

**No. F. 5-2/2020-EE.1**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of School Education and Literacy**

New Delhi, the 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly summary for the Cabinet for the Month of June 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 June, 2020.

  
(Rajesh Samplaj)

**Under Secretary to Government of India**  
**Tel No: 011-23384589**

Encl : As above

To

All Member of Council of Ministers

Copy with enclosures, forwarded to:

- Secretary to the President (Rashtrapati-ke-Sachiv)
- Secretary to the Vice-President (Up-Rashtrapati-ke-Sachiv)
- Vice Chairman, Niti Aayog, New Delhi
- Principal Director General (M&C), M/o Information and Broadcasting, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Legislative Department , Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
- Secretary, Department of Space, LokNayak Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Department of Telecommunication, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Parivahan Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi
- Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR Building, Rafi Marg, New Delhi
- Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy for information to:

- PS to Hon'ble HRM
- PS to MoS, MHRD
- PPS to Secretary (SE&L)

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

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020**

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

I. 15% of the Plan allocation was released by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

II Important policy decision and activities/ initiatives:

▪ **POLICY DECISIONS:**

• **Meeting on PISA was held on 1.6.2020.**

PISA has been postponed by one year and now it will be held in 2022. Capacity building activities are being undertaken continuously to promote CCT. Recently CBSE has developed CCT based comic book to be circulated in Chandigarh.

• PAB-Samagra Shiksha meetings of 11 States/ UTs were held during the month of June, 2020. States are Gujarat, Kerala, Nagaland, Bihar, Manipur, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh and Punjab.

• Video Conference meeting with States and Union Territories regarding Guidelines/SOP for reopening of schools after COVID-19 was held on 3.6.2020.

• Cabinet Secretary reviewed the implementation package announced under Atma Nirbhar Bharat on 11.6.2020

• Secretary (Border Management) reviewed the action taken on Minutes of the 14th Empowered Committee on Border Infrastructure (ECBI) on 16.6.2020, regarding action plan for Arunachal Pradesh.

• First Meeting of Task Force on Health, Nutrition & Education of girls in Niti Aayog was held on 16.6.2020.

• A meeting was held with 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission members to discuss the requirements for online education in light of Covid-19 Pandemic and draft NEP.

• 'NISTHA' online Modules Preparation' was reviewed with NCERT on 19.6.2020 for preparation and uploading of NISHTHA Modules for training of Elementary and Secondary teachers on Diksha platform.

• Workshop on Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan was Chaired by Secretary (RD) on 26.6.2020, was attended as Nodal officer for Pratapgarh district.

• Meeting on ICT Guidelines held on 26.6.2020.

• PAB meeting for implementation of SamagraShiksha during 2020-21 in the UTs J&K and Ladakh was held on 23rd June, 2020.

• PAB-MDM meetings of 16 States/ UTs were held during the month of June, 2020.

• The new scheme of Adult Education (Padhna Likhna Abhiyan) was approved by Hon'ble HRM in April, 2020 after obtaining 'in-principle' approval of the Department of Expenditure (DoE) and on the basis of recommendations of the SFC held on 17.04.2020. The Scheme has a financial outlay of Rs. 224.95 crore including the central share of Rs. 148.74 crore and the state share of Rs. 76.21 crore for implementation in FY 2020-21.

▪ **SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES:**

1. Important activities related to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) are as follows:
  - i. 201 Kendriya Vidyalayas school buildings have been taken over upto 30.06.2020 by the Defence/State Govt. Authorities for temporary housing of suspected COVID-19 cases.
  - ii. KVS swept away the national level art competition organized by 'Atulya Ganga' on the theme "Mere Rango Se Meri Ganga". Our Teachers also champed this National Online Painting competition "Mere Rango Se Meri Ganga". With 7 Awards on National Level, 40 Awards on State Level and 22 Special Awards, KVians bagged 69 Awards in total out of 83.
  - iii. KVians Excelled in the 'Ganga Quest', an online quiz competition, organized by National Mission for Clean Ganga under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. The Results were announced through an online ceremony in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti Sh. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. As many as 3 Lakh + Students from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, participated in this Online Quiz very enthusiastically. A student of KV, AFS Hindon won 1st Position in Ganga Quest Grade III (Class 11 & 12). Student of KV NAL Bengaluru won 1<sup>st</sup> Position and student of KV Silchar won 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in Ganga Quest Grade II (Class 9 and 10). Students of KV won all 3 positions in Ganga Quest Grade I (Class 8 and Below)
  - iv. Five-Day Webinar Series on 'Possible Options for Schools in the Present Constraints' was organized by KVS ZIET, Mumbai in the month of June.
  
2. Important activities related to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) are as follows:
  - i. Shri Bishwajit Kumar Singh, IFoS (JK:1989) has handed over the charge and Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav, IAS (UP-1995), Joint Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy has taken over the charge of Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti with effect from 30.06.2020(AN).
  - ii. Arrangements have been made to train Officers, Principals and Teachers towards online assessment.
  - iii. It has been decided to establish Centre of Excellence in Boxing for Under 14, 17 & 19 (Boys & Girls) at JNV Varanasi (UP) and JNV Karnal (Har.). The main objective of these Centre of Excellence will be to provide proper scientific training to the students in the discipline of Boxing. These centers will be equipped with high quality equipments and resources to cater to the need of students to make them excel in Boxing.
  - iv. Teachers of JNVs reported back to the schools after vacation and started online classes of the students. The teachers, residing in the Containment Zone are conducting the online classes from their residences.
  - v. International Yoga Day on 21st June, 2020 was celebrated under Fit India Mission. The students and teachers of JNVs performed the activities at their residence by observing the same online as sponsored by Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute Youtube Channel and their Facebook Page. At some places it has been performed, in small groups also, by maintaining proper social distancing.

- vi. The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking has been observed on 26th June, 2020 to raise awareness on illicit drug abuse.
  - vii. Under online Training on Managing Virtual Classroom, 634 Master Trainers were trained i.e. one from each JNV who further trained 8451 teachers at their respective JNVs.
3. Important Activities related to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are as follows:
- i. EXAMINATIONS
    - a. The theory examinations which had been postponed due to COVID 19 pandemic in the country, scheduled to be conducted w.e.f. 01.7.2020 to 15.7.2020 have been cancelled.
    - b. Notification dated 02.6.2020 had been issued communicating the following decisions regarding conduct of examination in July, 2020-
      - Examinations to be now conducted in the respective schools of the candidates instead of the examination centre already allotted
      - CBSE will allow change of examination centre in respect of candidates who have shifted and are residing in some other district in the country than the place of their school.
      - CWSN candidates using the facility of scribe if do not want to appear because of social distancing norms, their result will be declared as per the assessment scheme decided by CBSE.
      - Indian candidates shifted abroad are also exempted from appearing in the examination and their result will be declared as per the assessment scheme decided by CBSE
      - PIL had been filed before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Allahabad High Court at Lucknow Bench wherein the Court had directed Ministry of Home Affairs to treat the PIL as representation and consult experts whether conduct of examination of classes X & XII in given situation was possible or not.
      - Writ Petition had also been filed in the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Supreme Court of India on the conduct of examinations of Classes X & XII. CBSE placed its decision on the conduct of examinations and assessment scheme before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Supreme Court of India in the event the examinations have been cancelled in view the requests received from various State Governments and changed circumstances Affidavit submitted by CBSE has been accepted by Hon<sup>ble</sup> Supreme Court of India. Accordingly, Board issued Notification dated 25.6.2020.
      - Online meeting of the Examinations Committee and the emergent meeting of the Result Committee were conducted.
      - CBSE made elaborate arrangements for the conduct of remaining examination across the country at about 13000 examination centres.
      - Meeting of the Unfair means Committees were conducted.
      - Frequently Asked Questions were prepared on notification dated 02.06.2020 and uploaded on Boards website.

## ii. ACADEMICS & TRAINING

In the wake of unprecedented Covid-19 Pandemic, all the schools affiliated to CBSE as well as offices of CBSE are working from home. The Board has suggested various measures for the schools to work online/over phone in order to preclude chances of community transmission of this disease. The following announcements/advisories have been issued to schools during the month of June 2020:

- **Fit India Awareness Programme by CBSE in collaboration with Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the Khelo India National Fitness Programme for Schools in online mode**  
CBSE has been entrusted the responsibility to organize Training of Trainers (TOT) programmes at school level through its COEs and train schools PE and Sports Staff on using the Khelo India Mobile Application (KIMA) and ensure uploading of student's assessment data on the App. The Board has announced online teacher trainings in collaboration with Sports Authority of India. A webinar on "Whole School Approach to Fitness" Session with Principals and Heads of Institutions by CBSE and Fit India was conducted on June 15, 2020 and Online Training of teachers were conducted on "Fitness Assessment of School Going Children" ONLINE TOT for PE Teachers / Coaches by CBSE and Khelo India, SAI.
- **Online trainings for teachers on DIKSHA platform**  
CBSE launched its online training courses on DIKSHA platform for capacity building of its teachers based on select CBSE training manuals and NCERT's NISHTHA modules.
- **CBSE EXPRESSION SERIES ON THINKING INNOVATIVELY IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES LIKE COVID-19**  
In order to provide a platform to students to creatively express their ideas/ views on the theme „Thinking Innovatively in Unprecedented Times Like Covid-19, CBSE announced an Expression Series wherein schools were advised to encourage their students to participate in this expression series which is basically a Paragraph/ Story/ Essay/ Article competition organized by the Board in India for classes 1 to 12.
- **Observing International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21.06.2020.**  
Schools are requested to encourage students to participate in the online competition organized by NCERT and Ministry of Ayush. NCERT's competition was on Online National Quiz Competition on Yoga on the theme "Yoga for Health and Harmony" which provided flexibility to students to respond at their own convenience however within a given period of time. Schools were also advised to encourage students to participate in an online competition on "My Life My Yoga", a video blogging competition for posting 3 minutes videos on yoga poses, organized on MyGov platform by Ministry of AYUSH.

- **‘Celebration of National Reading Day, Week and Month**  
On 19th June 2017, Hon“ble Prime Minister launched the 22nd National Reading Month Celebrations and gave a clarion call to propagate the message of “Read and Grow“ among all the citizens of the country by 2022. The 25th National Reading was celebrated on 19th June 2020, the following week as Reading Week and Reading Month was celebrated from 19th June to 18th July 2020. The schools are encouraged to celebrate Reading Day, Reading Week and Reading Month by organizing similar online activities as suggested by the Foundation or other activities by leveraging technology
  - **Online training session** – 1420 online training sessions for the teachers were conducted. 94213 teachers participated in these sessions.
4. Important Activities related to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are as follows:
- i. Live Telecast on SWAYAM PRABHA Platform: Swayamprabha channel was launched with objective of providing learning opportunities through TV. NIOS was conducting live sessions in different subjects at Secondary and Senior levels. These live sessions are being broadcast on Channel no. 27 (Panini) & 28 (Sharda) of SWAYAM Prabha. Recorded videos of the different topics are also aired. Faculties of NIOS and Teachers from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya and Army Public Schools use a variety of tools ranging from traditional to high-tech options for explaining/ demonstrating the contents to the learners.
  - ii. Radio programme on MuktaVidyaVani: NIOS conducts live interactive web-streaming of audio programmes everyday on MuktaVidyaVani (MVV) from many years. The web radio of NIOS- Mukta Vidya Vani is aired through NIOS website. The objective of this live streaming facility is to conduct live Personal Contact Programme (PCP) for the learners enrolled with NIOS. It is a two way communication and learner can ask their queries through a Toll Free Number. Live MVV Programmes are also made available through Community Radio Station of NIOS - Radio Vahini (FM 91.2 MHz). The programme has been widely appreciated as it gives a platform for learner to resolve their subject related queries during live session. Total 44 live sessions were conducted in the month of June at Secondary and Senior Secondary level.
  - iii. Radio Vahini - FM 91.2 MHz, Community Radio Station: NIOS is also providing audio programmes on various topics through Community Radio. The Community Radio Station of NIOS named Radio Vahini broadcasting programmes on FM 91.2 MHz, caters to the local community which comes within the 5-6 KM range of the CRS transmitter at NIOS headquarters. Recordings of these programmes continued to broadcast through Federation of Community Radio Station (FORS) network of 176 Community Radio Station located across the India. It becomes more important in present time to discuss on various issues related to society, public health, mental health, Government policies providing help to communities and also issues raised by

community. The programme conducted in the month of June covers various issues i.e. how to improve immunity through foods, Weather and health, ayurveda, Environment, Education during Covid-19, Disaster Management, Inclusive education, Sign language programme etc. Total 22 programmes were conducted and aired through Radio Vahini in the month of June, 2020.

\*\*\*\*\*