

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
Department of Higher Education

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF
JANUARY 2025:**

**Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During
January 2025**

(a) Draft UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment & Promotion of Teachers and Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2025 was released on 06.01.2025 and placed in public domain for feedback, suggestions and consultations. This regulation will give flexibility to universities in appointing & promoting teachers and academic staff in their institutions.

(b) Hon'ble Education Minister meet with a delegation from the University of Southampton and the British Council on 30.01.2025. Hon'ble EM highlighted that as a globally top-100 university and the first foreign institution to establish a campus in India, the University of Southampton Delhi NCR campus will provide high-quality education rooted in research, innovation, and real-world applications for both Indian and international students. University of Southampton setting campus in India marks a crucial step in India's journey toward the internationalization of education, supporting the Study in India program and advancing global education standards domestically, as envisioned in NEP 2020.

(c) Hon'ble Education Minister had a meeting with India Trek delegation (Students from MIT and Harvard University, USA) on 7th January 2025. Hon'ble Minister shared insights on India's education system-its scale, reforms, challenges and policy outcomes. Discussed initiatives under #NEP2020.

(d) A meeting of Secretary (HE) with Prof. Carolyne Nombo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST), Tanzania on 15th January, 2025. Discussions included possible collaborations in skilling integrated education, faculty mobility, teacher training, industry

internships/Apprenticeships under NEP2020 and strengthening Africa-India collaboration for the future.

(e) The In-person workshop phase of the Capacity Building on Specific Learning Disabilities was organised by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education in collaboration with NIEPA and ChangeInkk Foundation from 06.01.2025 to 22.01.2025 at the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration for the Admissions Department; Office of Student and Campus Life Affairs; Academic Affairs, Faculty and Examinations Cell; IT Department and Career & Placement Cell on 06.01.2025, 08.01.2025, 10.01.2025, 20.01.2025 & 22.01.2025 respectively. A total of 93 faculty members participated in this workshop.

(f) The University Grants Commission Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2025 have been notified on 13.01.2025 to further amend the recruitment rules for the post of Joint Secretary in UGC.
