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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of April, 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 April, 2024

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Monthly information for the month of April, 2024

Annexure-I

Important developments and activities during the month of April, 2024

- I. Financial Achievements/Releases :
1.77% of the BE was released by 30th April, 2024.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:
 - A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Development

S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	Bilateral meeting with Indonesia	<p>On 2nd April 2024, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, held a meeting with Deputy Coordinating Minister for Maritime Resources of Indonesia on the of PM Poshan Scheme. During the meeting a presentation highlighting key details about the objectives of the scheme, the scale of the programme, components of the scheme, capacity-building initiatives, community participation, monitoring and evaluation procedures followed, best practices etc. Shri Patil shared information on, etc. was shared with the Indonesian side.</p> <p>The Indonesian delegation sought guidance on implementing a comparable program in their own country.</p>
2	Bilateral meeting with the Russian Federation	<p>On 10th April 2024, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, held a meeting with Deputy Minister of Education of the Russian Federation on mutual collaboration in various fields of education between the two countries.</p> <p>Secretary, School Education emphasised the vastness of the Indian education system and highlighted the main features of the NEP 2020 including experiential learning, new assessment procedures, policies for gifted children, skill education etc.</p> <p>The Russian side highlighted the features of Russian education system and mentioned how special emphasis is given to assessing of students for guiding them on their preferred stream of education, specific grading systems, etc. He also showed interest in teaching the Russian language in Indian</p>

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		<p>institutions and Teachers' exchange programmes.</p> <p>The Russian delegation sought guidance on implementing value education as recommended in the NEP 2020 in their country.</p>
3	Prerna alumni meet	<p>On 12th April 2024, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, virtually addressed the first alumni meeting of the Prerana Program. The alumni meet was organized to assess and exchange insights among the participants.</p> <p>During the event, the students shared their experiences and highlighted the positive changes the programme had brought to their lives. They also informed that they have shared their experiences after returning to their schools so that more and more students can be inspired by the value-based learning they have received.</p> <p>PRERANA started the journey in the pilot phase from 15th January 2024 to 17th February 2024 in the Vernacular school at Vadnagar, Mehsana, Gujarat.</p> <p>The pilot phase (of five weeks) of Prerana Program culminated on 17.02.2024 for which around 3.74 lakh students had registered on the PRERANA portal from 199 districts. Prerana portal for the main phase was launched on 15th March, 2024. A total of 8.79 lakh (as on 09.05.2024) students have registered on the portal for the main phase. The main phase of the PRERANA program was started on 15th April, 2024 after the exam break. As of now (till 09.05.2024), 08 batches have attended the Prerana program and the 9th batch is ongoing.</p>
4	Miscellaneous	<p>The 5 years' Vision Plan document of the Department and the 100 days' Action plan document for School Education have been formulated in consultation with all stakeholders and shared with a competent authority.</p> <p>Vidyanjali</p> <p>During the month of April 2024, an additional 55,000 schools onboarded and 9,000 new volunteers registered on the Vidyanjali portal raising the cumulative total to 7.47 lakh schools and 4.59 lakh volunteers portal.</p> <p>A CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) module has been incorporated in the Vidyanjali portal. As of now there are 13 CSR registered and 05 Project submitted by various State Nodal Officers.</p>

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		<p>Jal Pakhwada Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has launched Jal Pakhwada, which is to be organized from 16th to 30th April, every year in all schools, educational institutions of all States/UTs in an appropriate manner with active involvement of students and teachers. All the States/UTs have been requested to issue appropriate instructions to schools/ institutions to undertake the suggested participatory activities during the period of Jal Pakhwada.</p>

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vidyanjali Portal A total of 1249 Kendriya Vidyalayas are on boarded on the Vidyanjali portal. Scholar Planet by Gcap World, an Ed-Tech solution integrates the Scholar Planet mobile application to supplement in-class learning, leveraging technology and data analytics in 50 KVAs on Pilot mode through Vidyanjali portal. • Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) Under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat programme, 7,93,315 students participated in following activities under EBSB programme in April 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Level Competition on Paragraph writing, Essay Competition of paired State, Vocal & Classical Music of Paired State (Solo and Group Both). ➤ Video Conferencing with students of Paired State for classes VI-XII of paired State.
Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Achievements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ UPSC Civil Service Examinations - 2023: Total 25 alumni of NVS have qualified the prestigious "UPSC Civil Service Examinations - 2023". ➤ Youth Camp in Ranthambore: Goethe-Institute / Max Mueller Bhawan, New Delhi organized Youth Camp in Ranthambore, Rajasthan from 21st to 23rd April, 2024 in which 36 topper students studying German language in JNVs along with 04 Teachers participated. • Other Activities, Programmes and Achievements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vigyan Jyoti Programme (Phase - IV, 300 JNVs): Vigyan Jyoti is a Flagship initiative of Department of Science & Technology (DST) targeted to empower meritorious girls at school level to qualify and pursue STEM courses. Vigyan Jyoti programme is being implemented in 300 JNVs. ➤ Construction Achievements: Augmentation works (Phase B) of JNV Jashpur (Chhattisgarh) has been completed during the month.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Centralized Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) in JNVs: Centralized Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) has been extended up to 642 JNVs in addition to Hqrs., all 08 Regional Offices and all 07 NLIs, during the month.
<p>National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum syllabus and textbooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Textbook for Grade 3 for Arts has been approved by the NSTC and NOC and been finalized, designed and the Hindi and Urdu translation has been done for Grade 3 textbook, and the vetting of the Hindi translation was done in the workshop and finalized. ➤ Grade 6 Textbook for Arts has been under the finalization, formatting as per the NCERT norms and the proof reading and designing has been done and will be finalized in May 2024. ➤ Two day workshop were conducted for the translation of Hindi and Urdu Class - III textbook for physical education and wellbeing at NIE, New Delhi from 22nd to 25th April, 2024. ➤ Bridge Month programs in Hindi, Sanskrit, English, and Urdu have been developed. Urdu version of the Bridge month program in Science, Maths, Physical Education, Vocational Education, and Art Education have also been developed in the month April, 2024. • Research and Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Vidya Pravesh Evaluation</i> study was initiated in Sikkim, Chandigarh, Assam etc. states from 29th April to 2nd May, 2024. • Promotion and Integration of Art Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The draft guideline of <i>Kala Utsav 2024</i> has been developed • Adult Literacy and Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 30 Assessment sample test papers, 25 Literacy and 25 Numeracy worksheets have been developed for adult learner under 'ULLAS'. ➤ Five (5) story book based on critical life style has been developed for adult learners under ULLAS.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ACADEMIC UNIT :</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CBSE Science Challenge 2024-25 As part of our ongoing efforts to foster curiosity, inquiry, and

<p>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)</p>	<p>higher-order thinking among students, the Board has announced the CBSE Science Challenge for students in grades 8 through 10. Scheduled to take place on the CBSE platform throughout April and May 2024, this challenge will centre around the theme of Science, Environment, and Sustainability, encouraging participants to explore pressing scientific issues and potential solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CBSE Budding Authors Program 2024-25 CBSE announced the Budding Authors Program for the year 2024 as part of the CBSE Reading Mission and Initiatives 2024-2025. This program is designed for the students of classes 5-10 to foster a love for storytelling among students, inspiring them to unleash their creativity and imagination. By writing and submitting short stories, students have the chance to not only see their work published but also receive guidance from renowned children's story-writers. CBSE encouraged all schools to participate and empower their students to become budding authors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>EXAMINATION UNIT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A circular dated 08.04.2024 issued regarding Integrated Payment System (IPS) for making payment in respect of conduct of Practical Examinations/Project Assessment for academic year 2023-24. ➤ Evaluation of the answer books, which are to be evaluated under the supervision of Coordination Unit for Exams-2023-24 has been completed. ➤ All activities of evaluation & steps to ensure correctness in the results are being completed. ➤ An online meeting was conducted with Regional Directors/Officers on 24.04.2024 for discussing about the conduct of examinations faced the problems during the examinations and evaluations & plan for future
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting on transition of the 4-Year Integrated B.A.B.Ed./B.Sc.B.Ed. course- 8th April 2024. A meeting was convened under the chairpersonship of the Prof. Yogesh Singh, Chairperson, NCTE on 8th April 2024 to discuss the status of applications received on the transition of the 4-Year Integrated B.A.B.Ed./B.Sc.B.Ed. course with the Chairperson/s and Members of the Regional Committees. The meeting deliberated extensively on the expeditious processing of the applications received

<p>National Council for Technical Education (NCTE)</p>	<p>from the institutions. The transition from the existing 4-Year Integrated B.A B.Ed/B.Sc. B.Ed. programme to ITEP will greatly help in the effective implementation of NEP 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting on Jaadui Pitara and NIPUN Bharat- 29th April 2024. The Member Secretary NCTE and senior officers of NCTE attended the meeting on 29th April 2024 to discuss Jaadui Pitara, e-Jaadui Pitara, Bal Vtikas, brand continuity/dilution of NIPUN Bharat and Vidya Pravesh. The MS NCTE put across the viewpoint and answered queries on Foundational level teachers in the meeting. The team had a fruitful deliberation on the NIPUN Bharat initiatives.
<p>National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-content development under ISL Status of ISL videos in the Month of April-2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Live Programme (for PM eVidya channel -19) - 04 @ Secondary level - 03 (ISL - 02, Business Studies - 01) @Sr. Secondary level - 01 (Political Science - 01) ➤ Recorded ISL videos (to Upload on YouTube and/or DIKSHA portal)- 02 @Sr. Secondary (CCRM -02) ➤ Edited videos (ISL -382 @ Sr. Sec.) - 11 ➤ Uploaded on YouTube channel of NIOS - 06 Academic support in the form of : Live PCP sessions on E-Vidya (channels 10 and 12) at Secondary and Senior Secondary. Live sessions in Mukht Vidya Vani & Radio vahini 20 live sessions at Secondary, 20 at Senior Secondary level, 02 at OBE, 02 in IKT, and 15 in ISL were conducted in the month of April 2024. NIOS extends learning support through its web radio Mukht Vidya Vani and Radio Vahini. 20live PCP sessions at the Secondary and Senior Secondary levels were conducted this month. Three new Skill Development courses as MOOCs for the SWAYAM platform has been developed and shall be soon available. Presently eight Skill Development courses are available on the SWAYAM platform as MOOCs wherein learners register themselves free of cost and go through the online courses. Valedictory Session of 3-day International Conference on Perspectives and Innovations in Open and Distance Learning Valedictory Session of the International Conference Held at NIOS A three-day International Conference on "Perspective and Innovations in Open and Distance Learning", organised by NIOS in collaboration with

	Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) from 1 - 3 April, 2024 in hybrid mode concluded on 3 rd April, 2024 with Valedictory Session.
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C. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNANCE

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