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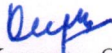
New Delhi, the 29th December, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of November, 2023-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 November, 2023.

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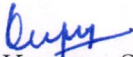

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Monthly information for the month of November, 2023

Important developments and activities during the month of November, 2023

- I. Financial Achievements/Releases :
34.90 % of the BE was released by 30th November, 2023.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:
 - A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Development

S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	ATL Marathon	<p>Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy on 02.11.2023 inaugurated a national-level innovation challenge aimed at motivating young individuals to create functional prototypes of innovative solutions. The programme was held in collaboration with ATL Marathon program, under the aegis of Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, in partnership with UNICEF and YuWaah.</p> <p>This year's ATL Marathon was themed "India's 75th Republic Day" and featured problem statements in areas such as Space, Agriculture, Inclusivity, Disaster Management, Mobility, Health, Education, and Skill Development.</p>
2	1 st Australia India Education and Skill Council Meeting	<p>Union Minister for Education and Skill Development co-chaired the 1st Australia India Education and Skill Council meeting with the Australian Education Minister and the Australian Skills & Training Minister in Gandhinagar Gujarat on 6th November 2023. The AIESC, earlier the Australian India Education Council (AIEC), is a bi-national body established in 2011 to guide the strategic direction of the education, training and research partnerships between the two countries. The scope of this forum was enhanced in alignment with the national priorities of both countries to bring focus on promoting internationalisation, two-way mobility and collaboration in the domains of education as well as the skill ecosystem.</p> <p>The Ministers comprehensively reviewed the bilateral cooperation in education and skilling and agreed to further strengthen knowledge and skilling partnerships for greater mobility, employability and prosperity of people in both countries.</p>

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3	<i>Hamari Balvatika</i>	<p>On 8th November 2023, Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship today inaugurated "<i>Hamari Balvatika</i>" at Shastri Bhawan, a project aimed at the transformation of crèche facilities to better serve our young learners. "<i>Hamari Balvatika</i>" has been created to ensure the well-being of office staff and their children in mind, serving as a testament to our commitment to work-life balance.</p> <p>The crèche offers modern amenities and colourful play areas, ensuring a nurturing and safe environment for the little ones. The model is designed as a <i>Jadui Pitara</i>, equipped with age-appropriate learning materials, providing children access to a joyful learning environment with proper care and stimulation.</p> <p>The work spaces/corridors of Ministry of Education spruced up with artworks depicting themes from the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) as part of Special Campaign 3.0. These pieces of art showcase various programs and initiatives, such as PM SHRI, PM POSHAN, <i>Jadui Pitara</i>, PM-eVidya, Multidisciplinary Higher Education, Manodarpan, Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence, and more.</p>
4	State Educational Achievement Survey	<p>The State Educational Achievement Survey by PARAKH was conducted on 3rd November 2023 to understand the baseline performance in the development of the competencies at the end of the foundational, preparatory, and middle stages. The successful completion of the State Educational Achievement Survey marks a significant achievement in the assessment of educational competencies among students at the block level in India at grades 3, 6, and 9.</p> <p>This survey covered approximately 80 lakh students from 3 lakh schools at 5917 blocks across the nation. It also includes 6 lakh teachers and more than 3 lakh field investigators.</p> <p>The primary objective of this survey is to assess the learning competencies of students at the end of each educational stage, i.e., foundational, preparatory, and middle with a primary focus on Language and Mathematics. Barring Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal, all other States and UTs participated in the implementation of the survey.</p> <p>One of the noteworthy features of the State Educational Achievement Survey (SEAS) 2023 conducted by PARAKH was the expansion of the sample size to understand the learning gaps at the block level, a strategic shift from the district. This transition was inspired by the objective of catering to a larger number of students and effectively understanding the performance at a deeper level.</p>

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5	Inauguration of Schools	<p>Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Odisha on 19th November 2023.</p> <p>Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated a Kendriya Vidyalaya at NIT Rourkela on 30.11.2023.</p>
6	SAMAGRA SHIKSHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Funds released under Samagra Shiksha upto November 2023 (cumulative - all States/UTs)-Rs. 1278.47 Crore. ➤ An amount of Rs. 18652.97 lakh has been released to the State of Maharashtra under Samagra Shiksha. ➤ Funds released under Samagra Shiksha upto November 2023 (Rajasthan)-Rs. 1747.77 Crore. ➤ Release of 2nd part of 1st instalment of funds of Rs. 16555.83 Lakh dated 13.11.2023 to the State Government of Punjab for implementation of the Samagra Shiksha during the year 2023-24. ➤ TSG - SS: An advertisement towards engagement of various categories of Consultants under TSG Samagra Shiksha has been released on 07 November 2023 in national newspapers and also been uploaded on EdCIL website at https://www.edcilindia.co.in/TCareers as well as on the Ministry's website and CBSE & NCERT website.
7	Miscellaneous	<p><u>Vidyanjali</u></p> <p>During the month of November 2023, an additional 14,000 schools onboarded and 3,000 new volunteers registered on the portal raising the cumulative total to 6.84 lakh schools and 4.46 lakh volunteers on the Vidyanjali portal as on 04th December, 2023.</p> <p><u>PM SHRI</u></p> <p>A meeting to review the interventions approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) for the PM SHRI Scheme for FY 2023-24 was held on 16th November 2023 to the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Lakshadweep and NVS.</p> <p>A Mid-Term Review Meeting of States under Samagra Shiksha and STARS to the State of Himachal Pradesh was held on 16.11.2023.</p> <p><u>PM POSHAN</u></p> <p>50% of 1st instalment has been released to the States/UTs of Assam, Gujarat, Himanchal Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Ladakh and Lakshadweep in the month of November, 2023.</p>

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

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Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 'Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day)' was celebrated in all Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. Total 8,71,006 students, staff and other stakeholders read the Preamble of Indian Constitution, 3,17,820 students participated in Talks and 66,182 students participated in Seminars and 23,160 students participated in Webinars on Fundamental Right and Fundamental Duties given in Indian Constitution on the occasion of Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day). ● Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has organized the 3rd Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas from 15th November 2023 to 26 November 2023 to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Students, teachers & other stakeholders participated in the activities such as Debate, Speech, Poster making, Quiz, Group Dance, Role Play competition, and other cultural events to respect and acknowledge the contribution of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Social media platforms were used effectively to popularize the event. ● NEP-2020 <p>The details of progress made in this regard up to 30th November, 2023 in respect of various tasks assigned to KVS by the Ministry are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Task No. 32 (NEP Para 2.2)- 71 PRTs of Delhi Region were participated in the 03 day (face-to-face) Foundational Numeracy Workshop which was organized by KVS (HQ) in collaboration with Jodo Gyan Trust. Further Concept wise modules for Classes I & II are being prepared/reviewed in the light of new textbooks introduced by NCERT and are being uploaded on FLN blog (https://kvs-fln5.blogspot.com/). For Classes III & IV (Modules on English completed, Maths & Hindi in progress) for Class V English completed and for other subjects it is in progress. ➤ Task No. 85 (NEP Para 4.1 - 4.8) - 3-day Training program were conducted for the Training Associates of ZIETs, KVS at NCERT, New Delhi wherein 74 participants of KVS have participated. ➤ Task No. 143 (NEP Para 5.2 to 5.7) - Finalization of academic inspection tool by the Internal Committee is completed. Report has been examined. Tool is being revised in-house. ➤ Task No. 145 (5.2 - 5.7) - Till date 12548 posts have been given offer of appointment. The offer of appointment to the post of Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Principal, Vice

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	<p>Principal, Assistant Engineer, Finance Officer, PGTs (12 Subjects), TGT (09 Subjects), Librarian, PRT, ASO, Hindi Translator, SSA, Stenographer Grade - 2 and JSA has been issued.</p> <p>➤ Task No. 231 (NEP Para 16.1 to 16.8) - Artificial Intelligence as a vocational subject has been introduced in Class VIII onwards from 2020-21 onwards in 1246 KVs. Pre-vocational skills such as carpentry, pottery, electrical work etc., are being imparted from the year 2022-23 onwards as fun course and to develop a skill among the students of Classes VI to VIII in KVs. Further 228 KVs imparted vocational education to 5809 Out of School/Out of education/unemployed youth under Skill Hub Initiative (PMKVY 3.0 scheme) in 2022-23. In the current session 2023-24, 350 KVs have been on boarded as skill hub for providing Skill training to School/College dropouts, out of education and unemployed youth and for internal candidates of KVs under PMKVY 4.0 scheme.</p>
Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ACTION TAKEN ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020:</u> ➤ PM SHRI Schools: PM SHRI School scheme launched in 26 JNVs of Odisha at Railway Auditorium, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) on 19th November, 2023 by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. <p>A. <u>OTHER ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas: In-line with the celebration of Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda as “3rd Janjatiya Gaurav Divas - 2023” of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, all the 650 JNVs have participated in the event for commemoration of the tribal freedom fighters and public celebrations of their contributions to the freedom movement between 15th November, 2023 to 26th November, 2023. • Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: A nationwide campaign “Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra” has been launched on 15th November, 2023 on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas by flagging off IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Vans which will initially visit the districts having significant Scheduled Tribe population and the remaining districts will be visited from the 3rd week of November, 2023 onwards up to 25th January, 2024. • Samvidhan Diwas (Constitution Day): All JNVs have participated in the activities of online reading of Preamble to the Constitution and online quiz on “Bharat: Loktantra ki Janani” theme and shared their certificates on the social media accounts with #SamvidhanDiwas as part of Jan Bhagidari. • Construction Achievements: Augmentation [B (Balance)] works have been completed in JNV i.e. Sitapur - II (Uttar Pradesh) and Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) during the month.

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National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A workshop for the development of reading material and e-content in Urdu Language was held at NIE, New Delhi from 6th to 10th November 2023. • A workshop for the development & translation of scripts for sign language audio-video programme on the use of economics kit at the secondary stage was held from 6th to 10th November 2023. • Workshops for the Development of Syllabi and Teaching Learning Materials in English were conducted at NIE, New Delhi from 30th October to 1st November 2023 and from 6th to 8th November 2023. • A workshop for the development of resource materials and illustrations for the publication of '<i>Firkee Bachchon ki</i>' was organised at SCERT, Kerala from 20th to 24th November 2023. • A Regional Workshop on mental well-being was conducted by Manodarpan Cell, NCERT on 23rd and 24th November 2023. • A workshop for the finalization of guidelines for Teacher Education Institutes under <i>ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram</i> was conducted by Cell for National Centre for Literacy at Institute of Lifelong Learning, University of Delhi from 28th to 30th November 2023. • A workshop to study the factors contributing to poor performance of school education in the State of Meghalaya in the Performance Grading Index was conducted at NERIE on 16th and 17th November 2023.
Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Culture and Heritage Clubs in School with SPIC MACAY as Knowledge Partner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Schools were advised to establish Culture and Heritage Clubs in line with the NCF-SE 2023's goal of fostering appreciation and understanding of India's diverse cultural heritage. These clubs, partnered with SPIC MACAY, aimed to provide experiential, value-based education. SPIC MACAY supports cultural activities in educational settings, exposing students to India's rich heritage in literature, art, and traditions. • Celebration of Constitution Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Constitution Day, observed on 26th November, commemorates the adoption of India's Constitution. Schools marked the day by reading the Preamble, hosting competitions, and organizing talks or webinars on constitutional values and the fundamentals of the Indian Constitution.
National Council for Technical Education (NCTE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting on Curriculum Framework & Suggestive Syllabi - 23rd November 2023 <p>The Member Secretary, NCTE attended and addressed the 5th meeting of the committee constituted for developing Curriculum Framework and Suggestive Syllabi for 2 Year B.Ed Programme on 23rd November 2023,</p>

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	<p>and discussed strategies for aligning the framework with NEP 2020, NCFSE, NCrf, NHEQF and other relevant documents of UGC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) <p>PMU has been finalized with EdCIL by signing MoU. Thereby tender has been floated on e-portal for establishment of digital infrastructure of NCTQ and NCTE HQ, New Delhi for joint operation of NPST and NMM.</p> <p>➤ As a part of celebration of Samvidhan Divas (Constitution Day) on 26th November all officers and staff read the Preamble of the Constitution through Virtual Mode.</p>
<p>National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoU with NDRF <p>An MoU was signed between the NIOS and the NDRF(National Disaster Response Force) on 22 Nov, 2023 at the NDRF HQ for the launch of the short term Certificate Course in Communicative English in the august.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOOCs on SWAYAM <p>SWAYAM is a MOOCs platform launched by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and NIOS is a National Coordinator of MOOCs for Secondary and Senior Secondary levels. At present, NIOS offers 18 courses at the Secondary level and 15 courses at the Senior Secondary Level on MOOCs Platform. These courses are continuously monitored by the concerned faculty and learner's queries are also addressed.</p>

C. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNANCE

E-Office is fully implemented in this Department. The exchange of information, communication & transactions are delivered through e-office/e-mail. Meetings with State Governments/Other Ministries/autonomous organizations are held through Video Conferencing.