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As you may be aware, the National Achievement Survey is a sample based survey which envisions to assess the learning achievement of children with a periodicity of three years. The next cycle of NAS was scheduled in 2020, but could not be conducted due to COVID pandemic. The COVID pandemic had forced the closure of schools and interrupted the learning at different levels. There is an urgent need to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies to analyse and examine the health of the education sector for taking necessary action at the district, state and national level. It is essential to gauge the education system before and after lockdown to evaluate the impact of school closures on students' learning.

In view of this, **NAS is now being conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021.** NAS 2021 will cover the entire spectrum of schools i.e., Government Schools of both from Central and State Government, Government Aided schools and Private schools. Approximately 1.24 lakh schools and 39 lakh students in 733 districts across 36 States/UTs will be covered. It will assess the grade specific competencies achieved by students of Grades 3, 5, 8 and 10 in sampled schools and students. The list of sample schools is available on the NAS Portal. NAS is being administered by CBSE in collaboration with the respective state education departments, who have nominated State Nodal Officers, District Nodal Officers and Field Investigators, for smooth conduct of the same.

As you would appreciate, a survey of this magnitude requires extensive cooperation on the part of all States and UTs. Besides, one of the most important features of conduct of NAS 2021 is that it must be conducted in a fair and transparent manner for getting results of high accuracy. Also, the findings of the NAS will have national significance and hence its credibility remains a crucial aspect at all stages of NAS administration. In this regard, it is requested