

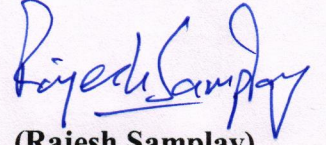
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Department of School Education and Literacy

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of September 2019 - 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 September, 2019.



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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
SEPTEMBER 2019**

Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives:

- National Award to Teachers: For the year 2019, the online self nomination process followed by 3 tier selection process at District, State and National level was completed well within time. The Independent National Jury recommended names of 46 teachers. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India interacted with the Awardees at his official residence on 3rd September, 2019. The Hon'ble HRM hosted dinner for Awardee Teachers and interacted with them on 4th September, 2019. The Award ceremony was held on 5th September, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan. Hon'ble President of India gave away the awards. One minute documentary film on each of the 46 Awardee Teachers were also screened during the function.
- Hon'ble HRM reviewed the status of activities of 100 days in the meeting held on 23.9.2019.
- Presentation was made before the CABE (Central Advisory Board of Education) Committee on issues concerning New Education Policy on 21.09.2019.
- Training of 5454 key Resource Persons(KRPs), State Resource Persons(SRPs), Teachers and Heads of schools in 14 States and UTs has been carried out so far, after the launch of a National Mission to improve learning outcomes at the elementary level through an Integrated Teacher Training Programme called *NISHTHA – National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers'*.
- The 4th preparation mission for STARS Project of World Bank was held on 6.9.2019 with the State Education Secretaries and State Project Directors (SPDs) in which the draft EFC proposal was discussed and finalized. Draft EFC Note of STARS Project was thereafter circulated to all concerned Ministries on 13.9.2019.
- The Search-cum-Selection Committee for Selection of Independent Verification Agency (IVA) under Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) Project was constituted. In the meeting of the Committee held on 13.9.2019, proposals have been sought from reputed national institutions like IIT, IIM, ISI etc.
- Our Department requested all States and UTs for observing Swachhata Pakhwada, 2019 from 1st to 15th September, 2019. This Department issued detailed action plan / day-wise suggested activities during 1st - 15th September 2019, which included Essay writing competition on "**Plastic Waste Free India**" on 7th September, 2019 and letter writing competition on the theme "**Letter to Bapu**" on 13th September 2019. This Department also requested States & UTs to observe Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2019 from 11th

September to 2nd October 2019 and to add “avoid the usage of single-use plastic, both within and outside the school premises” in the activities already planned for Swachhata Pakhwada, 2019.

- Department of School Education & Literacy has been adjudged as one of the best Departments for implementation of Swachhata Action Plan (SAP) for the financial year 2018-19, an inter-Ministry initiative to contribute towards Swachh Bharat Mission. The award was presented to Secretary (SE&L) by the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti at a ceremony held on 6th September 2019 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- A proposal for strengthening of Vocational Labs in 500 schools approved under Vocationalisation of School Education (VSE) under Samagra Shiksha in 88 Aspirational Districts has been sent to the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for consideration of funding through National Skill Development Fund/PMKVY. The proposal is for providing an alternative for skilling of students who are not in formal education.
- A proposal for providing financial assistance for appointment of Hindi Teachers in North Eastern States and Urdu teachers in all eligible States/UTs amounting to Rs. 62 crores for the remaining period of 2019-20 has been sent for in-principle approval of Department of Expenditure and NITI Aayog, after taking approval of Hon'ble HRM.
- A workshop was held on 13.9.2019 with CBSE, National PISA Centre, Ek-Step Foundation and all stakeholders to discuss the Capacity Building Plan of Teachers and Students of KVS, NVS and UT Chandigarh who will participate in PISA-2021.
- Project Approval Board (PAB) Meeting of Scheme for providing Education in Madrasas / Minorities (SPEMM) for the year 2019-20 was held on 16.09.2019 where proposal of different States and UTs were considered.
- The International Literacy Day (ILD) 2019 was celebrated on 7th September at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, Chankyapuri, New Delhi. A panel discussion on “Issues and Challenges in Achieving Total Literacy by 2030” was organized on the occasion.
- In commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi Several programmes, namely Swachhta Sankalp, Cleanliness drive, Workshop, Seminar on Gandhian Philosophy, Essay/Slogan writing, Screening of Audio-Video programme on life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi were organized at the Directorate of Adult Education (DAE).
- Indicators and guidelines for district PGI have been finalized and shared with State Education Secretaries and District Collectors.
- Activities of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) during the month are as follows:
 - (i) KVS was conferred with Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar (first place), the highest honor of Rajbhasha for the year 2018-19. Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, Government of

- India, Shri Amit Shah presented the award to the Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on 14.9.2019 at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan.
- (ii) Smt. Iyer Revathy Rajaram, PGT (Hindi), KV MEG & Center Bengaluru and Smt. Remya P. Iyer, PGT (Biotechnology), KV Khanapara, Guwahati were awarded with National Teachers Award on the occasion of Teacher's Day-2019.
 - (iii) 7 KVs find place in the Top 10 Government Day Schools in 'Education World India School Rankings 2019-20'
- Activities of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) during the month are as follows:
 - (i) Engagement process of counselors on contract basis in all JNVs has been completed. On the basis of final merit List, offer of engagements to the selected candidates have been issued on 27.09.2019.
 - (ii) Result for the appointment of 218 PGTs has been declared and uploaded on website on 27.09.2019.
 - (iii) On the occasion of Teachers' Day, Sh. P. Rajesh, Principal, JNV Darang was awarded National Teachers' Award (President's Award). (relevant photograph attached)
 - (iv) 4 teachers from JNVs proceeded to Japan to attend 18 months MEXT Scholarship Programme.
 - (v) 3 teachers of NVS have been awarded Full Bright scholarship by United States-India Educational Foundation.
 - Activities of NCERT during the month are as follows:
 - (i) A four-member delegation from NCERT visited Korea from 16 to 20 September 2019 to participate in meetings and discussions on the on-going collaborative projects between NCERT and Academy of Korean studies under the provisions of the MoU signed between the two institutions.
 - (ii) A 2-week 'Customised Training of Teachers teaching' at Secondary and High Schools of Uzbekistan on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics was conducted for 20 teachers from Academic Lyceum of Uzbek State World Languages University, Uzbekistan from 16 to 30 September, 2019.
 - Activities of CBSE during the month are as follows:
 - (i) CBSE has formed clusters of 5-6 neighborhood schools into Hubs of Learning, with a view to enable sharing of resources, best practices, ideas, etc. for self-improvement by schools. Best practices for each Hub, one school has been named as Lead Collaborator for taking the lead in this initiative. Training of all 4600 Lead Collaborator Principals from all over the country except 11 in Kashmir Valley has been achieved.
 - (ii) CBSE's Annual Teachers Awards were presented to 35 teachers by Hon'ble HRM on 12th September 2019.
 - (iii) Hon'ble HRM released various manuals developed by CBSE i.e. experiential learning, joyful mathematics, outcome based inspection, handbook of teachers, artificial intelligence, leading transformation, students handbook, handbook for schools on Eco-Club and Water Conservation and school quality assessment and assurance framework.

- (iv) An expression series on Mahatma Gandhi was organized by CBSE to commemorate his 150th anniversary on 14th and 15th September, 2019 in which 4.5 lakh students participated. 4314 entries were shortlisted and final best 18 entries will be awarded certificates by Hon'ble HRM on October 1st, 2019.
- Activities of National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) during the month are as follows:
 - (i) NCTE launched the Performance Appraisal System (PAR), as part of the 100 days' action plan. The Performance Appraisal Report system was formally launched on 23rd September, 2019 and all recognized Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) will be required to fill up data on various regulatory parameters by 31st December, 2019.