

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ICT LABS, SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS AND SSIS TO IMPROVE SCENARIO OF GOVT. SCHOOLS**

Republic day has been celebrated at Shiksha Sadan Port Blair on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 in which Ms.Kriti Garg IAS, Secretary (Edn) unfurled the National Flag at 7.00 a.m. and extended warm wishes to all the Officials, teachers, students and public gathered at the venue.

After unfurling the flag, on the occasion of 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day, Ms. Kriti Garg IAS, Secretary (Edn) released and distributed Supplementary books for classes I to VIII, handed over computers to 31 schools across Islands for setting up of ICT labs under Samagra Shiksha and launched e-dashboard & revamped SSIS (School Students Information System) portal developed by the Department of Education in collaboration with SOVTECH in the presence of Shri.Kamlesh Kumar DANICS, Director (Edn).

Supplementary books from classes I to VIII, designed and developed by in-house subject experts under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha UT Mission Authority, A & N Islands will serve as a catalyst in achieving learning outcomes envisaged by MHRD, GoI. It is the maiden attempt of Samagra Shiksha targeting Learning Outcome objectives.

Establishment of ICT labs will pave for Computer Aided Learning (CAL) in 31 schools across Island. It will not only acclimatize students and teachers with new methods of learning but also become a gateway to digital world for students living in remote Islands. Supply of computers is a part of continued effort of Samagra Shiksha to digitize government schools for providing better learning environment. So far out of 146 schools, 74 schools were provided with ICT labs and 59 schools shall be covered within this financial years.

SSIS (School Students Information system) with a new e-dashboard will help to computerize real-time school and students related data. Information available in SSIS can become a base for planning and implementation of generic as well as Samagra Shiksha interventions as it will serve as a database for storing, retrieving, monitoring and analysing the school related data.

Speaking after the launch, Secretary (Edn) appreciated the exertions of Samagra Shiksha and Senior Officers, teachers and technicians of Directorate of Education for materializing the vision of augmenting quality of Education in the Govt. Schools of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. She also expressed her joy being a part of all these efforts and assured to extend her support and guidance for all the future ventures.

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