

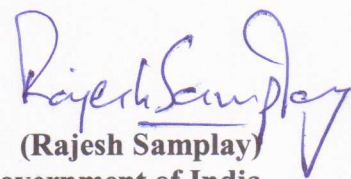
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Department of School Education and Literacy

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of March 2020 -regarding.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Monthly summary for the Cabinet relating to the significant activities of the Department of School Education and Literacy for the month of March, 2020.


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**Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy**

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020

This is to report the following important developments in the Department of School Education & Literacy during the month of March, 2020.

- I. 93.01% of the Plan allocation was released by 31st March, 2020.
- II Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives of the Department are as under:
 - The first meeting of the High Powered Committee to suggest sectoral reforms in Teacher Education was held on 6th March, 2020 at NITI Bhawan under the chairmanship of Sh. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog. The committee provided its approval to proposal of NCTE related to Project Lighthouse which envisages development of some existing Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) into a model TEIs. It was also decided that NCTE would conduct a detailed analysis of the availability of teachers - State/UT wise, District wise and subject wise, and submit a roadmap to the committee on the closure of substandard TEIs.
 - In the month of March, a total of 4,23,017 'Key Resource Persons', Head of schools and Teachers were trained under NISHTHA.
 - CBSE Class X and Class XII exams were postponed due to spread of Corona Virus.
 - Owing to impact of COVID-19, OECD is being requested for postponing of Field Trial of PISA to July 2020.
 - The meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) under SAMAGRA SHIKSHA for the UTs of Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands was held on 05.03.2020 and 17.03.2020 respectively.
 - Project Approval Board (PAB) meeting under MDM scheme for the States / UTs of Goa, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Island was held in March, 2020.
 - All employees of the Department and the Autonomous Organisations have pledged to contribute at least One Day Salary to PM CARE Fund for support against the outbreak of COVID-19.
 - **Important Activities related to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) are as follows:**
 - Celebration of International Women's Day was conducted across the country on 8th March 2020. Various activities were organized in Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of Women in different walks of life. These included Designating girls as class monitors in all classes, Thought for the day on related topics, Inviting women achievers for talks in schools on contribution of women in the

field of Science and Social Service, Discussions on the role of women in today's context and their empowerment, Essay writing on inspirational women of the concerned district/state etc.

- In view of the current situation created by outbreak of COVID-19 in the country, KVS has directed all its Regional Offices that on formal request from District Administration or Defence Authorities, the classrooms of Kendriya Vidyalaya Buildings may be allowed for temporary housing of suspected COVID-19 cases.
- In view of the current situation created by outbreak of COVID-19 in the country, KVS has decided to promote all students of classes I to VIII to their next higher classes as per the provisions of RTE Act 2009.
- Four new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Pratapgarh (Rajasthan), Alirajpur (Madhya Pradesh), Kondagaon (Chhatisgarh) and 59BN SSB Nanpara, District Behraich (Uttar Pradesh) were opened in March, 2020.
- **Important Activities related to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS):**
 - Consequent upon the acceptance of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of OBCs (2019-20) by the Competent Authority, partial modification has been made in the reservation policy for admission to class VI through Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST) from the academic session 2020-21, with the provision of reservation to OBC students as under:

“Reservation of seats for SC and ST students shall be made in proportion to their population in the district concerned (subject to minimum of National average and maximum of 50% for both the categories taken together) and 27% reservation shall be provided to the OBC students over and above the reservation for SCs and STs”.
 - The reservations to the OBC students shall be implemented as per Central List, as applicable from time to time.
 - In anticipation of pandemic corona issue, annual examinations were advanced in respect of non-board classes and students were sent home after 18th March 2020. They will report back to JNVs after summer vacation to attend the classes in last week of May.
 - NVS has directed that JNV campuses may be used as quarantine facilities/ medical camps on request from District authorities. As on date, 33 JNVs are being used.
 - Foundation stone was laid for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya on its permanent site in District Sultanpur (U.P.).
 - 02 JNVs i.e. Sultanpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Unakoti (Tripura) have been made functional from temporary sites provided by the concerned District Administration.

- MoU was signed between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) to implement JIGYASA, a student- scientist connect programme, which connects all students & teachers of JNVs with 37 CSIR Labs.
- Result of the Annual Examinations for all non-board classes have been declared on 31.03.2020.
- Miss Arushi Pal, student of class-IX of JNV Kanpur Nagar has been selected as Young Scientist for ISRO Young Scientist Program, 2020.
- An amount of about Rs. 27.93 crore has been received from Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakarm (PMJVK) as first installment (2019-20) for construction of two JNVs in Pakur-II (Jharkhand) and Senapati-II (Manipur), located in Minority Concentrated Areas (MCAs). Total amount of Rs. 93.11 crore has been sanctioned for construction of these JNVs.
- **Important Activities related to National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE):**
 - During the month of March, 2020, the Committee on Curriculum fine-tuned the curriculum for B.Ed. programme after holding several rounds of consultations and meetings with experts in the field of teacher education from within the country and abroad. The curriculum for B.Ed. programme has attempted to include the best practices of teacher education sector throughout the world including yoga, ICT, Inclusive Education, peace education, comprehensive internship with focus on international placement.
 - During this month, the General Body of NCTE has been reconstituted through a gazette notification.
- **Important Activities related to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS):**
 - PMG- DISHA(PRADHANMANTRI GRAMIN DIGITAL SAKSHARTA ABHIYAN) – Under this programme, 93417 candidates were assessed in the Month of March by NIOS with a total of more than 91 lakh candidates assessed and certified since 2017.
 - As per the directives of the MHRD due to Corona outbreak, NIOS has implemented an online learning system where the learners are provided online support in terms of teaching and learning. Live interactive virtual class room started from 7th April, 2020.
 - 15 Video recordings, 29 live TV programmes, 18 video programmes were produced for SWAYAM PRABHA DTH & NIOS You Tube Channels and 8 video programmes were produced for NIOS MOOCs.
 - Live video programmes are conducted every Monday and Tuesday at Secondary and Sr. Secondary levels for all Academic Courses.

- NIOS has signed an MoU with Ministry of Textiles for providing education and skill to Handicraft Artisans. The first phase of training has been successfully completed.
- **Important Activities related to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE):**
 - Theory examinations for 174 out of 215 subjects for class 10th and 12th Board examinations were conducted between 15.2.20 and 18.3.20
 - There has been complete lockdown in the country w.e.f. 25th March, 2020 upto 14th April, 2020 due to which no examination or evaluation related activity could be conducted during this period.
 - MHRD has introduced National Award for Teachers for use of ICT in Education under the centrally sponsored programme of Samagra Shiksha. CBSE has shared the details and format of application of these awards with the teachers in the schools affiliated to it and asked them to apply online. Selection of the candidates for these awards will be done through a transparent process as per the norms of CBSE and names of the selected candidates for CBSE category will be sent to MHRD.
 - Making the Quarantine Productive- All the schools affiliated to CBSE have stopped face to face classes and are closed due to Quarantine imposed in view of outbreak of novel covid 19 pandemic. In order to make quarantine period as constructive and purposeful, CBSE has suggested to adapt activities to suit distance learning for different subjects and classes. Use of podcasts, E content and games for experiential and joyful learning has been suggested. Teachers have been requested to prepare Tutorials/Video Lectures and to upload these on YouTube or school/teachers' Facebook page or WhatsApp group. Digital/e-learning platforms provided by MHRD for online education are to be used as a reference in this regard.
 - Notification of Curriculum 2020-21 for classes IX-XII - CBSE uploaded the curriculum for the academic session 2020-21 beginning from April 1,2020.Schools are using it for planning their academic activities and teaching learning through online mode.
 - Question Bank of more than 2000 practice Questions along with solutions for different subjects of Class X curated by subject experts were made available For students through DiKSHA platform, which can be accessed on mobile and computer.
 - The Board has trained around 1532 Nodal examination trainers in 49 training programme in the month of March on Examinations 2020
 - The Board held board exams in 40 subjects by delivering double encrypted question papers online to examination centers. A portal has been developed for online uploading of theory marks of Class-X and XII for Board Examinations 2020.

- **Important Activities related to National Council for Educational Research & Training (NCERT):**

- A Working Group Meeting for the development of curricula for different job roles in Agriculture Sector was organized at PSSCIVE, Bhopal from 2 to 4 March 2020.
- A three-day workshop was organized to review twenty six educational and psychological tests in the area of guidance and counselling at NIE, New Delhi from 3 to 5 March 2020.
- A workshop was conducted for the designing of diploma programme in science education at RIE, Bhubaneswar from 12 to 16 March 2020.
- Nine e-Content programmes on Indian Cultural Heritage for class XI have been developed under the programme 'Development & production of e-Resources for the school curriculum and teacher education curriculum' by RIE, Bhubaneswar.
