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From the Director's Desk

It is said that winners do not do different things, they do the things differently. As academic authority of the state, we are doing different things differently. "The Splash" a Quarterly Journal is the mirror of the visionary activities of TE & SCERT, Odisha, Bhubaneswar which reflects our progressive efforts to conduct and complete academic activities during the first quarter (Jan-March) of 2024.

I must thank my colleagues who have taken a great zeal and zest to organise the programmes and activities as well as documented each activity in the feathers of "The Splash".

I wish 'The Splash' all success.

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Education as an area of inter-disciplinary knowledge is not merely an application of a few core disciplines, but a praxis and a context where theories and practical wisdom are generated continuously.
(NCFTE-2009/10)

Strengthening DIET-CRC Linkage

The Objective of the DIET-CRC linkage is to strengthen the CRCCs academically to undertake the teacher capacity building programmes through school-based support. Bi-yearly Review-cum-Reflection workshop for sustaining and strengthening the mission of the DIET-CRC linkage was conducted in the month of January 2024. All DIET Principals, DIET-CRC Linkage Coordinators from each DIET, the ADEOs (Academic) and Pedagogy Coordinators from all the districts attended the Programme in the Conference Hall of DTE and SCERT. The best practices of each district along with the six-month plan of action were presented.



Monthly Cluster Level Meeting- A step towards Academic Reinforcement



The contents for Monthly Cluster Level meetings on FLN had been developed at DTE and SCERT in collaboration with the partner organisations –*Language and Learning Foundation (LLF)* and *Akshara Foundation*. The contents had been shared with the DIET Principals in monthly review meeting at TE and SCERT. The Principals and DIET faculties oriented the CRCCs of different blocks and equipped them to lead the sessions in monthly cluster level meeting in their cluster.

Research and Innovation

Four-day Capacity Building Programme (two phases) for the Teacher Educators of DIET, BIET and ETEIs of the state on Fundamentals of Educational Research has been completed in the month of March 2024 by the Directorate of TE and SCERT. The major objective of the programme was to empower participants on the basics of Educational Research starting from formulating the problem till the preparation of a report including sampling, development of tools, data analysis, interpretation as well as report writing.



Popularizing Science and Mathematics

The DTE & SCERT, Odisha has taken several initiatives for popularizing Science and Mathematics among the school students. Observed National Science Day on 28.02.2024 and National Mathematics Day on 22.12.2023 at the State and District level. State Level Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani – 2023-24 was organized at Baripada during 5th-7th January 2024. Students along with Guide teachers from all the 30 districts participated in the exhibition. The TE & SCERT had also conducted State Level Science Drama, Seminar, Science Quiz Competition 2023-24 (Both Junior & Senior Group) in the mission of popularizing Science and Mathematics education in the state.



Technological Skill Development- Visioning Robust Digital Education in the State

SCERT has conducted capacity build up programmes for the newly recruited Teacher Educators of DIETs and BIETs on integration of technology in Pre-Service Teacher Education so also in Teacher Professional Development activities in phased manner. The 4th and 5th phase training were held in the ICT Laboratory of this Directorate during February 2024. The contents



covered- Google Calendar, Google Drive, Google Sheets, Google Doc, animated PPT, e content development, e assessment through Google Form, Kahoot, Quizzez. The objectives of the programme were to build the capacity of DIET faculties on integration of appropriate ICT tools in different pedagogical activities and to create animated contents in different subjects and use those for attainment of Learning Outcomes by the students at elementary level.



National Means cum Merit Scholarship: (NMMS)-2023-24

TE and SCERT conducted NMMS Examination and awarded economically weaker children of the state. 3313 students were awarded the scholarship for the session 2023-24.



D.El.Ed. Admission-2024-26

As pre-service education is an important activity of the DIET, the admission for the session 2024-26 was thought of early in time. The general body meeting for D.El.Ed. Admission-2024-26 was conducted in the Mini-Conference Hall on 22.03.2024. The modalities of the admission process and the detailed guidelines were discussed in the presence of the Director, TE & SCERT, Odisha.



State-level Youth Parliament Competition for the School Students

The Youth Parliament Competition was conducted on 06.01.2024 in Indian Red-cross Society, Bhubaneswar. The objective of the programme was to strengthen the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of views of others and to enable the student community to have better awareness about the working of parliament. The participants from all the districts were invited for the competition. Shri Upendra Tripathy, Chief Advisor (Education) to Honourable Chief Minister was the Chief guest. After the role play, the prize and certificates were given to the participants.



Development of Question Papers for Summative Assessment -II

This Directorate has developed question papers in all the subjects from grade 1 to 8 for the state through workshop mode. The workshop for development of question papers was conducted from 03.01.2024 to 07.01.2024 and the review of question papers was held from 09.01.2024 to 11.01.2024. After review, the final question papers were submitted to OSEPA. For further course of action.



State Level Achievement Survey (SLAS) 2024

State Level Achievement Survey was conducted on 22.03.2024 in 3140 Sample Schools of the State covering the students of Grade 2, 4 and 7. The survey was conducted in two subjects - Language (Odia) and Mathematics. The objective of the Survey was to know the learning level of the students and design appropriate interventions for improvement in attainment of Learning Outcomes and prepare students for National Achievement Survey (NAS), 2024.

The survey was conducted in the sample schools under the administrative control of School and Mass Education and ST/SC Development, Minorities and Backward Class Welfare Department of Government of Odisha. Trained Field Investigators – student teachers of DIETs / BIETs / ETEIs and school teachers (6280) conducted the survey on 22.03.2024 in the State. Total 1,16,956 students, 9995 teachers and 3140 Headteachers were participated in the survey.

Workshop on Development of Teacher Handbook

First Preparatory Meeting for Development of Teacher Handbook was held in the Conference Hall of TE & SCERT. After that, series of small group thematic discussion was held during the month of January 2024. The objective was to develop a comprehensive Handbook for the newly recruited teachers which will help them to understand classroom practices & School System as a whole.

Workshop on Review of Word Book and Wall Posters

The workshop was organised to review the word book and wall posters prepared previously for students of Class IV & V at TE and SCERT. The objective was to increase the language skills especially vocabulary skill among the students.



Re-vetting of Teachers' Guidebook and Students Activity Book

Re-vetting workshop under '**BARNALI**' was organized at SCERT Conference Hall on 29th February and 1st March 2024. The objective of the workshop was to improve Learning Outcomes in general and the outcomes under SDG-4 (Quality Education) and SDG-5 (Gender Equality) particular.



Vetting of BB games on Math contents for Class–VII & VIII:

The workshop was organised at SCERT Conference Hall from 12th-14th March 2024. In this workshop, Building Blocks were designed to run-on low-cost entry level digital devices to increase accessibility to the student population. They used Diksha app to scan QR codes in State textbooks for Mathematics classes 1-8 on different chapters.



DIETs as Centres of Excellence for the year 2023-24



Under the able guidance and leadership of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of School and Mass Education, Government of Odisha, 12 DIETs of Odisha have been approved as Centres of Excellence by the Ministry of Education, Government of India for the financial year 2023-24 to become the Educational Hub at the district level. In the 1st Phase Seven (07) DIETs and in the 2nd Phase Five (05) DIETs have been

approved for infrastructural development under this Scheme. Accordingly, Rs.9777.14 lakhs have been approved by the PAB for the financial year 2023-24.

Odisha's Contribution in Strengthening State Learning Assessment

As per proposal of the National Assessment cell (PARAKH), a two-day workshop on “strengthening of Assessment Cells in states/UTs” was organized by NCERT, New Delhi on 27th-28th February. Two Assistant Directors from this Directorate attended the workshop and presented our innovation.



Capacity Build up Programme for SCERT on School Quality Assessment and Assurance Framework.



NCERT, New Delhi organized a two-day National Seminar on “NEP 2020 & School Education: Transformation towards school quality improvement.” Two Assistant Directors from DTE & SCERT, Odisha, Bhubaneswar attended the programme. The thrust area of discussion was to ensure universal access to school education and inclusive education for all.

Review Workshop on National Population Education Project

A 4-day workshop on project progress Review meeting was held at Rameswaram, Tamilnadu from 9-12 March 2024 by NPEP, NCERT, New-Delhi. The State Project Co-ordinator participated on behalf of SCERT, Odisha and presented the activities of Odisha as well as the plan of action with budget for the session 2024-25.



Review on Annual Work Plan and Budget 2024-25

The Project Approval Board for Annual Work Plan and Budget for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Siksha, STARS for the session 2024-25 was held on 8th and 9th Feb 2024 at New Delhi. The appraisal of AWP was done by the Secretary, MoE, Govt. of India

