

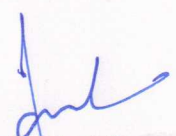
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**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of School Education and Literacy**

New Delhi, the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of May 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 May, 2020.

  
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To  
All Member of Council of Ministers

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

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**

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

- I. 10% of the Plan allocation was released by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.
- II Important policy decision, activities, IT related and other initiatives of the Department are as follows:

▪ **POLICY DECISIONS:**

- Meetings of Project Approval Board (FY 2020-21) of Samagra Shiksha and MDM schemes for states of HP, Tripura, Assam, Haryana, UP, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Karnataka, Sikkim, MP, Meghalaya, Chattisgarh, Delhi, Mizoram, Dadar Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu were held during the month.
- A Meeting under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) for NISHTHA programme was held with NCERT & CBSE to develop online modules on the lines of MOOCS for in-service training of teachers at both elementary & secondary level.
- A virtual inception meeting was organized by MHRD in relation to ADB supported school education project. The participants were representatives from partner States viz. Assam, Gujarat, T.N., Uttarakhand and Jharkhand and ADB. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategic planning, preparatory course of action and set consultation timelines in coordination with participating states.
- A D.O. letter from Secretary (SE&L) to all Education Secretaries of States/ UTs has been sent informing them the new Centrally Sponsored scheme of 'Padhna Likhna Abhiyan', with targets and operational guidelines.
- CBSE decided to introduce Art-Integrated Project work for classes I to X to promote Art-Integrated Learning in schools and to make teaching learning joyful. As part of this, at least one Art-Integrated Project in each subject shall be taken up by all students of classes IX and X from the academic session 2020-21, and students of classes I to VIII will also be encouraged to take at least one trans-disciplinary project in a given academic year.
- CBSE issued a comprehensive advisory on implementation of Competency Based Education. The advisory explains the nuances of CBE, nature of content, pedagogy and assessment, expectations from schools, techniques for learning outcomes, model lesson plan and pathway for competency based education in CBSE schools. The advisory shared the recent framework for Learning Outcomes at Secondary School Level developed by NCERT.



▪ **SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES:**

1. Important activities of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) are as follows:

- 121 Kendriya Vidyalayas school buildings have been taken over upto 31.05.2020 by Defence/State Govt. Authorities for temporary housing of suspected COVID-19 cases or other purposes.
- A student of KV secured 3rd position in the Grand Finale of BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES VIRTUAL ONLINE MUSIC FIESTA COMPETITION-2020 held in this month. Out of 1008 participants from all the States of India, a large number of Scouts and Guides from KVS participated in the four round competition, two students reached the finals.
- A student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ranchi won 3rd Prize in the National Level Poster Making Competition (Category 3), on the theme 'India Fights Together' organized by CRPF. Three KV Students won consolation prizes.

2. Important activities of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) are as follows:

- 127 Navodaya Vidyalaya school buildings have been taken over by Defence/ State Government authorities for use during Covid 19 pandemic as quarantine/ medical facilities.
- **Safe shifting of 3181 migrated students** - NVS has the unique feature of migration of students to different NV schools for promoting national integration on the lines of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Students migrate for few months from non Hindi speaking States to Hindi speaking States and vice versa.

This time, due to sudden lockdown, 3181 students in 173 JNVs of 25 States and 4 UTs of migration scheme could not be sent back to their parent JNVs. Arrangements were made for their stay, study, entertainment, connectivity with family, yoga, etc.

After relaxation of the norms by MHA, NVS arranged for safe travel of these 3181 students in coordination with all State Secretaries.

- 73,943 students of JNVS registered for participation in Ganga Quest online quiz.

3. Important Activities of Central Tibetan School Administration (CTSA) are as follows:

- On-line classes in all schools were started during the month. In addition, on-line in-service course for teachers and on-line parents-teachers meetings were organized and necessary instructions on COVID-19 pandemic were issued.

4. Important Activities of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are as follows:

- On the occasion of World Book Day 2020, 'My Book My Friend' campaign was launched by Hon'ble HRD Minister to encourage students to read books. CBSE advised affiliated schools to be part of this initiative. The schools may assist students by sharing the list of books, e-books and links from where they can be downloaded free of cost.



- Evaluation work of answer books which was suspended due to COVID 19 pandemic has started from 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. Standard Operating Procedures and new evaluation scheme were developed and implemented.
- The theory examinations of classes X and XII which had been postponed due to COVID 19 pandemic in the country have now been scheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.
- 271 Cases of extension, affiliation to secondary, senior secondary level for session 2020-21 and 128 similar cases for session 2019-20 were granted in May, 2020.
- For the convenience of functionaries (principals, managers, directors etc.) of newly affiliated schools, Self Learning Material (SLM) in the form of PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) has been prepared and shared with schools. Handbooks for Principals, Teachers and Students have also been shared.
- The Board trained around 1,31,308 Nodal examination trainers in 1534 online training session in the month.
- Result of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas Selection Test (JNVST)-2020 for admission to Class VI in JNVs were handed over to NVS.

▪ **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RELATED ACTIVITIES:**

1. Important IT Activities related to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are as follows:
  - NIOS is harnessing the available learning platforms during the lockdown period and has started broadcasting live programmes every day on Swayam Prabha channels for Secondary and Senior Secondary levels. The discussion comprises of **six hours of live** interaction from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm with secondary and senior secondary learners of NIOS and CBSE. Teachers from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya and Army Public Schools have joined in this endeavor. The NIOS connects the teachers through Skype and DTH channels are uplinked from Gandhinagar. The students can log on to [sdmis.nios.ac.in](http://sdmis.nios.ac.in) or call NIOS toll free number and ask questions.
  - There has been a surge in NIOS You tube channel subscription and viewership for live programmes between March and May 2020. The subscription and viewership of Youtube NIOS DTH Channel has also increased significantly since lockdown.
  - NIOS conducts live interactive web-streaming of audio programmes everyday on MuktaVidyaVani (MVV). The objective of this live streaming facility is to conduct live Personal Contact Programme (PCP) for the learners enrolled with NIOS. Live PCP for the learners (Mukta Vidya Vani) started from 20<sup>th</sup> May onwards for two courses – Beauty Therapy and Web Development. The recordings of these audio PCPs are available 24x7 on NIOS website.
  - Community Radio Station of NIOS named Radio Vahini broadcasts programmes on FM 91.2 MHz to the local community. Recordings of these programmes are broadcast

through Federation of Community Radio Station (FCRS) network of 176 Community Radio Stations located across India.

- Revision/ Development of courses at Senior Secondary level in Psychology, Geography, Accountancy, Business Studies, Hindi, Sindhi, Entrepreneurship, Gender Studies, Gender Green Teacher Programme and Diploma in Open Schooling is going on.
2. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) developed the following portals/ applications:
- Development and Launch of '*Kalasetu*' Portal for Art Education & Art Integrated Education & Learning.
  - Development of a portal for schools to change exam centres for regular candidates appearing in Examination of July 2020
  - Two applications were developed during the month viz. Counseling App "e-mitra" and '*Pariksha Suvidha*' App for private candidates who wish to change exam centres for July Examination 2020.
3. KVS conducted the following IT related activities –
- The FIT KVian School based assessment data of students was uploaded through Fit KVian app and Report Card of students' performance was made available to all Kendriya Vidyalayas.
  - 10 online workshops on "awareness program on learning disabilities" for KV Principals and Deputy Commissioners, were organised by ZIET, Mysore. In addition, online in-service course for TGT (Mathematics) was organized in collaboration with IIT Gandhinagar. A total of 658 trainees were trained during the month.
4. NVS – conducted the following IT related activities –
- Practice test for PISA, 2021 was conducted online. Out of 63188 registered students for PISA, 26871 appeared for the online test at home during lockdown period
  - NVS teachers presented lessons to students through online Swayamprabha Channel of NIOS. In addition, students were encouraged to register for STEP app for online academic support.
  - Online classes and testing were conducted for the students of special academic support for students of Patna and Pune regions.
  - Students of JNVs where Vigyan Jyoti project (DST) is under implementation were encouraged to participate in the webinars conducted by experts/scientists from CSIR/ DST.

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