

**Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy**

Important policy decisions and activities/initiatives:

- (i) The National Steering and Monitoring Committee (NSMC) meeting was held by me on 22.06.2016 in New Delhi to review the implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme.
- (ii) A Regional Workshop was held at New Delhi on 3-4 June, 2016 and another at Thiruvananthapuram on 10-11 June, 2016 to review the performance of the States in implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme.
- (iii) A meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Parliament attached to Ministry of Human Resource Development was held on 25th June, 2016 at Gangtok, Sikkim on "Teachers Education".
- (iv) A school volunteering programme called "Vidyanjali" was launched on 19.06.2016 to facilitate volunteers to assist schools in co-curricular activities.
- (v) The India Teacher Education Portal (ITEP) named "Prashikshak" was launched on 30th June, 2016. The portal provides real time information on District Institutes of Education and Training (DIET). A meeting was also held on the same day with Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of school Education Departments of States/UTs to review the Central Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education (CSSTE).
- (vi) A National Conference on the theme "Towards Literate India Prospects and Strategies" was held on 28th June, 2016 at New Delhi to develop strategies for achieving full literacy among the working age population.
