

**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of Higher Education**

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2020:**

**1. Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During January, 2020**

- a. To improve the quality of teachers in technical education National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training (NITTT) was launched in January 2020 by NITTTs under overall coordination of NITTT Chennai.
- b. **ASEAN Fellowship:** In January 2020, 22 students were selected for ASEAN fellowship for pursuing Ph.D at 13 IITs.
- c. **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indian Constitution:** 330664 students and faculty from over 1581 universities and colleges viewed the live telecast from Central Hall of Parliament and read the Preamble to the Constitution.
- d. **Filling up of vacancies in Higher Educational Institutes:** Out of 13806 vacant posts in June 2019, 1772 posts have been filled by December 2019 and 12942 vacancies have been advertised.
- e. **University Grants Commission (UGC) :**
  - (i) To start full fledged online degree programme. UGC has given recognition to seven universities for offering online courses ranging from certificate level to Master's level.
- f. **Language Institutes:** The proposals to convert the three Sanskrit Deemed to be Universities namely, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), Delhi, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati has been passed in Lok Sabha and is to be introduced in the Rajya Sabha in the budget session of Parliament.
- g. 28<sup>th</sup> New Delhi World Book fair was held at Pragati Maidan from 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 to 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020. The theme of this year book fair was Mahatma Gandhi: The Writers' Writer. More than 600 Indian and 23 foreign publishers participated in the book fair.
- h. **Higher Education Financing Agency:**

As on 24th January, 2020, projects worth Rs. 37299.07 crore have been approved. A loan amount of Rs. 25,744.82 crore has been sanctioned and Rs. 6,214.60 crores have been disbursed. The number of educational institutions (including AIIMs) who have availed funding through HEFA stands at 75.
- i. **Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS):** As a part of the first round, 1411 proposals have been approved under the Scheme for which Rs.25 crores have been released by the Ministry to IISc for their onward disbursement to the approved projects.
- j. **Skill Development Activities:**

Ministry of Human Resource Development is working along with Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to undertake Internship embedded degree programmes in Logistics & Retail. 15 institutes have commenced Degree Apprenticeship programmes.

Under the aegis of MHRD the Media & Entertainment Skill Council (MESCC) has signed MoUs with Colleges/Universities for offering specialized courses for students in Media & Entertainment Sector. Also, the Logistics Sector Council is in the midst of finalising 50 college level courses in Agri supply- chain & Aviation.

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