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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, 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 January, 2024.

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Monthly information for the month of January, 2024

Important developments and activities during the month of January, 2024

- I. Financial Achievements/Releases :
46.21% of the BE was released by 31st January, 2024.
- II. Important policy decisions and activities/ initiatives:
 - A. Policy Related Discussions/ Meetings:

Important Issues/ Developments

S. No.	Subject	Brief
1	Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024	<p>The 7th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha programme (PPC 2024) was held in a town-hall type interactive format on 29th January 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Hon'ble Prime Minister interacted with students, teachers and parents from all over the country and abroad.</p> <p>Hon. Prime Minister also took a walkthrough of the art and crafts exhibition showcased on the occasion. Conceptualized by Hon. Prime Minister himself, PPC is a movement bringing together students, parents, teachers and society to foster an environment where each child's unique individuality is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully.</p> <p>The highlight of this year's PPC 2024 was the overwhelming participation of students, teachers and parents from 38.88 lakh in 2023 to 2.26 crore. The event was telecast live on various channels and viewed by more than 18.00 crore viewers from India and abroad.</p>
2	PM SHRI	<p>Hon. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, along with Hon. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and other dignitaries launched 928 PM SHRI Schools in Uttar Pradesh, in Lucknow on 4th January 2024. Participants from 928 locations also joined the event virtually. The dignitaries visited an exhibition set up by the school children.</p>

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3	Kala Utsav 2023-24	<p>The National Level Kala Utsav 2023-24 was organized at New Delhi during 9-12 January, 2024. This year's event witnessed performances in 10 art forms: Vocal Music - Classical; Vocal Music - Traditional Folk; Instrumental Music - Percussive; Instrumental Music - Melodic; Dance - Classical; Dance - Folk; Visual Arts (2-dimensional); Visual Arts (3-dimensional); Indigenous Toys and Games; and Drama (Solo acting).</p> <p>A total of 680 children (336 girls and 334 boys) from 34 States and Union Territories, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti showcased their art forms in the above categories. The list of winners of Kala Utsav 2023-24, is available on https://kalautsav.ncert.gov.in/pdf_2023/Kala_Utsav_Result_2024.pdf</p> <p>Hon. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship attended the inaugural ceremony of the Kala Utsav 2023 as the Chief Guest on 9th January 2024. Minister of State for Education, was also present at the function as the Guest of Honour.</p> <p>Hon. Union Minister of State for Education and Hon. Minister of State for External Affairs and Education attended the valedictory ceremony of the Kala Utsav 2023 on 12th January 2024.</p>
4	National School Band Competition 2023-24	<p>The Department of School Education & Literacy in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence conducted the National School Band Competition 2023-24 as part of Republic Day Celebrations, 2024. The Grand finale of the event was organized on January 21 & 22, 2024 at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, attended the Grand Finalé of the National School Band Competition 2023-24 on 22nd January 2024.</p> <p>A total of 457 students of 16 schools from 15 States/Union Territories and Union Participated in the Grand Finale.</p> <p>The competition was held in four categories: Boys Brass Band, Girls Brass Band, Boys Pipe Band and Girls Pipe Band. Droupadi Girls High School, Odisha, received the first prize in Pipe Band Girls; St. Teresa's Higher Secondary School, Kannur, Kerala, received the first prize in Brass Band Girls; Govt. Sr. Secondary School, West Point, Gangtok, Sikkim, received the first prize in Brass Band Boys; and PM SHRI School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Rajasthan, received the first prize in Pipe Band Boys.</p> <p>In addition to the participating teams, there was a special band performance by the school band team from Government Sardar Patel Senior Secondary School, Kalpeni, Lakshadweep.</p>
5	Prerana School	<p>Department of School Education & Literacy has launched 'Prerana: An Experiential Learning program on 4th January 2024. Prerana is a week-long residential program for selected students of classes IX to XII.</p>

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		<p>Prerana program will run from a School, established in 1888, in one of the oldest living cities of India, Vadnagar, district Mehsana, Gujarat. Hon'ble Prime Minister is an alumnus of this school.</p> <p>The curriculum of Prerana School, prepared by IIT Gandhi Nagar, is rooted in nine value based themes: Swabhiman and Vinay, Shaurya and Sahas, Parishram and Samarpan, Karuna and Sewa, Vividhta and Ekta, Satyanishtha and Shuchita, Navachar and Jigyasa, Shraddha aur Vishwas, and Swatantrata and Kartavya. The day-wise program schedule will feature yoga, mindfulness, and meditation sessions, followed by experiential learning, thematic sessions, and hands-on interesting learning activities. Evening activities will include visits to ancient and heritage sites, inspirational film screenings, mission life creative activities, talent shows etc. ensuring a holistic learning approach. Apart from this, students will engage in diverse activities, embracing indigenous knowledge systems, the latest State-of-Art technologies, and learnings from inspirational personalities.</p> <p>Every Prerana Batch has 20 students (10 boys & 10 girls) from 10 districts of different States/UTs. The registration portal of PRERANA was launched on 03.01.2024 and so far, total number of registration is 3,74,479 in the pilot phase from 6 States/UTs- Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Daman and Diu & Dadra Nagar Haveli. The first batch started on 15.01.2024 and 100 students from 50 districts will be attending the program in the pilot phase.</p> <p>These participants will be mentored by teachers who were trained at IIT Gandhinagar by experts from IIT-G, IIM-A, IKS etc. The program is being implemented by Department of School Education and Literacy, MoE, through Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.</p>
6	Multilingualism	<p>National Education Policy recommends promoting multilingualism in education at every level, so that students get the opportunity to study in their language, and can have better learning outcomes. Studying in one's language can provide a student with the natural space to think innovatively without any language barrier.</p> <p>The Government of India has decided that study materials for all courses under school and higher education will be made available digitally in Indian languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.</p> <p>On 19th January 2024, the Ministry of Education directed all school and higher education regulators to make study material in Indian languages available for all courses in the next three years. Department of School Education will also take up the issue with all States/UTs.</p>
7	Veer Gatha 3.0	<p>Hon. Raksha Mantri along with Hon. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship felicitated 'Super-100' winners of Project Veer Gatha 3.0, in New Delhi on January 25,</p>

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		<p>2024.</p> <p>Veer Gatha 3.0 was held between July 13 to September 30, 2023, wherein a record 1.36 crore students from 2.42 lakh schools pan-India shared their inspirational stories in terms of essays, poems, drawings and multimedia presentations. After a series of evaluations under various rubrics for assessment at the State and District level, nearly 3,900 entries were submitted for national level evaluation. The national level evaluation committee appointed by the Ministry of Education selected the top 100 entries. Twenty-five (25) winners from each category - Class 3rd to 5th, Class 6th to 8th, Class 9th to 10th, and Class 11th to 12th were selected.</p>
8	Miscellaneous	<p><u>Vidyanjali</u></p> <p>During the month of January 2024, Vidyanjali portal has been revamped and additional CSR Module under Vidyanjali was introduced for large projects of CSRs. An additional 3000 Govt. and Govt. aided Schools onboarded on the portal during the month raising the cumulative total to 6.88 Lakh onboarded Schools on the Vidyanjali portal as on 09th February, 2024.</p> <p><u>SAMAGRA SHIKSHA</u></p> <p>An amount of Rs.18653.01 lakh has been released to the State of Maharashtra under Samagra Shiksha.</p> <p>Funds released under Samagra Shiksha up to January 2024 (cumulative-all States/UTs/National Component)- Rs. 16731.40 Crore.</p> <p>Funds released under Samagra Shiksha up to January 2024 (Rajasthan)-Rs. 1747.77 Crore.</p> <p>PM Poshan</p> <p>25% of the admissible amount for the financial year 2023-24 has been released to the States/UTs of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh during January, 2024 under PM POSHAN Scheme.</p> <p><u>STARS</u></p> <p>Project Approval Board (PAB) Meeting was held on 31-01-2024 for the State of Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh under Samagra Shiksha and for the State of Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala under STARS Project.</p>

B. AUTONOMOUS BODIES ACTIVITIES:

Organization	Activity
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Youth Day: KVS has celebrated National Youth Day on 12th January 2024 on the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. More than 7 lakh students participated in these celebrations and competitions were held from 12.01.2024 to 23.01.2024 related to Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024. • Parakram Diwas was celebrated in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. Painting Competition was organized on 23rd January 2024 on Parakram Diwas in 657 Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country on Mantras given in "Exam Warriors" book authored by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Aditya L1 to reduce examination stress.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inter-School Band Competition: PM SHRI JNV Sriganganagar - II, Rajasthan has secured the First Position in Pipe Band Boys category of the National Level Band Competition which was held at Major Dhyanchand National Stadium, New Delhi between 21st & 22nd January, 2024. • ACTION TAKEN ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Automotive Skill Course: 80 Students of Class XI of PM SHRI JNV, Kheda, Gujarat have successfully participated in 3-Days' internship in two batches at International Automotive Centre of Excellence, Gandhinagar from 8th to 10th January, 2024 and from 23rd to 25th January, 2024. • OTHER ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Youth Day: The Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekanda has been celebrated as National Youth Day on 12th January, 2024 and various activities have carried out in JNVs on 12th to 23rd January, 2024 viz. Marathon Run, Special Morning Assembly, Yoga Session, Poster Making, Music Competition, Meme Competition, Nukkad Natak, Observation of Prakaram Diwas, etc. Participation details are as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total JNVs : 649 ○ Total Students : 1,95,631 ○ Total Teachers / Staff : 14,778

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<p>Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Essay Competition for Republic Day Celebration: An Essay Competition has been organized in 649 JNVs for Classes VI to XII under a program of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India, in which 76,991 students of 592 JNVs have participated. Best 3 entries of NVS have been submitted to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. ➤ Construction Achievements: Construction works of JNV Building of JNV Madhubani (Bihar) has been completed and augmentation [B (Balance)] works of 03 JNVs i.e. Bankur (West Bengal), Karbianglong - II (Assam) and Jalgaon (Maharashtra) have been completed 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"> ➤ Regarding text book printing for academic year 2024-25, order has been placed for procurement of 12500 MTs paper. ➤ Printer empanelment tender is in final stages. ➤ Computer Ready Copy (CRC) finalised for 35 text books of classes 1,2,7,8,10 and 12. ➤ Review of Vocational Education Textbooks for Job roles such as Drone Operator-Multicopter, Telecom Technician and Character Designer was undertaken. • CAPACITY BUILDING OF TEACHERS, TEACHER-EDUCATORS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Modules have been developed for Mental Health and Social Sciences. Capacity building programmes were conducted in the areas - mental health, educational technology, data analysis methodology, holistic progress card, classroom library, inclusive and equitable education, and experiential learning. • DIGITAL INITIATIVES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development of e-content in languages, economics, handicraft, etc. was undertaken. ➤ More than 50 live sessions under PM e-Vidya were conducted for students at different stages. • CONDUCT OF LONG- DURATION COURSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The first tutorial of the trainees of Diploma Course in Guidance and Counselling (2024 session) was conducted on 30th,31st January 2024. ➤ Third phase of the programme 'Six-month Certificate Programme on Developing School Social Science Textbooks and Other Curricular Materials' was organised in the last week of January 2024.

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<p>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ACADEMIC UNIT :</u> Schools have been advised to disseminate the information about the following events/initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promotion of Disaster Management/Disaster Risk Reduction in Schools The CBSE has devised Guidelines for Teachers on Disaster Risk Reduction in Schools, aiming to integrate disaster risk reduction into the school curriculum across subjects. This approach ensures that students apply their subject knowledge to acquire essential skills for disaster management within their communities. As part of this initiative, each subject teacher is required to allocate at least one class period per month in their regular timetable to teach a lesson related to Disaster Risk Reduction. These integrated activities will empower students to think critically, collaborate effectively, and enhance their communication skills. ➤ National Youth Day Celebration: Under the "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024" program, 'National Youth Day' was celebrated on 12th January 2024, and various activities were conducted by schools from 12th to 23rd January 2024 at the school level. A Painting Competition involving 50,000 students from 500 KVs, including CBSE schools, was organized on 23rd January 2024. ➤ Shadow the Scientist Program: CBSE-affiliated schools and teachers were encouraged to participate in the 'Shadow the Scientist' program under the STEAM experiential learning programs, offering students aged 15-17 and teachers from 1000 schools an opportunity to participate in the Creating Equity in STEAM (CrEST) program free of cost on a 'First Cum First Basis'.
<p>National Council for Technical Education (NCTE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of B.Ed. (ODL) committee in face-to-face mode - 6th and 7th January 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 2nd meeting of B.Ed. (ODL) committee constituted for devising strategies for implementing the Teacher Education Programmes in Blended/Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode, was held on 6th & 7th January 2024. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC, IGNOU chaired the 2nd meeting of B.Ed. (ODL) committee at NCTE. Prof. Yogesh Singh, CP NCTE and Ms. Kesang Y. Sherpa IRS, MS NCTE too shared their valuable insights during the meeting. In the meeting, committee members deliberated on various aspects of B.Ed. (ODL) & models of blended learning that can be incorporated in Teacher Education Programmes through Open & Distance Learning in line with NEP2020 to provide a well-rounded learning experience to students.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 3rd meeting of the B.Ed. (ODL) Committee was held in blended mode on 20th January 2024. The committee deliberated extensively on the possible challenges while implementing the programme through Open & Distance Learning. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC IGNOU, Member Secretary NCTE along with the committee members present shared their valuable inputs. • Sensitization Programme - 11th January 2024. NCTE organized a Sensitization Programme for the members of the newly constituted Appellate Committee on the relevant provisions of appeal under the NCTE Act 1993 and NCTE Rule on 11th January 2023. Member Secretary NCTE along with senior officers of NCTE attended the programme. • Meeting of Expert Committee ITEP - 24th January 2024 The 1st meeting of the Expert Committee on Eligibility Criteria for ITEP 2024 was organized on 24th January 2023.
National Institute Of Open Schooling (NIOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities under OBE Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ E-Vidya Programme at OBE Level A NIOS is continuously providing learning support to OBE learners by using various modes of ICT and Media. Five interactive live sessions on E-Vidya were conducted at OBE level A in following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocational Studies ○ Environmental Studies ○ Hindi ○ Mathematics ➤ Community Radio One Community Radio programmes were conducted on following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ओबीई कार्यक्रम: अध्ययन केंद्र के तौर पर जुड़ने के तरीके • Qualification and Adoption Files sent to NCVET for approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Five files were sent to NCVET for approval for the purpose of adoption of National Occupation Standards (NOS) developed by different Sector Skill Councils so that repetition of same NOS are avoided. • New Vocational Courses introduced Two new vocational courses were introduced. They are: Auto Service

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	<p>Technician and Advance Certificate in Cutting & Tailoring. Self Learning material for the same has been developed and shall be offered to the learners from block 1 admission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of new batch of admission at the NIOS Mukta Kaushal Kendras The Mukta Kaushal Kendras are skill development centres for the skilling of female learners free of cost. Four such centres are in operation at Bankura (west Bengal), Koderma (Jharkhand), Mehsana (Gujarat) and Bhubaneswar (Odisha). One batch of training of the same is over and the next batch shall be initiated.

C. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNANCE

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