTET) on 31.01.2021 in 135 cities across the country. The result of CTET Examination 2021 has been declared on 26.02.2021.</li> </ul>
<b>NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIOS is conducting live Personal Contact Programme (PCP) PCP for learners for all subjects at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels through e-vidya channels for providing the learning opportunities with a two-way communication to clear doubts during study.</li> <li>15 videos have been recorded in the month of February, 2021 in Sign language in the subjects such as English and Home Science</li> <li>Talking books in DAISY format in 6 subjects i.e. English, Hindi, Data Entry Operations, History, Political Science and Home Science have been completed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twenty programmes on COVID, sustainable development, school education, value education, language learning etc were conducted in the month of February, 2021 through the Community Radio Station of NIOS named Radio Vahini on FM 91.2 MHz which caters to the local community within the 12-15 KM range of the NIOS headquarters.</li> <li>• Training of 100 Handicraft Artisan has started in Chandauli dist of UP from 17th February 2021 on Indian Embroidery along with entrepreneurship by master Handicraft Artisans in association with the Ministry of Textiles</li> </ul>
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Events	Activities
<b>Matribhasha Diwas (Mother Language day) on 21.02.2021.</b>	<p><b>KVS</b> - 163272 students of Kendriya Vidyalayas participated in various activities and webinars to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity of the country. The Matribhasha Diwas was also celebrated in JNVs on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021.</p> <p><b>CBSE</b> - 'Matribhasha Diwas' was celebrated jointly by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture in a virtual mode (webinar) from 21.02.2021 to 23.02.2021. School Heads were requested to encourage the participation of students in the Inaugural Function and the Webinar.</p>
<b>National Science Day 2020-21 on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</b>	<p><b>JNV</b> - World Thinking day was observed in JNVs on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021 and National Science Day celebrated in JNVs on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</p> <p><b>CBSE</b> - CBSE promoted the celebration of National Science Day (NSD) on 28<sup>th</sup> of February in order to commemorate the invention of the Raman Effect in India by the Indian Physicist, Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman. The Department of Science and Technology supported the celebration of National Science Day by organising lectures, demonstrations, exhibitions, quiz programmes, and so on for students and also the masses in the country.</p>

### C. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNANCE

E-Office is fully implemented in this Department (except files concerning to Parliamentary matters, vigilance etc.). 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.