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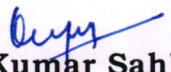
New Delhi, the 24th April, 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of March, 2024-reg.

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, 2024.

[Encl : As above]


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To

All Hon'ble Members of Council of Ministers

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Important developments and activities during the month of March, 2024

- I. Financial Achievements/Releases :
94.48% of the RE was released by 31st March, 2024.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:
- A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Development

S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	Initiatives under DoSEL	<p>On 9th March 2024 Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, launched the following initiatives in School and Teacher Education, developed by the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi:</p> <p>National Mission for Mentoring (NMM) and National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST), 52 Primers in Indian languages, 52 Primers of NCERT, National Vidya Samiksha Kendra and 200 TV Channels and financial assistance to DIETs .</p> <p>Under NMM, Teachers will have access to quality mentoring sessions from experienced professionals as Mentors, catering to the diverse needs of learners with varying abilities. The Bluebook on NMM was finalized after incorporating the feedback/suggestions received as a result of in-house consultations, 15 Open House Discussions, inputs received from the pilot, other stakeholders' discussions and outreach programmes.</p> <p>The National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST), as envisioned in NEP 2020, focuses on improving the teachers' personal and professional development by providing them with an understanding of what is expected in terms of their performance and what needs to be done to enhance the same. NPST Guiding Document ensures that all students at different levels/stages of school education are taught by passionate, motivated, highly qualified, professionally trained, and well-equipped teachers.</p>

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		<p>The 52 Primers in Indian languages is a transformational step for young learners, especially for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), providing them access to education in their mother tongue/local language.</p> <p>Launch of 200 DTH TV Channels under PMeVidya DTH TV Channels for School Education is an integral component of the PMeVidya Initiative which is aimed at unifying all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education.</p> <p>NCERT has made National Vidya Samiksha Kendra functional for facilitating research and development and capacity building programmes. It has been integrated with National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA), DIKSHA, Energized Textbooks (ETBs), NIPUN Bharat initiative for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, NCERT Quiz, National Achievement Survey, Performance Grading Index (PGI), Unified District Information System for Education Plus, PM Poshan, National Curriculum Framework (NCF), Micro-Improvements program (recognition of best pedagogy practices), PRASHAST (A Disability Screening Checklist for Schools) and PM SHRI.</p> <p>Financial assistance, totalling to Rs 9000 crores, will be provided to States/UTs for the physical upgradation of all 613 District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) to develop them as DIET of Excellence in the country in a phased manner in the next five years. Upto Rs. 15 Crore per DIET will be provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha for improving various infrastructural facilities.</p>
2	STARS	<p>Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, chaired a three-day workshop on Financial Management and Education Planning in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala during 6-8th March 2024. It was attended by the officials from the Ministry of Education; Education Departments of the 6 STARS States, namely, Rajasthan, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra; and representatives from the World Bank. This three-day long workshop is part of the centrally sponsored scheme, Strengthening Teacher Learning and Results for States (STARS) programme, which is supported by the World Bank.</p>

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		<p>The Workshop aims to equip participants with valuable insights and strategies to drive positive change in education planning and implementation at both district and state levels.</p> <p>A Review meeting of PMU of STARS Project was held on 15.03.2024.</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 5640.87 lakh has been released to the State of Odisha, Rs. 2454.96 lakh to Madhya Pradesh, and Rs. 2,485.68 lakh to Himachal Pradesh under STARS Project.</p>
3	NMMSS	<p>A National Workshop with the State Nodal Officers of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) was held on 6th March 2024 at New Delhi. State Education Officers / State Nodal Officers (NMMSS) of States and UTs attended the Workshop in hybrid mode and officials from DBT, NIC and CSC. The workshop deliberated on areas related to the status of registration of fresh and renewal candidates on the NSP, eKYC status of Institutes, biometric authentication process of INOs, DNOs etc. and also on the new features to be added to the NSP from 2024-25.</p>
4	Vidyanjali	<p>During March 2024, an additional 2,000 schools were onboarded and 3,000 new volunteers registered on the portal raising the cumulative total to 6.92 lakh schools and 4.50 lakh volunteers on the Vidyanjali portal as on 31st March, 2023.</p> <p>A CSR module has been incorporated in the Vidyanjali portal and as of now there are 11 CSR registered.</p>
5	SAMAGRA SHIKSHA	<p>Funds released under Samagra Shiksha up to March, 2024 (cumulative-all States/UTs/National Component)- Rs. 32857.45 Crore.</p> <p>Recurring Central Assistance under Samgra Shiksha Scheme for the financial year 2023-24 has been released to the States/UTs of Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and NCERT during the month of March 2024</p> <p>The process of recruitment of Consultants under TSG-SS by EdCIL has been completed and offer letter has been issued by EdCIL to 30 eligible candidates with the approval of Secretary, DoSEL</p>

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6	PM POSHAN	Recurring Central Assistance under PM POSHAN Scheme for the financial year 2023-24 has been released to the States/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Chandigarh, Delhi, DNH & DD, Ladakh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry during the month of March, 2024 under PM POSHAN Scheme.
7	PM SHRI	Recurring Central Assistance under PM SHRI Scheme for financial year 2023-24 has been released to the States/UTs of Assam, Sikkim, Mizoram, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh, Haryana, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Goa, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, NVS, Puducherry and Uttarakhand during the month of March 2024.
8	Organization of Second Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test	The Second FLNAT for 2023-24 under ULLAS- Nav Bharat Shaksharta Karyakaram was held on 17.03.2024, 18.03.2024 and 24.03.2024 in 23 States/UT in an offline mode in which 37 lakh (Approx.) learners appeared in the examination. The test is crucial in assessing the impact of teaching-learning sessions conducted as part of the ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram. Qualifying learners will receive a certificate issued by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), recognising their achievement in acquiring foundational literacy and numeracy skills.

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
<p style="text-align: center;">Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="403 437 1465 555"> <p>• Vidyanjali Portal A total of 1249 Kendriya Vidyalayas are on boarded on the Vidyanjali portal.</p> <li data-bbox="403 591 1465 834"> <p>• Website NIC is redesigning Websites of KVS Hq/ ROs/ZIETs/KVs for implementation of S3Waas, secure, scalable & sugamya website as a service in Kendriya Vidyalayas. Website of KVS Hq has been launched on KVS Foundation i.e., on 15th December, 2023 by Hon'ble Minister of State for Education.</p> <li data-bbox="403 870 1465 1417"> <p>• In house initiative on data management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="478 914 1465 1031">➤ Portal for repository of Parliament Question has been developed by EDP Cell. It is hosted at local server for use at KVS(HQ) level. <li data-bbox="478 1038 1465 1152">➤ The staff sanction portal has been developed as in house product for seeking proposals for sanction of staff in Kendriya Vidyalayas. <li data-bbox="478 1158 1465 1417">➤ Alumni Management System: An Alumni Management System has been developed. In this application an alumni can register himself/herself after registration his/ her detail will be verified by the concerned Vidyalaya. After successful verification, they can fill their experience and other detail. Their profile will be available to see by other alumnis on the portal. <li data-bbox="403 1453 1465 1696"> <p>• PRERANA 2024 More than 80000 KVS students from class 9-12 have registered on the PRERANA Portal for selection All the KVs have been instructed to conduct the school level PRERANA program for selection at the District Level PRERANA Utsav for final selection at Vadnagar (Gujarat).</p> <li data-bbox="403 1732 1465 2007"> <p>• Notification of Admission Guidelines 2024-2025 Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has notified online Registration Process for the Academic Session 2024-25 on 28.03.2024 for Fresh Admission in Class I. The registration process will begin from 01.04.2024 onwards .The registration for class II onwards, including Balvatika for 495 KVs will also be registered from 01.04.2024 onwards.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YUVIKA-2024 YUVIKA (YUva VIgyani KARYakram) is a special programme by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for school children, who are studying in class 9th as on Jan 01, 2024 in a school located within the territory of India. This residential programme will be of two weeks' duration from 13 May 2024 to 24 May 2024 21438 students were registered from Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. Out of the 350 students selected across the country, 84 students of Kendriya Vidyalayas got selected from the above programme to participate in this two weeks residential programme. • Other Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 35 Offer of Appointment for the post of Vice-Principal have been issued from the Reserve Panel 2022-23 (LDCE) on 01-03-2024 ➤ KV 205 Cobra Bn CRPF, Barwadih, Barachhati, District-Gaya, Bihar opened on 15.03.2024 from academic session 2024-25 onward under Civil Sector from class I to V. ➤ Admission process in the KV for class I to V started through offline mode according to the schedule of admission prescribed for the academic year 2024-25. The KV made functional by deputing teaching and non-teaching staff from nearby KVs and also by hiring on contract basis. Appointment of regular staff will be done through annual recruitment / transfer process among other posts.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Academic Achievements:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Standard Examination - 2024 (IAPT): National Standard Examination-2024 (IAPT) was held on 25th & 26th November, 2023 in which total 15,349 JNV students participated, out of which 04 students from JNV Tawang, Karbi Anglong - II and Nadia have qualified to appear for the Second Stage of Indian National Olympiad - 2024. ➤ Fit India Quiz 2023 - 24: 25 Teams of NVS students have cleared the preliminary round of Fit India Quiz and selected to participate in the State Round of Fit India Quiz 2023 - 24. ➤ 25th Youth Parliament Competition 2023 - 24: Out of the 8 Regional toppers JNV teams, JNV Chandrapur

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<p>Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)</p>	<p>(Maharashtra) has secured 1st position in 25th National Youth Parliament 2023 - 24 as per the result declared by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India, during the month. Relevant Photographs are attached at Annexure - I.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme: Total 39 students from different JNVs have been selected for the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship programme for the year 2023-24. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action taken on National Education Policy 2020:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PM SHRI Scheme: In addition to 312 PM SHRI JNVs of First phase, 285 more JNVs have been covered under PM SHRI Scheme in the Second phase to implement the initiatives of National Education Policy - 2020. Thus total 597 JNVs are now PM SHRI JNVs. • <u>Other Activities, Programmes and Achievements:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SANKALP Scheme: A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MoSDE), NVS and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for establishment of 800 Skill Labs and Training of Trainees at 400 JNVs under SANKALP scheme of MoSDE. ➤ Viksit Bharat: The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), in collaboration with Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) hosted a day-long art activity workshop dedicated to Viksit Bharat in which 45,829 students of 484 JNVs have participated. ➤ Admission to Class IX in JNVs against Vacant Seats through IEST: List of provisionally selected candidates for admission to Class IX (Session 2024 - 25) against vacant seats in 592 JNVs through Lateral Entry Selection Test has been released on 31.03.2024 and efforts are being made to complete the admission process by 15.04.2024. ➤ Admission to Class VI in JNVs through JNVST: List of provisionally selected candidates for admission to Class VI (Session 2024 - 25) in JNVs through Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test has been released on 31.03.2024 and efforts are being made to complete the admission process by 20.04.2024.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recruitment: Advertisement to fill up 1,377 vacancies for various Non-Teaching post through Direct Recruitment Drive - 2024 has been notified on 15.03.2024. ➤ Promotions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LDE / LDCE notification has been issued on 15.03.2024 to fill up 731 vacancies in various teaching posts through promotion. ○ Computer Based Test (CBT) has been conducted on 27.03.2024 for promotion to various Non-Teaching Posts in NVS through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE). ➤ Establishment of Various ICT Infrastructure & Labs in JNVs: 3 Virtual Reality Labs, 2 English Language Labs, 20 Hindi Language Labs, 3 Personalized Learning Labs, 2 Atal Tinkering Labs and 1 Smart Classroom have been established in selected JNVs. ➤ Construction Achievements: Construction works for the Building of JNV Palamu - II (Jharkhand) has been completed and augmentation works [Phase B & B (Balance)] of 02 JNVs i.e. Khawzawl (Mizoram) and Doda (Jammu & Kashmir [UT]) have been completed during the month. ➤ Annual Transfer Drive - 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Provisional Transfer List under Round - II, has been released / displayed on the official website of NVS on 09.03.2024. ○ Final Transfer List of 1450 employees has been released / displayed on the official website of NVS. ○ Grievances related with ATD - 2024 from employees have been invited through Online mode and disposal of the same are in progress on individual basis. ➤ Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) in JNVs: Implementation of Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) has been extended up to 638 JNVs of the country during the month.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM eVIDYA 200 DTH TV Channels Initiative : A total of 57723 video contents in 27 languages till date equal to 19696 hours of telecast have been received from States/UTs/ABs across the country. A total of 81 YouTube channels are live for simulcast of the PM eVidya DTH TV Channels of 12 States, 4 UTs and 5 Abs. Transmission Schedules for classes 1-12 PM eVIDYA DTH TV Channels for April 2024 shared with BISAG-N, and INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar.

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<p>National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIKSHA - One Nation One Digital Platform: Average daily page hits is 67 lakhs+. 6,147 textbooks are energized by States/UTs is available on DIKSHA including -492 ETBs of NCERT (364 + 26 BhashaSangam books + 102 Comic Books)-Class 1&2 Math textbook in English ,Hindi,Urdu and in 20 regional language. 3,56,578 e-contents are virtually available on DIKSHA in 82 Languages (75 Indian languages +7 Foreign Languages). eContent for CWSN: -4,586 audiobook chapters have been developed and uploaded on DIKSHA. -In all, 954 textbook-based ISL videos have been uploaded on DIKSHA. Inclusive and Equitable Education vertical on DIKSHA :-Development of Equitable and Inclusive Education Vertical: on DIKSHA- Development of vertical is currently undergoing in the Dev Environment of DIKSHA. FLN Vertical on DIKSHA:-2,636 resources have been uploaded for FLN vertical ,-No. of Plays: 4,51,177-Minutes of engagement: 4,61,205.Education For All Vertical on DIKSHA:-430 resources and 4 primers and 1 jingle on vertical have been uploaded under Education for All vertical -No. of Plays: 35,045, Minutes of engagement: 46,504.Virtual labs vertical on <u>DIKSHA:280</u> science experiments are uploaded on DIKSHA, No. of Plays: 1,68,952, Minutes of engagement: 2,15,775. Vocational Education vertical on DIKSHA: No. of Plays: 10,197, Minutes of engagement: 26,988.
<p>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ACADEMIC UNIT :</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Secondary and Senior School Curriculum for the Session 2024-25 and New Textbooks by NCERT for Classes III and VI: CBSE has released the annual curriculum for classes IX to XII for the academic session 2024-25 on its website. • <u>EXAMINATION UNIT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A webinar was conducted with Regional Directors/Officers on 06.03.2024 on urgent & confidential issues pertaining to Examinations. ➤ An online meeting was conducted with Regional Directors/Officers on 21.03.2024 for discussing the issues related to Special/Sports Examinations. ➤ A circular dated 07.03.2024 issued regarding Extension of dates for conduct of Practical Examinations/Project/Internal Assessment /Internal Grades- 2024 and uploading of marks. ➤ A Circular dated 08.03.2024 for strict compliance of instructions for examination of class XII of Mathematics and

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	<p>Applied Mathematics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A Circular dated 11.03.2024 for strict compliance of instructions for examination of class X of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics. ➤ A circular dated 12.03.2024 issued regarding Daily updation of the data in OECMS by Exam Centres. ➤ A Circular dated 15.03.2024 issued regarding Integrated Payment System (IPS) for payment in respect of conduct of Practical Examination/Project Assessment for 2023-2024. ➤ Declaration of date sheet related to conduct of re-examination for the candidates participated in National/International Sport Events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>TRAINING UNIT:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 123 online sessions were organized by all the CBSE CoEs and 29,055 teachers participated in these sessions. ➤ 350 Offline sessions were organized by all the CBSE CoEs and 16,505 teachers participated in these sessions. • <u>CTET UNIT</u> <p>The Central Board of Secondary Education will conduct the 19th edition of Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) on 07-07-2024 (Sunday). The test will be conducted in twenty languages in 136 cities all over the country. The process of online application submission is started from 07/03/2024 on the CTET official website https://ctet.nic.in/ and last date of submission of completed online application form on the website is 02/04/2024.</p> • <u>AFFILIATION UNIT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 135 Review Committee Meetings were conducted in March, 2024. ➤ 98 Cases of Fresh Affiliation, Extension, Up-gradation etc. for session 2024-2025 during March, 2024. • <u>PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION UNIT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Class- IX Lateral Entry Test 2024 JNVLE-2024(Class-IX) Examination in Nainital district was held on (17th March 2024). ➤ Class- XI Lateral Entry Test 2024 JNVLE (Class-XI) Examination in Nainital and West Bengal was held on 17th March 2024.

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<p>National Council for Technical Education (NCTE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• IITEP Handholding Session at Mata Sundri College for Women- 6th March 2024. NCTE organized a Handholding Session of Mata Sundri College for Women (University of Delhi) on 6th March 2024 in light of recognition granted for running IITEP. The Member Secretary NCTE stressed the importance of IITEP in providing prospective teachers with a top-notch education in terms of content, pedagogy, values and practice.</p> <p>• 60th Meeting of the General Body (Emergent) of NCTE - 14th March 2024. The 60th meeting of the General Body (emergent) of NCTE was held virtually on 14th March 2024 to discuss the eligibility criteria for IITEP for the academic session 2025-2026 under Sections 14 & 15 of NCTE Act, 1993..</p> <p>• Visit to DIET, Bhimtal and Kumaun University, Uttarakhand- 16th - 18th March 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The NCTE team led by the Member Secretary NCTE visited DIET Bhimtal, Uttarakhand on 16th March 2024 to understand the role of DIETs in the districts and interacted with the students undergoing D.El.Ed. The Member Secretary discussed how DIETs could be the flag bearers for NPST and NMM in the capacity building of in-service teachers. ➤ The NCTE team also visited Kumaun University, Nainital, Uttarakhand on 18th March 2024 for hand holding of the institution to ensure effective implementation of IITEP. Member Secretary said in her address that IITEP will equip aspiring teachers with the necessary competencies & skills to become 21st century teachers. The team also interacted with the students of various teacher education programs at the university and encouraged them to contribute to nation-building for Viksit Bharat in 2047.
<p>National Institute Of Open</p>	<p>NIOS has developed a mobile App with the name 'Radio Vahini' learners to access all its Audio programmes on any smart device.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Result corrections/TMA updation - 545 ➤ Re-evaluation /re-checking cases : 1894 cases ➤ Accreditation letters issued to the 119 fresh Institutes/ Schools for grant of accreditation.

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Schooling (NIOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODE Result Declaration NIOS Result of Secondary and Senior Secondary of January-A (01-15) 2024 On-demand Exam was declared on 28.02.2024. • Notification regarding NIOS Examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notification No. 07/2024 dated 05.02.2024 regarding schedule of examination for Community Health Programme (Bihar) w.e.f. 04.03.2024 ➤ Notification No. 08/2024 dated 09.02.2024 regarding practical schedule/date sheet for March-2024 Public Examinations. ➤ Notification No. 10/2024 dated 23.02.2024 regarding schedule for registration and payment of examination fee for D.El.Ed. (Offline J & K), course for May/June, 2024 examination.

C. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNANCE

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