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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 January 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 January, 2020.



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Deputy Secretary to Government of India

Encl : As above

To

All Member of Council of Ministers

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Copy for information to: PPS to Secretary (SE&L)

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY-2020

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

- I. 75.06% of the Plan allocation was released by January, 2020.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities / initiatives of the Department are as under:
 - Third edition of Prime Minister's Interaction Programme with school students "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020" was held in a unique Town Hall format at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi on 20th January, 2020. Hon'ble PM had a live interaction with over 2400 school students, teachers and parents present in the stadium and many more across the nation and 25 countries abroad. During the interaction, students from all over the country (all 37 States and UTs) asked questions, who were invited and selected through MyGov platform. The programme was broadcast on Doordarshan, AIR, Facebook and YouTube. Schools under CBSE, Navodaya Vidyalaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas including those in foreign countries participated. The programme was entirely conducted by the students themselves.
 - The Principal Advisor to PM chaired a meeting on 'Teachers and Education in India' on 13th January, 2020 at PMO, New Delhi, wherein issues relating to NCTE Act and quality of teacher education institutions were discussed.
 - The Secretary (SE&L) held a meeting with the Education Secretaries and State Project Directors and other senior officers of States and UTs through video conference on 13th January, 2020 for discussing issues relating to Samagra Shiksha – pace of expenditure, release of 1st and 2nd installment, NISHTHA, transfer of land & building for KVs & JNVs etc., Fit India Movement, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Constitution Day and Campaign on Citizens' Duties, Pariksha Pe Charcha and Kala Utsav.
 - National level Kala Utsav Programme under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat was organized from 2nd of January to 5th of January, 2020 at RIE, (Regional Institute of Education) Bhopal. 296 students (selected for national level) from all States & UTs participated in four themes viz. Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Dance and Painting.
 - Next cycle of National Achievement Survey (NAS) is being planned in the Department. In this context, a meeting was held with CBSE and NCERT on 8th January, 2020. It was recommended that a Steering Committee headed by Chairperson, CBSE may be constituted to conduct NAS 2020. It was also discussed that instrument development, testing, finalization of the test items, sampling of the schools etc. may be taken up by NCERT, as earlier.
 - A consultation process for WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) campaign has been initiated. Draft modules for proposed training on WASH in schools were discussed in a meeting held on 28.01.2020.

- A draft Cabinet Note for creation of JS Level posts in SCERT Chandigarh, approved by Hon'ble HRM, has been circulated to concerned Ministries for comments.
- A Memorandum for the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) on the new Scheme of Adult Education for FY 2020-21 has been prepared and sent to Ministry of Finance for in-principle approval and concerned Ministries for consultation.
- Important activities related to CBSE are as follows:
 - Practical examination and Project Assessments for the students of Class XII studying in schools (except winter bound areas) is being conducted w.e.f. 1st January, 2020 to 7th February, 2020.
 - Reading literacy is one of the most crucial core skills which determine success of students in school education. Therefore, in order to promote Reading Literacy, the Board has organised first round of CBSE Reading Challenge for classes VIII to X, in the month of January, which aims to enhance and assess the ability of students to read with accuracy and comprehend the given text.
 - In order to sensitize schools about quality of school education, the Board has launched a framework for School Quality Assessment and Assurance (SQAA). SQAA is an objective and transparent self-assessment tool on quality standards. It covers 08 important domain of school educations such as infrastructure, leadership, scholastic and co-scholastic areas etc. The schools are asked to undertake the exercise of self-assessment for quality and excellence.
 - The Board has trained around 14000 Nodal examination trainers in 77 training programme in the month of January, 2020.
 - Online application process has started for CTET examination (Central Teacher Eligibility Test) scheduled in the month of July, 2020 on its official website www.ctet.nic.in from 24.01.2020.
- Important activities related to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) are as follows:
 - 03 JNVs in Surat (Gujarat), Chhotaudepur (Gujarat) & Pulwama (Jammu & Kashmir) districts have been made functional.
 - Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas Selection Test (JNVST) was conducted all over the country on 11th January 2020, for admission in Class VI in summer bound JNVs. Total 18,74,682 students appeared.
 - 23rd Youth Parliament competitions were organized for the students of JNVs at JNV Indore and JNV Aligarh on 16-17/01/2020 and 27-28/01/2020 respectively.
 - As a part of Fit India Movement programme, Fit India Week was celebrated in the month of January in all the JNVs.

- Students of 213 JNVs from 03 Regional Offices have completed Ek Prithvi- One Plant School - An Environment Education Programme conducted by WWF-India.
- Practice test was conducted in all JNVs on 28/01/2020 for preparation of PISA survey 2021.
- Three selected teachers for Fulbright Scholarship programme proceeded to US to pursue the course.
- Capacity building programme was conducted for TGTs/PGTs in English, Maths & Science by Regional Offices.
- Important activities related to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) are as follows:
 - Hon'ble HRD Minister Sh. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' presided over the 117th meeting of Board of Governors of KVS as its Chairman on 27th January 2020. Many academic and administrative issues were deliberated upon during the meeting.
 - Offer of appointments to 1974 candidates (579 TGTs and 991 PRTs) were issued from the reserve panel against vacancies of candidates who did not join from the main panel.
 - 83 offers of appointment on compassionate ground were issued.
 - Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan played a pivotal role in successfully organizing 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020' at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. Stay arrangements were made for over 1000 students and their escort teachers/guardians. Moreover, three KV students compered the whole event in the gracious presence of Hon'ble PM.
 - Two students from KVS Kolkata and Silchar regions were awarded in vocal competitions under 'Kala Utsav' organized by MHRD in RIE, Bhopal.
 - Two students of KV Kochi and Puducherry were conferred with 'Pradhanmantri Bal-Shakti Puruskar' on 22nd January 2020.
