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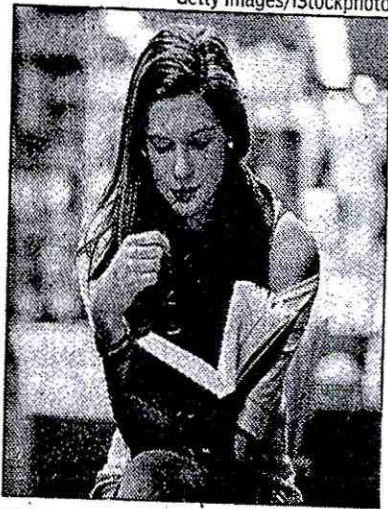
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Forget the overdue fines, libraries just want their books back

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JOY OF READING

Laura M Holson

Mark Twain once described the public library as "the most enduring of memorials," a free center of intellectual and educational power accessible to old and young alike. Libraries today are seeking to keep it that way, with many offering a reprieve to those who fail to return their books on time.

Last week, the Free Libra-

ry of Philadelphia ended its policy of charging fines on overdue materials. It is one of several library systems, among them Los Angeles, Chicago, Denver and San Diego, that have adopted a no-fee or amnesty policy in recently.

In Philadelphia, lost or destroyed items need to be replaced before people can check out more books, said Siobhan A Reardon, director of the Free Library. However, in lieu

of cash, the library also accepts "new or gently used copies" as replacements. Why? Libraries want the books and other materials back so other patrons can enjoy them, too.

"We watched other libraries go down this path with success," Reardon said. The new policy, she added, encourages people to keep coming to the library without absolving violators of their responsibility. The American

Library Association urged its members a year ago to reexamine their policies on fines, which it said discouraged violators from accessing other services. Libraries are home to movie nights, free children's activities, career training and literacy programs.

In October, the Chicago Public Library eliminated late fees, citing research that showed that young and low-income patrons were disproportio-

nally affected by the fines. One in five suspended library cards belonged to children aged 14 and younger, the city said. The San Francisco system eliminated overdue fines in September. For many, libraries are a safe haven. "When you walk in the door, you have access to our cultural heritage and people who ask, 'How can I help you?'" said Eric Klinenberg, a professor of social science at New York University. NYT NEWS SERVICE

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No school bag load for students on Saturdays

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CLOSE on the heels of neighbouring Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, Ganjam district administration has decided to implement 'No School Bag Day' initiative for students from Classes I-V of Government schools on Saturdays. Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange on Wednesday issued directions to the district Education department to implement the programme, aimed at attracting more students and making making education more fun, from March 7.

Under the programme, which will be directly supervised by the Collector, Saturdays will involve extra-curricular activities including yoga classes, cleaning the school premises, awareness on use of toilets, abstaining from use of plastic, plantation drive and story-telling sessions on eminent personalities. There will also be general knowledge tests to encourage students to go beyond course study.

Each block education officer in the district has been directed to select 20 such schools under their ju-

risdiction. "It is the responsibility of teachers to involve all students in the programme and evaluate how they benefit from the initiative," said Kulange. Basing on the reports, the programme will be extended to rest of the schools in the district, he added.



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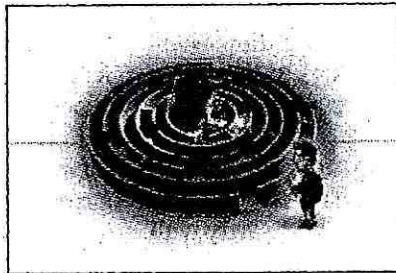
State to launch hybrid learning to cope with changed world

Sandip Mishra | TNN

Bhubaneswar: The school and mass education department is planning to introduce the concept of hybrid learning in government schools from the coming academic session to ensure academic continuity for students. The department has already started preparing teachers and students for the same.

As part of the project, the mass education department has asked heads of schools to create groups on social media platforms and to run YouTube channels through which education will be imparted to the students.

The Odisha School Education Programme Authority (Osepa), which will implement the project, said hybrid learning would help students learn both online and offline. Osepa project director Bhoopendra



ADAPTING TO THE TIMES

Singh Poonia said the hybrid learning system would be apt for the unprecedented situation caused by Covid-19, which is unlikely to abate any time soon.

"Government teachers have been creating quality online content. This is being disseminated through different platforms including the Diksha app. We are also airing content through television and radio channels for students of higher classes, since not

all have access to the social media," Poonia said.

Although the summer vacation is on, the mass education department is carrying out preparatory activities for the hybrid learning system. Teachers have been asked to collect phone numbers of students' parents and create class-wise WhatsApp and Facebook groups to carry out online teaching.

However, several teachers are also complaining about the system. "I have collected the numbers and created the groups, but many parents have provided their relatives' numbers and they are posting unnecessary content," the headmaster of a state-run school in Nayagarh said. "We want to reach out to every student. In the rural areas, this is difficult as not many have access to smartphones and online media," said Poonia.

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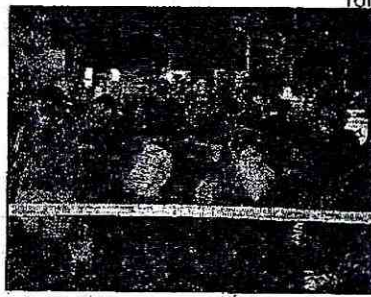
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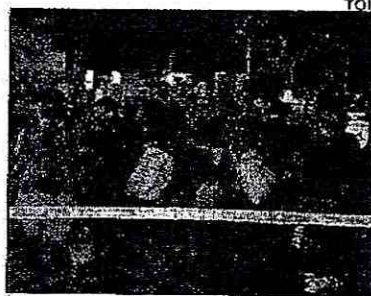
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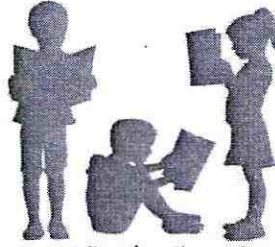
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प्लस-2 परीक्षा के ऑनलाइन और ऑफलाइन मूल्यांकन आज से शुरू होंगे

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ओडिशा में वार्षिक प्लस-2 परीक्षा के ऑनलाइन और ऑफलाइन मूल्यांकन 1 जून से शुरू होंगे। 4000 से अधिक शिक्षक सुबह 7.30 से 12.30 बजे और दोपहर 1.30 से शाम 6.30 बजे तक दो शिफ्ट में 36 केंद्रों पर पेपर का मूल्यांकन करेंगे। काउंसिल ऑफ हायर सेकेंडरी एजुकेशन (सीएचएसई) द्वारा तय किए गए अनुसार, पहले चरण में विज्ञान और वाणिज्य के प्रश्नपत्रों का ऑनलाइन मूल्यांकन किया जाएगा। एक जून से जहां विज्ञान के प्रश्नपत्रों का मूल्यांकन किया जाएगा, वहीं उसके बाद वाणिज्य के प्रश्नपत्रों का मूल्यांकन किया जाएगा। दूसरे चरण में, आर्ट्स और वोकेशनल एजुकेशन पेपर्स का ऑफलाइन मूल्यांकन होगा। सीएचएसई ने मूल्यांकन के लिए 34 सरकारी कॉलेजों और दो निजी कॉलेजों की पहचान की है। 34 सरकारी कॉलेजों में फकीर मोहन



स्वायत्त कॉलेज और बाले श्वर में यूएन कॉलेज, भद्रक में भद्रक स्वायत्त कॉलेज, बलांगीर में राजेंद्र स्वायत्त कॉलेज, जेकेबीके कॉलेज, कटक के शेलावाला महिला कॉलेज और सालेपुर स्वायत्त कॉलेज, जगतसिंहपुर जिले में एसबीएम कॉलेज, एनसी स्वायत्त कॉलेज, जाजपुर में वीएन कॉलेज, अंगुल में सरकारी कॉलेज, टेंकनाल में टेंकनाल ऑटोनाॅमस कॉलेज, ब्रह्मपुर में एसबीआर सरकारी महिला कॉलेज और सिटी कॉलेज, भवानीपटना में भवानीपटना ऑटोनाॅमस कॉलेज, नुआपाड़ा में

17 जून से नहीं खुलेंगे विद्यालय

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कोरोना की
स्थिति के
विश्लेषण के
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"The results of such students shall be declared along with the results of other regular students appearing for the sixth semester. However, if any student has more than two back papers, then he or she has to appear for regular examinations as and when conducted," the order of the higher education department maintained.

Similarly for the PG students, the department has cancelled the second semester examination and has asked the respective higher education institutions to decide on an alternative method to evaluate the performances of the students. The back paper examinations for the PG students, however, will be held on the dates fixed by the respective institutions.

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SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED TILL JULY 14

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SCHOOLS in Odisha, which were scheduled to reopen on June 17, are likely to remain closed till July 14 owing to the new regulations under lockdown 5.0. The School and Mass Education department has submitted a proposal to the State Government seeking its approval for the same.

The department wants reopening of schools after July 14 as the evaluation of matriculation answer sheets will continue till mid-July and examination for remaining papers of Plus II to be held from July 1 to 15.

As per the new guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the decision on the reopening of schools and educational institutions will be taken in the early July after the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare prepares a standard operating procedure (SOP) for the same.

However, the Higher Education department is yet to take any decision on whether

degree colleges will be reopened in the third week of June after end of summer vacation or will continue to remain shut till July.

Officer in-Charge of Higher Education department Mihir Kumar Das said decision regarding reopening of colleges will be taken soon.

PLUS II VALUATION EXERCISE BEGINS

After two month's delay, the evaluation of answer scripts of Plus II examinations will begin in the State from Monday. CHSE officials said in the first phase, evaluation will be carried out online in central zone for Cuttack, Khurda, Angul and Dhenkanal districts.

The online valuation in rest three zones - Berhampur, Sambalpur and Baripada - will commence in the next two days, they officials said. Similarly, the offline valuation will start after a week. CHSE Examination Controller BK Sahu said all social distancing norms will be followed strictly at the centres.



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ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପୂର୍ବ ଘୋଷଣା ମୁତାବକ ଜୁନ୍ ୧୭ରେ ସ୍କୁଲ ଖୋଲିବ ନାହିଁ। ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ପ୍ରିତିକୁ ଅନୁଧ୍ୟାନ କରିବାପରେ ସରକାର ଏହି ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନେଇଥିବା ସ୍କୁଲ ଓ ଗଣଶିକ୍ଷା ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ସମୀର ରଞ୍ଜନ ଦାଶ ରବିବାର ସୂଚନା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି। ସମୀର କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ, ଯୋମାଗାରଠାରୁ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀଭବନ କଟକଟା କୋହଳ ହେବାକୁ ଯାଉଛି। ଅନ୍ୟପଟେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ନୂଆ ମାର୍ଗଦର୍ଶିକା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଖୋଲିବା ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ନେଇପାରିବେ। ଜୁଲାଇ ମାସରେ ସ୍କୁଲ ଖୋଲିବା ନେଇ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନିଆଯିବ। ରାଜ୍ୟରେ କରୋନା ପ୍ରତିକୂଳ ନେଇ ଜୁନ୍ ୧୭ରେ ସ୍କୁଲ ଖୋଲିବା ଉପରେ ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ପରିକ୍ଷିତ ବୈଠକରେ ଆଲୋଚନା ହୋଇଥିଲା। ସେହି ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନବୀନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ପାଇଲ ମଧ୍ୟ ଯାଇଛି। ମାତ୍ର ଇତିମଧ୍ୟରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀଭବନ ୫ର ଗାଇଡଲାଇନ ଆସିଛି। ଏଥିରେ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଖୋଲିବା ନେଇ ଜୁଲାଇ ପ୍ରଥମ ସପ୍ତାହରେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରମାନଙ୍କ ସହ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ଆଲୋଚନା କରି ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନେଇ ପାରିବେ ବୋଲି



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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, (ପିପିଏସ୍): କରୋନା ସଂକ୍ରମଣକୁ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରେ ରଖି ଜୁନ୍ ୧୭ ତାରିଖରୁ ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ସ୍କୁଲ ଖୋଲିବନାହିଁ । ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓ ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷା ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ସମୀର ଚନ୍ଦ୍ରନ ଦାଣ୍ଡ କହିଛନ୍ତି । **କୁଳାରରେ ଖୋଲିବ** ସୋମବାରଠାରୁ ଦେଶରେ ଅନୁଲବ୍ଧ-୧ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହେବ ।

ଏଥିପାଇଁ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ଗୃହ ମନ୍ତ୍ରାଳୟ ନୂତନ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ଜାରୀକରିଛନ୍ତି । କୁଳାର ମାସରେ ସ୍କୁଲ ଖୋଲିବାକୁ ଅନୁମତି ମିଳିଛି । କିନ୍ତୁ ଏବେର ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତିନେତେ ବୋଲି ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀରେ କୁହାଯାଇଛି । ତେଣୁ ପରିସ୍ଥିତିକୁ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରେ ରଖି ସ୍କୁଲ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ, ଅଭିଭାବକଙ୍କ ସହ ବିସ୍ତୃତ ଆଲୋଚନା ପରେ ସ୍କୁଲ ଖୋଲିବା ନେଇ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନିଆଯିବ ବୋଲି ମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ କହିଛନ୍ତି । ଅନ୍ୟପକ୍ଷରେ ଅଭିଭାବକ ସଂଘ କହିଛି ଯେ ପ୍ରଥମରୁ ଅଷ୍ଟମ ଶ୍ରେଣୀପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ସ୍କୁଲଠାରୁ ଦୂରରେ ରଖାଯାଇ ।

ଆଜିଠୁ +9 ଖାତାଦେଖା

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2L parents petition govt not to reopen schools

Want To Wait Till Covid Is Contained Or Vaccine Found

New Delhi: Over 2 lakh parents from across the country have signed a petition demanding that schools should not be reopened unless the Covid-19 situation improves or a vaccine is ready. The petition comes following the government's announcement that schools, colleges, coaching centres and other educational institutions will be reopened after discussing the coronavirus situation with states and union territories in July.

"Opening of schools in July will be the worst decision by the government. It's like playing with fire when we ought to douse it with full force. The current academic session should continue in e-learning mode. If the schools claim that they are doing a good job via virtual learning then why not continue it for the rest of the academic year," said the petition, which has been signed by over 2.13 lakh parents.

Universities and schools across the country have been closed since March 16 when the Centre announced a countrywide classroom shutdown as part of a slew of measures to contain the outbreak.

Later, the government announced a nationwide lockdown which began on March 25. The lockdown was initially imposed for a 21-day period till April 14. However, it was extended till Sunday. The government had announced phase-



Parents have expressed concern that they don't have control over the safety of their children against contamination while they are travelling on schoolbuses or sharing food with others during lunch breaks

wise easing of restrictions while the lockdown will continue in containment zones till June 30.

"Schools, colleges, educational, training, coaching institutions... will be opened after consultation with states and UTs (Union territories). State governments and UT administrations may hold consultations at the institution level with parents and other stakeholders. Based on the feedback, a decision on reopening of these institutions will be taken in the month of July, 2020," the home ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

However, the announcement has rang alarm bells for parents who believe the move will be highly unsafe.

"At home, we can take several precautions but how will we ensure that when kids go to school. Lunch breaks, school buses, everywhere there will be fear. At a time when cases are rising, it's not a wise thing to do," said Swati Bhardwaj, mother of a seven-year-old.

Gurgaon resident, Mayank Mehra, said, "When the lockdown was announced neither teachers nor students or parents were prepared for the technological intervention but now in two months some ground has been made and it can be smoothly pursued for few months till the situation is normal".

The pending board exams and entrance examinations which were postponed due to Covid-19 lockdown have also been scheduled in July.

The death toll due to Covid-19 rose to 5,394 and the number of cases climbed to 1,90,535 in the country, which registered biggest single-day spike of 230 deaths and 8,392 cases till 8am on Monday, according to the Union health ministry data.

India is now seventh among the nations worst hit by the Covid-19 pandemic after the United States, Brazil, Russia, the United Kingdom, Spain and Italy, according to the WHO coronavirus tracker.

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B'luru schools ask students to be in uniform for web classes

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Bengaluru: With classes going online, many schools have started issuing rules and guidelines on etiquette, underlining that discipline, focus and good manners will remain important in virtual classrooms too.

Some schools have started asking students to appear in school uniforms. "When we started online classes, we did not insist on uniform. But we realised that students are attending classes in house-wear, crumpled and shabby, looking disinterested. Then, we insisted children at least wear the uniform t-shirt and have a decent appearance. It was a harmless rule. And, we saw the difference. The classrooms started getting real. Students became more serious. When I took Maths class last Friday, I finally felt like I was back in a real class," said Shylini Soans, principal, NewAge World School.

Schools have asked students attending class to choose a designated place, away from distractions and noise, and mostly with a light, plain background like a curtain or a wall. The seating point must have a charger beside it. The desk should be uncluttered. Sitting on beds, eating in between classes and roaming around are banned.

NEW GUIDELINES

- Some schools want students to appear in school uniforms for online classes
- Ask students to choose a designated place with enough light and plain background
- Sitting on beds during web sessions, eating between classes and roaming around banned
- Students should be ready with books and pens, can keep water bottles near laptops

Students can keep water bottles beside their laptops.

Latecomers will not be allowed as some systems like the ones used by Delhi Public Schools lock the sessions two minutes after commencement of class. Students have to be ready with books and pens a few minutes before the class starts. Students have been warned they will be removed in case of any disruption or act of indiscipline and parents will be informed.

Some schools have specifically mentioned that parents should not interfere in classes. "...They can be with students if they want to, but cannot interfere. If they have feedback, they can share it offline later," said Abraham K C, coordinator, Kids Global School, Marathahalli.

Deepti Singh, principal, Aavishkar Academy, said: "We have had parents walk-

ing in serving breakfast on table as the student attends class! A short break of 10 minutes is provided after each class. Refreshments have to be taken then. It's not fair if parents keep interrupting."

The school has online classes from standard 7-10. Other classes will get recorded videos that they can watch at parents' convenience.

Students have to exit other applications while getting on to class, not use other gadgets, not use nicknames, mute themselves when teachers speak and wait to be recognised to speak when required. "Good manners should continue even in online learning," said a circular from NewAge World School.

"The teacher who starts the day will do so with a prayer. Parents will be given orientation on how to log in, submit assignments and make notes so as to help students during the class," said Mini Sreedharan, principal, Shikshasagar High School, Sanjaynagar.

"Discipline is at the core of any achievement and students were asked to attend classes in uniforms...A demo was arranged with parents and their feedback was sought. Slowly, we asked them to let their child attend class independently," said Swathi Achar, principal, Dhee Global School.

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शासकीय शिक्षक शिक्षा महाविद्यालय के बीएड एवं एमएड के छात्राध्यापकों को 'लक्ष्य भेद' पर ऑनलाइन प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। इसमें शिक्षा गुणवत्ता में सुधार के लिए 6 मंत्रों पर जोर दिया गया।

प्राचार्य श्रीमती जे. एक्का के निर्देश और शिक्षक सुनील मिश्रा के मार्गदर्शन में वर्तमान में अध्ययनरत बीएड एवं एमएड के साथ ही भूतपूर्व एमएड छात्राध्यापकों को 6 ग्रुपों में बांटकर ऑनलाइन प्रशिक्षण दिया गया। इस दौरान शिक्षा गुणवत्ता में सुधार हेतु लक्ष्य भेद में 21वीं सदी के शिक्षण कौशल को प्राप्त करने के लिए 6 मूल मंत्र बताए गए। इसमें बच्चों को स्वयं सीखने के लिए प्रेरित करें, बच्चों को और अधिक सीखने के लिए उनके सम्मुख चुनौती प्रस्तुत करें, बच्चों के जिज्ञासु रवैये का सम्मान करें, टेक्नोलॉजी का प्रयोग करें, विषय मित्र बनाएं एवं सेल्फी विद सक्सेस शामिल हैं। पहले दिन बच्चों की मूल्यांकन प्रक्रिया पर चर्चा की गई। दूसरे दिन

स्कूल में काम करने के तरीकों पर बात की गई। बताया गया कि कोई भी कार्य जब स्वयं से करते हैं तभी समुदाय जुड़ता है और गुणवत्ता सुधार की दिशा में ठोस प्रयास होने लगते हैं।

इसी तरह प्रशिक्षण के दौरान 6 मूल मंत्रों को विस्तार से बताया गया। महाराष्ट्र के कई स्कूलों में लक्ष्य भेद के इन 6 मूल मंत्रों का प्रयोग करने पर यह देखा गया है कि बच्चों का कोर्स निर्धारित समय से एक तिहाई समय में ही कोर्स पूरा हो जाता है तथा शेष समय वह प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं की तैयारी एवं अन्य कौशल विकास में समय का सदुपयोग करते हैं।

रोजाना असाइनमेंट भी

प्रशिक्षण के दौरान प्रतिदिन असाइनमेंट दिया जाता था। जिस पर सभी प्रशिक्षणार्थियों द्वारा अपने विचार लिखकर प्रस्तुत किए गए। प्रतिदिन के कार्यों का प्रतिवेदन भी ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत किया जाता था। जिसे प्राचार्य के अवलोकनार्थ पत्रिका का रूप दिया गया, जिसका विमोचन संस्था के सभी अकादमिक सदस्यों की उपस्थिति में किया गया। महाविद्यालय लक्ष्य भेद प्रक्रिया को पूरे प्रदेश में ले जाने के लिए ट्रेनिंग फ्रॉम होम करेंगे।

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New challenges of online classes: Students 'confront' digital divide

New Delhi: Suicide by a Kerala schoolgirl allegedly over not having access to a smartphone to attend online classes, stories of students in remote areas having to sit on rooftops to catch Internet and siblings competing to get their parents' gadgets.

These could be isolated cases of struggle by students to attend online classes but they reflect the larger challenge of "digital divide" across the country which could have a devastating impact on students as well as the enrolment numbers as those without digital access are at the risk of dropping out altogether, experts have warned.

The lockdown induced by the Covid-19 pandemic



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in March prompted schools and colleges to move to the virtual world for teaching and learning activities. However, the digital divide in the country may turn online classes into an "operational nightmare", the experts believe.

According to the Key Indicators of Household Social Consumption on Education in India report, ba-

sed on the 2017-18 National Sample Survey, less than 15 percent of rural Indian households have access to Internet as opposed to 42 percent in urban households and the poorest households cannot afford a smartphone or a computer.

"The implications of school closures in the country due to Covid-19 pandemic are not just about education. They are manifold. The Kerala schoolgirl's death, pictures of a girl trying to study from a tilted rooftop to get signals, three kids in a house trying to have their share of their parents' phone to attend the lessons, these are worrisome case studies.

"An unprecedented social disaster can be avoided if more entities pitch into

short-term and long-term future of the children in this digital divide," said Rajni Palriwala, HOD, department of sociology, Delhi University.

Universities and schools across the country have been closed since March 16, when the Centre announced a countrywide classroom shutdown as part of a slew of measures to contain the Covid-19 outbreak.

As per official statistics, there are over 35 crore students in the country. However, it is not clear as to how many of them have access to digital devices and Internet.

While the government has announced easing of certain restrictions, schools and colleges continue to remain closed. PTI

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ऑनलाइन शिक्षा से वैज्ञानिक संतुष्ट नहीं

ऐसी कक्षाओं से बच्चों में रचनात्मकता को बढ़ावा नहीं दिया जा सकता : कस्तूरिरंगन

बैंगलुरु : प्रख्यात वैज्ञानिक के कस्तूरिरंगन का कहना है कि वह ऑनलाइन शिक्षा की अवधारणा के पक्ष में नहीं हैं क्योंकि प्रत्यक्ष शारीरिक उपस्थिति और परस्पर मानसिक जुड़ाव महत्वपूर्ण होता है और इसी से बच्चों में चंचलता और रचनात्मकता आती है। राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति, 2019 का मसौदा तैयार करने वाली समिति के अध्यक्ष आमने-सामने के संपर्क, बातचीत और विचारों के आदान-प्रदान के पारंपरिक तरीकों पर जोर देते हैं। कोरोना वायरस महामारी के बीच स्कूलों के बंद होने की वजह से ऑनलाइन कक्षाओं को लेकर देश में एक बहस चल रही है। उन्होंने बताया कि मूल रूप से बच्चों

का शारीरिक और मानसिक संपर्क बहुत जरूरी है। चंचलता, रचनात्मकता और कई अन्य चीजें कभी भी ऑनलाइन कक्षाओं से बच्चों में नहीं आ सकती हैं। कस्तूरिरंगन 1994 से 2003 के बीच भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान संगठन (इसरो) के अध्यक्ष भी रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि मस्तिष्क का 86 प्रतिशत विकास आठ साल की उम्र तक हो जाता है और बच्चों के शुरुआती समय का मूल्यांकन बेहद सतर्कता से होना चाहिए और किसी भी तरह के नए तरीके अपनाने के लिए वैज्ञानिक आधार की जरूरत है। पद्म श्री, पद्म भूषण और पद्म विभूषण से सम्मानित हो चुके वैज्ञानिक ने कहा,

आठ साल की उम्र तक मस्तिष्क का विकास लगातार होता रहा है और अगर



आपने बातचीत के जरिए लगातार मस्तिष्क को उभारने का कार्य नहीं किया तो प्रत्यक्ष रूप से आप अपने नौजवानों की सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिमागी शक्ति और प्रस्तुति से वंचित रहने जा रहे हैं। राज्यसभा के पूर्व सदस्य ने कहा कि

ऐसे विषय हैं जिसका मूल्यांकन बहुत ही सावधानी से किए जाने की जरूरत है। जिस तरह से हम उच्च शिक्षा में ऑनलाइन कक्षाओं की बात करते हैं, वह एस्ता बच्चों के शुरुआती चरणों पर काम करने का नहीं हो सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि स्कूली बच्चों में ऑनलाइन शिक्षा के मुद्दे पर बहुत सावधानी से सोच-विचार करने की जरूरत है और बिना किसी वैज्ञानिक आधार के कोई भी रख नहीं अपनाया जाना चाहिए। वहीं अन्य विख्यात वैज्ञानिक प्रोफेसर सी एन आर राव ने भी बच्चों को ऑनलाइन शिक्षा देने पर असहमति जताई है। उन्होंने बच्चों के दिलो-दिमाग को प्रेरित करने में

मानवीय दखल के जरिए अच्छी बातचीत को अहम बताया है। राव को 2014 में भारत रत्न से सम्मानित किया जा चुका है। जवाहरलाल नेहरू सेंटर फॉर एडवांस्ड साइंटिफिक रिसर्च के मानद अध्यक्ष और लिनस पॉलिंग रिसर्च प्रोफेसर ने कहा कि केजी, पहली कक्षा और दूसरी कक्षा के बच्चों की ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई को समाप्त करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा, मैं ऑनलाइन शिक्षा को लेकर उत्साहित नहीं हूँ। हम बच्चों के साथ अच्छे से संपर्क कर सकें, बातचीत कर सकें इसके लिए व्यक्ति से व्यक्ति के संपर्क की जरूरत है। इसी तरह से ही बाल मन को प्रेरित किया जा सकता है।

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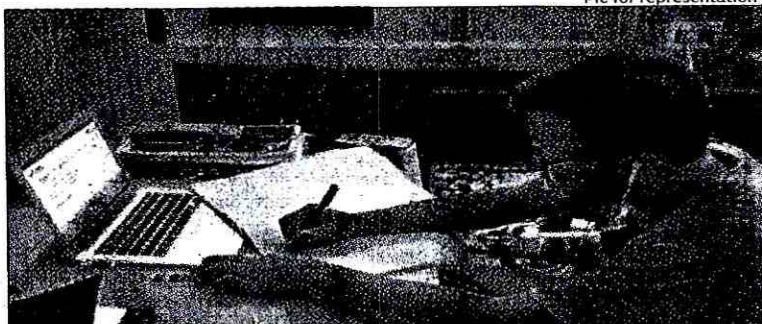
Face-to-face contact important for teaching: Kasturirangan

Bengaluru: The concept of online teaching-learning for school children has not found favour with eminent scientist K Kasturirangan, who says direct physical and mental connection is important to bring out aspects such as playfulness and creativity in them.

The National Education Policy, 2019, draft committee chairperson stressed the need for face-to-face contacts, interactions, exchange of ideas and thoughts as he backed the traditional mode, amid a debate on online classes for children due to Covid-19-induced closure of schools.

"Fundamentally, the physical and mental connection with children directly is extremely important. Playfulness, creativity and many other aspects can never be transferred through online learning", Kasturirangan, who was chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation between 1994 and 2003, told PTL.

He said 86% of the brain grows by the age of eight, adding that issues associated with the early phase of children need to be assessed and evaluated carefully and any kind of new approach



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ach needs a scientific basis.

"Development of a brain is a continuous process within these eight years, and if you don't stimulate the brain properly by continuous interactions, then obviously you are missing a chance of really getting the best out of youngsters in terms of brain power and performance, the recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan said.

"There are issues of these

which need to be analysed very carefully. Just the kind of solutions that we talk of for higher education like online and so on may not be the way to deal when it comes to dealing with the early phase of children, the former Rajya Sabha member said.

The issue of online education for school children needs to be looked into very carefully and one should not jump into any kind of approach without any scientific basis. PTL

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Mask must during office time, violation to invite action: Govt

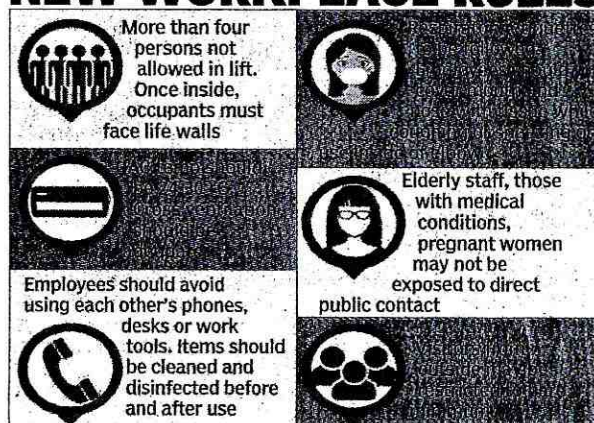
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Bhubaneswar: The state government has made it mandatory for its employees to wear mask during the entire period of their office stay and said wilful deviation will be construed as indiscipline and action will be taken accordingly. The order, issued by Sanjeev Chopra, secretary of the general administration (GA) department, also stressed the need on maintaining a distance of at least two metres between persons while discussing, standing or waiting inside the office premises.

While the order mentioned employees should be encouraged to use staircases as much as possible, it added that more than four persons should not be allowed inside the lift at any point of time. Those inside the lift should stand facing the walls and not each other, the order stated. "As the state government offices have started operating with full strength, all departments and offices have been asked to ensure strict observance of the preventive measures in view of increase in number of Covid-19 cases

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in the state," a senior official said. The order stated that official meetings and gatherings should be restricted to a minimum and organized preferably through video-conference, while instructions have also been issued to prohibit unnecessary gathering, crowding in common passages and corridors.

"In case a physical meeting is necessary, seating may be arranged with appropriate physical distance

among the participants, keeping in view the size of the meeting hall," read the order.

Frequently touched surfaces like door knobs, elevator buttons, hand rails, benches and washroom fixtures have to be cleaned and disinfected regularly using one per cent sodium hypochlorite, the order stated. Emphasis has also been placed on disinfection of the interior of vehicles and areas like steering wheel, door handles and

keys. Drivers, employees engaged with watch and ward and security personnel should be alerted about social distancing norms, it added.

Visitors from outside will be restricted to the bare minimum while they should be disposed of within a limited period of time following sanitation norms. Also, receipt and delivery of letters will be restricted to the entry point of the office only, the order stated.

Government officials feeling physical discomfort and suffering can seek proper medical care while those having underlying medical conditions and pregnant women employees should not be exposed to direct public contact. "Any officer and staff residing in a containment zone should inform the same to the supervisory officer and not attend office till containment zone is de-notified. Such staff should be permitted to work from home and it will not be counted as leave," Chopra said.

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- राज्य सरकार ने सभी सरकारी कार्यालयों में सामाजिक दूरी का पालन करने को कहा
- इयूटी के समय मास्क पहनना अनिवार्य, कार्यालय में पान खाकर थूकना मना
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भुवनेश्वर : राज्य सरकार ने कोरोना संक्रमण से बचने के लिए मंगलवार को नया दिशा निर्देश जारी किया है। इसमें सभी सरकारी विभागों एवं कार्यालयों में सामाजिक दूरी संबंधी नियम का सख्ती से पालन करने के लिए कहा गया है। ताजा निर्देश में कहा गया है कि सभी सरकारी दफ्तर के कर्मचारियों एवं अधिकारियों को इयूटी के समय मास्क पहनना अनिवार्य होगा। कार्यालय में बैठते समय सामाजिक दूरी को बरकरार रखना अनिवार्य है। विभागीय ड्राइवर, सुरक्षा गार्ड व चपरासी सभी मास्क पहनेंगे। सभी लोगों को निरन्तर हाथ साफ करते रहना होगा। कार्यालय में पान खाकर थूकना मना है। यह नियम न सिर्फ सरकारी कर्मचारी बल्कि अतिथियों और आगंतुकों पर भी लागू होगा। जो भी इसका उल्लंघन करेगा, उसके खिलाफ कड़ी कार्रवाई होगी। नये नियम के अनुसार अस्वस्थ, बुजुर्ग एवं गर्भवती कर्मचारी दफ्तर में आने वाले आम लोगों से नहीं मिलेंगे। ऐसे लोगों को लिफ्ट में न जाने के लिए कहा गया है। लिफ्ट के अंदर चार से अधिक लोगों को जाना मना है। हर समय जिस चिज में हाथ रखना पड़ता है उसे हमेशा सैनिटाइज करना होगा। वर्कस्टेशन, की बोर्ड, टेलीफोन, सीढ़ी की रेलिंग, डोर हैंडल आदि को अक्सर सैनिटाइज करना होगा। दूसरों के मोबाइल फोन, काम करने का डेस्क व दूसरे सामग्रियों से दूर रहना होगा।

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**Six univ VCs get
tenure extension**

Bhubaneswar: Governor Ganeshi Lal has extended the tenure of VCs of six universities for three months from the date of completion of their respective tenure or till the joining of newly appointed VCs, whichever is earlier.

The tenure of Amarendra Narayan Mishra, VC of Khallikote University, Rama Devi Women's University VC Padmaja Mishra, GM University VC A K Pati, Utkal University VC Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, FM University VC Madhumita Das and North Odisha University VC Pradeep Kumar Chand has been extended. TNN

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Odisha cancels final year UG, PG exams

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Bhubaneswar: The higher education department on Thursday cancelled both the theory and the practical end-semester exams of final-year undergraduate (UG) and post-graduate (PG) students (except medical students).

This was decided in a meeting chaired by higher education minister Arun Kumar Sahoo here on Thursday and attended by vice-chancellors of state universities and principals of autonomous colleges.

The cancellation will be implemented by all universities and autonomous colleges

coming under the jurisdiction of the department. However, it will not be applicable to institutions that have already completed both the theory and the practical exams of the final year students.

Government sources said universities and autonomous colleges would follow UGC guidelines to conduct 'alternate evaluation' of UG and PG final year students and publish results by end of August. The evaluation will combine internal marks and the average of the marks obtained by a student in the previous semesters/years.

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'Offline exams to be held in November'

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If students feel that they could have scored higher in an offline exam, they can appear for one in November. The revised results will be published in December. "The alternative evaluation will be applied to every final year student. If they are not satisfied with the result, they can appear for offline exam. The result of the offline exam will be taken as final," said an official of the higher education department.

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► **Option 1:** If students have no issues with the alternate evaluation, they can collect the results, to be published by end August

► **Option 2:** Students can see their results and then decide whether to opt for offline exam, to be held in November. For that they can appeal to respective institutions. The result in the offline exam will determine the final grade

Students welcomed the decision. "This is a good step. It is not safe to go to the university or college now. Many of our friends are stuck outside the state. Some of them live in containment zones," said Swikruti Mishra, PG student of Rama Devi Women's University.

Srinibas Samal, a UG final-year student of Utkal University, also supported the decision. "The second-chance exam is good too. Let's see how they grade us," he added.

Earlier, the government had decided that sixth semester or final year exam for UG students would be held between June 20 and July 24 and results declared by August 31. Similarly, final-year PG exams were to be completed by August 20 and results announced by September 20.

UG, PG final exams cancelled

BHUBANESWAR: The State Government on Thursday announced cancellation of all pending final semester and final year examinations of Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) courses for 2019-20 academic session.

A decision to this effect was taken by Higher Education department in view of the coronavirus pandemic. Guidelines to this effect will be issued soon, said Higher Education Minister Arun Kumar Sahoo.

Sources said the universities will now opt for alternative methods of evaluation recommended by the UGC and publish the results accordingly by August. Students not satisfied with the marks will be allowed to appear the exams in November and results will be published in December.

Students having more than two back papers, however, will have to appear a separate exam, schedule for which will be released by the universities and autonomous colleges after improvement of Covid situation.

The Higher Education department had earlier announced to conduct the pending UG exams in offline mode in June-July and complete the PG exams by August 20.

However, students of many universities and colleges including Utkal and Rama Devi in the Capital opposed the decision citing risk of coronavirus spread.

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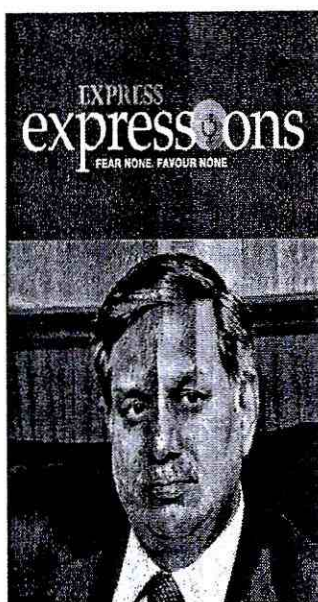
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'Online edu will not reduce value of teacher'

The top 100 colleges in the NIRF ranking can conduct online classes without approval from the UGC, Chairman Dr DP Singh said. The UGC has also come up with a new set of guidelines that allow institutes with a NAAC rating of 3.6 and above or top NIRF ranked institutes to offer online degree programmes without prior permission, he informed in conversation with **SASTRA Deemed-to-be University Vice Chancellor S Vaidhyasubramaniam** and senior journalist and author **Kaveree Bamzai**, on **TNIE's Expressions**, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.

The UGC Chairman said that the Commission is taking a 'blended education' approach with regard to the method of teaching. He also disagreed with the notion that the teacher-student gap is widening with the advent of online learning.



"People seem to think that teachers are going to become less relevant in an age of online learning but I think the opposite. I think now more than ever, teachers have a huge challenge. They have to constantly be in-

involved in developing good content, make the lessons more interesting and colourful, create new assignments and come up with innovative ways to keep students engaged. Their role has only gotten bigger. Teachers are important in the present, were important in the past and will only become more important in the future," he said.

Another important impact that the pandemic has had on education is the prospects of Indian students wanting to go abroad to study. Students have probably never been faced with such a level of uncertainty ever before, so what happens to those who had plans? "The pandemic has taken a toll psychologically on students too. So, there will be a lot of students who want to go abroad and so now all our best performing institutes must find ways to accommodate these bright minds. The institutes

should also be able to provide the students with appropriate courses that they are seeking. This is a way to stop brain drain as well," he said.

Quizzed on his previous experience of being a VC and asked if there were any plans that he was working on that he might have had when he was on the opposite side of the table, Singh said, "I was certain about holistic improvement of students and value based education. So I'm trying to implement the same through the UGC, too."

When asked what he thought about campus protests and activism, Singh said, "I believe campuses should contribute in holistic development — whether that be spiritual, physical. Whatever a student needs, they should be given. But the teacher-student relationship must improve and there should be a love for learning."

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At 32, NITR top institute from state: NIFR

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In the university category, SOA ranked 20, followed by KIIT (24). The SOA has been securing the top rank among universities in the state consecutively for five years.

Utkal University, which last year fell in the rank band of 101-150, secured a place among the top 100 universities this time. It ranked 96 in the university category. "This is

indeed a great thing. Utkal University, the oldest government university of the state, got a place among the best 100 universities of India this year," said vice-chancellor Soumendra Mohan Patnaik.

In the engineering category, NIT Rourkela and IIT Bhubaneswar ranked 16 and 22, respectively. Other institutions that found a place on the list were SOA (34), KIIT (42), CV Raman College of Engineering (93) and VSSUT (119).

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In the medical category, SOA ranked 23 and KIIT, 32.

In the management category, Xavier Institute of Management (XIMB) ranked 31, while KIIT and International Management Institute ranked 32 and 63, respectively. IIM Sambalpur was in the rank band of 76-100 in the same category.

KIIT ranked 12 rank in law, while National Law University Cuttack secured 14.

Berhampur University and Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi, found a place in the rank band of 151-200. Not a single institution from the state secured a rank among the top 100 colleges of the country.

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Class 10, 12 students can skip pending board exams: CISCE

New Delhi: The class 10 and 12 students of CISCE board can choose not to appear for pending board exams and be marked as per their performance in pre-board exams or internal assessment, according to top officials. The board had also submitted the proposal before the Bombay high court on Monday in response to a petition filed by a parent seeking directions to the authorities to cancel exams in view of the spike in Covid-19 cases.

According to Gerry Arathoon, chief executive and secretary, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), the students will have to communicate their option to their respective schools by June 22. The exams which were postponed due to the lockdown to contain spread of coronavirus, are now scheduled to be conducted from July 1 to 14. However, several parents have been demanding the exams be scrapped.

The students will be given two options—they either appear



The board said the students will be marked on these subjects as per pre-boards results

for the rescheduled exams or choose to have their results based on their performance in the pre-board exams or internal assessment. The option will be available only for the pending exams, the result of the subjects for which exams were already conducted, will be calculated as per performance in the exam only," Arathoon said. The board also clarified that the students will not be entitled to make a subject-wise choice between the two options for pending exams.

छात्र चाहे तो ना दें बोर्ड की परीक्षाएं

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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୧୮।୬(ନି.ପ୍ର): ରାଜ୍ୟ ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷା ବିଭାଗ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଚଳିତ ବର୍ଷ ସ୍ନାତକ(ଯୁକ୍ତି) ଓ ସ୍ନାତକୋତ୍ତର(ପିଜି) ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ଅନ୍ତିମ ସେମିଷ୍ଟର ପରୀକ୍ଷାକୁ କୋଭିଡ୍-୧୯ ଯୋଗୁଁ ବାତିଲ ପାଇଁ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନିଆଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏନେଇ ପିଜି ଓ ଯୁକ୍ତି ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ପରୀକ୍ଷା ପରିଚାଳନାକୁ ନେଇ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷ ଓ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କୁଳପତିଙ୍କୁ ଅବଗତ କରାଯାଇଛି । ବିଭାଗୀୟ ସଚିବ ଶାଶ୍ୱତ ମିଶ୍ର ଗୁରୁବାର ଚିଠି ଲେଖି ଜଣାଇଛନ୍ତି । ଚିଠିରେ ଉଲ୍ଲେଖ କରାଯାଇଛି ଯେ ଚଳିତ ମାସ ୧୧ରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ଭିଡିଓ କନ୍‌ଫରେନ୍ସରେ ଯୁକ୍ତି ଓ ପିଜି ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ପରୀକ୍ଷା ବାତିଲ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ହୋଇଛି । ମେଡିକାଲ, ପାରାମେଡିକାଲ ଓ ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏହି ନିୟମ ଲାଗୁ ହେବନାହିଁ । ଡିଡିସିଲ ଉତ୍କଳ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ପାକିସ୍ତାନ ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସହ ଉଚ୍ଚଶିକ୍ଷା ବିଭାଗ ଅଧୀନରେ ଥିବା ବିଏଡ଼, ଏମ୍‌ଏଡ଼, ଇଣ୍ଡିଗ୍ରେଟେଡ୍ ବିଏ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏହି ନିୟମ ଲାଗୁ ହେବ । ଅନ୍ତିମ ସେମିଷ୍ଟରର ସମସ୍ତ ଥିଓରୀ ଓ ପ୍ରାକ୍ତିକାଳ ପରୀକ୍ଷାକୁ ବନ୍ଦ ପାଇଁ ନିଷ୍ପତ୍ତି ନିଆଯାଇଛି । ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଯଦି ସରିଥିବ ସେ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏହା ଲାଗୁ ହେବନି । ବିଶ୍ୱବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଓ ମହାବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷ ମୂଲ୍ୟାୟନ କରି ଅଗଷ୍ଟ ଶେଷସୁଦ୍ଧା ଫଳ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିବେ ।

ପରୀକ୍ଷା ବଦଳରେ ମୂଲ୍ୟାୟନର ବିକଳ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଅନୁସରଣ କରାଯିବ । ଇଣ୍ଡିଗ୍ରେଟେଡ୍ ମାର୍କ, ପ୍ରାକ୍ତିକାଳ ମାର୍କ ଓ ପୂର୍ବ ସେମିଷ୍ଟର ମାର୍କକୁ ହାରାହାରି ଭାବେ ଗଣନା କରାଯାଇ ବାତିଲ ପରୀକ୍ଷାର ମାର୍କ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯିବ । ଯେଉଁ ବିଦ୍ୟାର୍ଥୀ ବିକଳ ମୂଲ୍ୟାୟନ ମାର୍କରେ ସନ୍ତୁଷ୍ଟ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିବେନି ସେମାନେ ନଭେମ୍ବରରେ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଦେଇପାରିବେ । ପାଇଥିବା ମାର୍କଠାରୁ ଅଧିକ ମାର୍କ ଆଶା ରଖୁଥିବା ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କୁ ଲଖିତ ଜଣାଇବେ । ନଭେମ୍ବରରେ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ହେବା ସହ ଡିସେମ୍ବରରେ ଫଳ ପ୍ରକାଶ ପାଇବ । ଯେଉଁ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନରେ ଯୁକ୍ତି ଓ ପିଜି ପାଠ୍ୟକ୍ରମର ପରୀକ୍ଷା ସରିଛି ସେ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଏହି ନିୟମ ଲାଗୁ ହେବନି । ଗୋଟିଏ କିମ୍ବା ଦୁଇଟି ବ୍ୟାକ୍ ଥିଲେ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ବାତିଲ ହୋଇ ବିକଳ ପଦ୍ଧତିରେ ମୂଲ୍ୟାୟନ କରାଯିବ । ଦୁଇରୁ ଅଧିକ ବ୍ୟାକ୍ ଥିଲେ ସେ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ପରୀକ୍ଷା କରାଯିବ ।

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Online classes in degree colleges from July 13

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WITH Odisha Government extending closure of educational institutions till August 31, the Higher Education department on Thursday asked the degree colleges to conduct online classes for its students from July 13.

The department has also issued guidelines to this effect stating that the lecturers should conduct online classes for at least two to three hours a day for at least three days a week.

The faculties have been asked to use Google meet, Zoom, Skype or other digital platforms for the purpose and



form WhatsApp or e-mail groups with a maximum 32 students for sharing of information.

The colleges will prepare department-wise time table and share it on its websites and in their WhatsApp groups. The soft copies of notes, text

books, reference books and presentations will be sent to the students through e-mail and WhatsApp.

The department has asked teachers to refer e-learning materials available in e-PG Pathshala, Massive Open Online Course (MOOCs) and Odisha State Open University website for the purpose.

Higher Education Secretary Saswat Mishra said faculties will conduct online cases from college premises only.

The principals with assistance of two senior faculties will supervise the process while department officials will make surprise visit to monitor the conduct of online classes.

Order challenged in HC

Cuttack: Odisha Government's June 2 order asking all teaching and non-teaching employees of State universities and government and non-government colleges to attend their institutions has come under judicial scrutiny with a PIL challenging the directive. While classes in all educational institutions were suspended till August 31 in the wake of Covid-19, the Higher Education department had issued the order making it effective from June 17. Former president of Odisha Government College Teachers' Association Dinesh Prasad Pattanayak along with chairman and managing trustee of Synergy Institute SS Singh Deo filed the PIL seeking quashing of the order.

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ପିଲାଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଅନୁଲାଇନ୍ କ୍ଲାସ୍ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରିବାକୁ କୁହାଯାଇଛି। ବିଭାଗ ପକ୍ଷରୁ କଲେଜ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷମାନଙ୍କୁ ଏବେକି ଅବଗତ କରାଯାଇଛି। ଛାତ୍ରି ହୋଇଥିବା ଶାଳଗ୍ରାମର ଅନୁପାୟା, ଆସନ୍ତା ସେପ୍ଟେମ୍ବର ପାଇଁ ଏବେଠାରୁ ଅନୁଲାଇନ୍ରେ ପାଠପଢ଼ା ଆରମ୍ଭ ହେବ। ଅଧ୍ୟାପକମାନେ ୩୨ତରଫ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ନେଇ ଏକ ହାର୍ଡ୍‌ସୋଲ୍ଡ୍ କିମ୍ବା ଇ-ମେଲ୍

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ଗ୍ରୁପ୍ କରି ପାଠ ପଢ଼ାଇବେ। ଏହାଠାରୁ ଅଧିକ ପିଲାଙ୍କୁ ଗ୍ରୁପ୍ରେ ସାମିଲ କରାଯିବ ନାହିଁ। ଘରେ ପଢ଼ିବା ପାଇଁ ଶିକ୍ଷକମାନେ ପିଲାଙ୍କୁ ଖାତାର ସମ୍ପର୍କିତ, ଟେକ୍ସଟ୍ ବୁକ୍, ରେଫରେନ୍ସ ବୁକ୍, ପିପିଟି ଭଳି ଇ-ମ୍ୟାଟେରିଆଲ ଏବଂ ଇ-କଣ୍ଟେଣ୍ଟ୍ ହାର୍ଡ୍‌ସୋଲ୍ଡ୍ କିମ୍ବା ଇ-ମେଲ୍ ଯୋଗେ ପଠାଇବେ। ଅଧ୍ୟାପକମାନେ କଲେଜ କ୍ୟାମ୍ପସ୍ ଏବଂ କ୍ଲାସ୍‌ରୁମ୍ରେ ଥାଇ ଅନୁଲାଇନ୍ କ୍ଲାସ୍ କରିବା ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥାମୂଳକ ହେବ। ଗୁଗଲ ମିଟ୍, ଜୁମ୍, ସ୍କାଏପି ଭଳି ଡିଜିଟାଲ ପ୍ଲାଟଫର୍ମ କରିଆରେ ଦିନକୁ ଅତିକମରେ ୨ରୁ ୩ ଘଣ୍ଟାଏ ଲେଖାଏଁ ସପ୍ତାହକୁ ୩ଟିଟି ପାଠ ପଢ଼ାଇବେ। ଅନୁଲାଇନ୍ କ୍ଲାସ୍‌ରେ ଯୋଗଦେଉଥିବା ପିଲାମାନଙ୍କ ଆଚେଣ୍ଡାକୁ ରେଜିଷ୍ଟର ବା ଉପସ୍ଥାନ ରଖାଯିବ। ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ବିଭାଗ ନିଜ ନିଜ କ୍ଲାସ୍‌ର ଟାଇମ୍ ଟେବୁଲ୍ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଧାରଣ କରି ତାକୁ କଲେଜ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ନିକଟକୁ ପଠାଇବା ପରେ କଲେଜ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷ ମାଷ୍ଟର ଟାଇମ୍ ଟେବୁଲ୍ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରିବେ। ପରେ ଏହାକୁ କଲେଜ ଡ୍ରେସ୍‌ଆଇର୍‌ରେ ଅପ୍‌ଲୋଡ୍ କରାଯିବ। ସହ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କୁ ହାର୍ଡ୍‌ସୋଲ୍ଡ୍ କିମ୍ବା ମେଲ୍ ଯୋଗେ ପଠାଯିବ। ଅନୁଲାଇନ୍ କ୍ଲାସ୍ କିପରି ଚାଲିଛି ତା'ର ତଦାରଖ କଲେଜ ଅଧ୍ୟକ୍ଷମାନେ କରିବେ। ଏହାବ୍ୟତୀତ ଉଚିତ୍ତା ବିଭାଗର ଅଧିକାରୀ ଏବଂ ଆଞ୍ଚଳିକ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଅଧିକାରୀମାନେ ମଝିରେ ମଝିରେ କଲେଜକୁ ଯାଇ ଅନୁଲାଇନ୍ ଶିକ୍ଷାର ତଦାରଖ କରିବେ।

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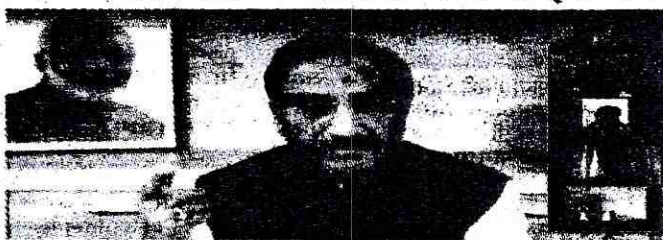
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कोरोना काल में केन्द्र सरकार विद्यार्थियों की सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता पर रखते हुए शिक्षा हेतु हर संभव प्रयास कर रही है। यह बात मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री डॉ. रमेश पोखरियाल निशंक ने आज अखिल भारतीय राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक महासंघ के प्रतिनिधिमंडल के साथ हुई ऑनलाइन वार्ता में कही। इस संबंध में जानकारी देते हुए अखिल भारतीय राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक महासंघ के अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर जेपी सिंहल ने बताया कि मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री एवं विभाग के अधिकारियों के साथ लगभग दो घंटे तक हुई चर्चा में महासंघ द्वारा शिक्षा एवं शिक्षकों के विभिन्न मुद्दों को लेकर विस्तार से पक्ष रखा गया।

वार्ता के विषयों में कोरोना की बदलती परिस्थितियों में स्कूल एवं उच्च शिक्षा हेतु शैक्षणिक कैलेंडर, परीक्षा, प्रवेश और अध्यापन के बारे में नवीन दिशा-निर्देश जारी करने, आईसीएमआर के दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुरूप से विद्यार्थियों और शिक्षकों के लिए कोरोना से बचाव हेतु समुचित सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने, सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग को ध्यान में रखते हुए शिक्षक-शिक्षार्थी अनुपात पर पुनर्विचार करने, शिक्षकों को गैरशैक्षिक कार्यों से पूर्णतया मुक्त रखने, स्ववित्तपोषित शिक्षा संस्थानों के शिक्षकों को नियमित वेतन भुगतान करने, रीफ्रेशर, ओरियंटेशन कोर्स की छूट अवधि 31 दिसंबर 2021 तक बढ़ाने, उच्च शिक्षा में प्राचार्य की नियुक्ति अवधि उसकी सेवानिवृत्ति तक करने तथा यूजीसी रेगुलेशन 2018 के संबंध में वेतन विसंगति समिति की रिपोर्ट सार्वजनिक कर



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विसंगतियों का निराकरण करने आदि बातें शामिल थीं।

शैक्षिक महासंघ की ओर से सुझाव दिए गए कि ऑनलाइन शिक्षा को अधिक उपयोगी और रुचिकर बनाने के लिए विद्यार्थियों और शिक्षकों के लिए प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए जाने चाहिए। कोरोना महामारी को दृष्टिगत करते हुए सभी कक्षाओं के पाठ्यक्रम 25% तक कम करते हुए गैर शैक्षिक गतिविधियों को एक साल तक लंबित करने की सलाह भी महासंघ द्वारा दी गई। शैक्षिक महासंघ ने वार्ता में अपना यह मत भी रखा कि कलासकर्म अध्यापन का कोई विकल्प नहीं है, लेकिन परिस्थितियों को देखते हुए ऑनलाइन एवं कक्षा-कक्षा अध्यापन का हाइब्रिड मॉडल अपनाया जा सकता है।

बदलती परिस्थितियों पर नजर है सरकार की

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री डॉ. रमेश पोखरियाल निशंक ने प्रत्येक विषय को एक-एक करके गंभीरता से सुना तथा दीक्षा, स्वयं, निष्ठा, विद्यादान, युक्ति, स्वयंप्रभा, एनटीए अभ्यास आदि सहित मंत्रालय द्वारा उठाए जा रहे विभिन्न नवाचारी कदमों की जानकारी दी। उनका कहना था कि संकटकाल में बदलती हुई परिस्थितियों पर लक्ष्य बनाकर रखे हुए हैं तथा शिक्षा, शिक्षार्थी और राष्ट्र के हित में निरंतर कार्य कर रहा है। उन्होंने शैक्षिक महासंघ को आश्वस्त किया कि जो बातें उनके ध्यान में लाई गई हैं उन पर अधिकारियों के साथ बैठक कर देकर शीघ्र ही सकारात्मक कार्यवाही की जाएगी। इस वार्ता में यूजीसी के सचिव प्रोफेसर रजनीश जैन, एनसीईआरटी के अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर ऋषिकेश सेनापति सहित अन्य वरिष्ठ अधिकारी भी उपस्थित थे। शैक्षिक महासंघ की ओर से अध्यक्ष प्रोफेसर जेपी सिंहल के साथ संगठन मंत्री महेंद्र कपूर, महामंत्री शिवानंद सिंदनकरा, सहसंगठन मंत्री ओमपाल सिंह, उच्च शिक्षा संवर्ग प्रभारी महेंद्र कुमार, अतिरिक्त महामंत्री डॉ. निर्मला यादव सहित महासंघ के चार संवर्गों के उपाध्यक्ष और सचिव उपस्थित थे।

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10 mn kids may never go back to school after Covid

EDUCATION DISRUPTED

LONDON: The coronavirus pandemic has caused an "unprecedented education emergency" with up to 9.7 million children affected by school closures at risk of never going back to their classrooms, Save the Children warned on Monday.

The British charity cited UNESCO data showing that in April, 1.6 billion young people were shut out of school and university due to measures to contain Covid-19 -- about 90% of the world's entire student population.

"For the first time in human history, an entire generation of children globally have had their education disrupted," it said in a new report, Save our Education.

It said the economic fall-out of the crisis could force an extra 90 to 117 million children into poverty, with a knock-on effect on school admissions.

With many young people required to work or girls forced

into early marriage to support their families, this could see between seven and 9.7 million children dropping out of school permanently.

At the same time, the charity warned the crisis could leave a shortfall of \$77 billion in education budgets in low and middle income countries by the end of 2021.

"Around 10 million children may never return to school -- this is an unprecedented education emergency and governments must urgently invest in learning," Save the Children chief executive Inger Ashing said.

"Instead we are at risk of unparalleled budget cuts which will see existing inequality explode between the rich and the poor, and between boys and girls."

The charity urged governments and donors to invest more funds behind a new global education plan to help children back into school when it is safe and until then support distance learning.



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LOCKDOWN 5: ODISHA REIMPOSES CURBS IN FOUR DISTRICTS & ROURKELA

Aggressive surveillance, testing, tracing, isolation and treatment will be done during the lockdown period

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ODISHA on Thursday joined the growing list of states which are reimposing lockdown to check the alarming spread of coronavirus and announced extension of curbs in the four worst-affected districts of Ganjam, Khurda, Cuttack, Jajpur along with Rourkela city till July 31. The 14-day lockdown would come into effect from 9 pm of July 17.

Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy said the decision was taken in view of the rapid rise in cases and high case-load in the four districts and Rourkela

Municipal Corporation area. As high as 66 per cent of the total cases of the State are from Ganjam, Khurda, Cuttack and Jajpur districts while 90 per cent of the cases in Sundargarh district have been reported from Rourkela Municipal Corporation.

"Aggressive surveillance, testing, tracing, isolation and treatment will be done during the lockdown period," he said.

Out of the total 15,392 cases in Odisha, the four districts have reported 8,509 cases till date with the number of active case at 2,845. While Ganjam

district tops the list with 4,867 cases, Khurda has so far reported 1,594 cases. The cases in Cuttack and Jajpur districts stand at 1,114 and 934 respectively. Sundargarh district has reported 750 cases so far out of which about 90 per cent patients are from Rourkela city.

The Chief Secretary said during the lockdown period, all shops and commercial establishments, offices and institutions will remain closed. Besides, mobility of people will also be restricted. Medical establishments including Government and private hospitals,

clinics, nursing homes including medicine stores will, however, remain open, he said.

Allaying fears of closure of shops supplying daily essentials, he said grocery, vegetables and milk outlets will remain open from 6 am to 1 pm everyday during the lockdown period. Home delivery of food, grocery, vegetables, egg, fish, meat and other essential items by restaurants and aggregators like Swiggy, Zomato, OMFED, Chilika Frsh and others will continue.

The Chief Secretary announced that no vehicle will be allowed to enter the Twin City of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar

unnecessarily. However, movement of goods and goods carriers whether loaded and unloaded, public transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators like Ola, Uber) to and from airports and railway station and bus terminals/stands/stops will be allowed.

Ecocomic and other activities like agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, animal husbandry, veterinary services will continue. Besides, all industrial units, factories, construction activities, IT/ITeS units with bare minimum staff for critical operations will remain open.

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Stating that operation of hotels and hospitality units, including their associated offices, movement of staff and associated personnel will be allowed, the Chief Secretary said that dhabas along the national and State highways/major roads can function for takeaway only. Petrol pumps, CNG stations and LPG, including their bottling, distribution and retail

outlets, operations of e-commerce establishments such as Flipkart, Amazon including their warehousing and delivery activities will be exempt from the lockdown restrictions.

Tripathy announced that any person violating the lockdown guidelines will be liable for action in accordance with the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

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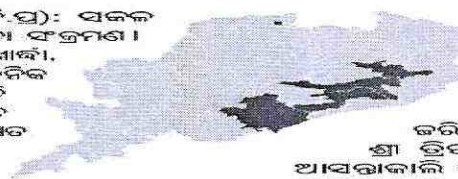
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Contractual workers to get wages during lockdown

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THE State Government has clarified that employees outsourced or directly engaged by the departments will get remuneration during the lockdown period if their contract is in force.

The clarification was issued by Finance department on Saturday in regard to its July 7 office memorandum for payment of remuneration to contractual workers during lockdown.

Noting that the July 7 memorandum is meant only for the

period of lockdown declared by the Government under Section 2 of Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 or under Section 10(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 during Covid-19 management, the Finance department said.

While putting restriction on fresh engagement till the lockdown is lifted, the memorandum said there would not be automatic renewal of contract of those who have been engaged directly by the Government offices.

"Persons who are engaged directly by the office but not

through outsourcing agencies may be paid as per the existing terms but automatic renewal should not be done," the memorandum said.

The Finance department memorandum was in response to different departments seeking clarification on payment of wages during the lockdown period.

Opposition political parties have requested the Government to renew the contract of those workers whose contract period expired or going to end during this extended lockdown.



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Finance dept memorandum

Banks to function from 8 am to 2 pm

Bhubaneswar: In partial modification of its earlier order, the State Government on Sunday announced that all banks operating in Khurda, Ganjam, Cuttack and Jajpur districts and Rourkela Municipal Corporation will function from 8 am to 2 pm with customer service hours from 8 am to 1 pm till July 31. The banks will operate with not more than 50 per cent of their manpower and strictly follow the norms of physical distancing, an order issued by the office of the Special Relief Commissioner said. The district administrations and local police will provide required support to the banks to ensure proper physical distancing where required, it added. The Government had earlier announced that the banks will operate with not more than 25 per cent of their manpower for essential banking transaction.

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Learning from home through calls and clicks

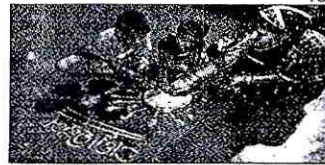
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Bhubaneswar: With schools shut for months and children getting bored without outdoor games due to the Covid-19 pandemic, ThinkZone — a Cuttack-based social initiative — has been working on improving educational outcomes among underprivileged kids through various activities.

Using accessible technology like voice calls and SMSes, ThinkZone is providing home-based education to reach out to parents so that they can engage children through activity-based learning methodology.

"We realised that children in under-resourced communities are not getting access to quality education due to various reasons like unavailability of smartphones and the digital divide. The available education support interventions are online or app-based and unfortunately out of reach of the majority of the population who don't have access to smartphones/computers and internet. The direct response to this crisis was to launch home-based education programmes using accessible technology," said Snehashu Shome, programme manager, ThinkZone.

The activities are mainly focused on improving arithmetic, language, foundation and other cognitive skills among children between three and 10 years of age. So far, over 5,000 children in four districts — Cuttack, Khurda, Kendrapada and Bhadrak — have got the benefits of the le-



A mother teaches her children to tell time with spoons

arning activities, Shome said.

Rashmi, a Class-III student of Bhadrak district, could not attend a single day of online class. Her parents didn't have a smartphone to assist her in her learning. Knowing about ThinkZone's home-based learning programme, her father dialled the toll-free number and tried to do the activity that was told to him. Rashmi's parents said she liked the activities so much that they now regularly call and listen to new ones. "She is very eager to do these activities and has learned a lot of things like time, shape, and small words," said Priti, a ThinkZone coordinator.

The services of ThinkZone are free for all and quite easy as the parents need to call on a toll-free number and learn about the quality learning modules that can be used to educate their children effectively, said a parent.

The USP of these modules is that these can be used by anyone, irrespective of educational background, or the type of mobile phones they use. These are highly user-friendly and available in multiple languages like Hindi, English, and Odia, Shome pointed out.

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Amid e-learning push, ophthalmologists say students need breaks every 45 mins

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Hyderabad: Stressing on the need for breaks during online classes, ophthalmologists said that a teacher must give a break every 45 minutes and a long break of 1-2 hours during longer sessions. They also said that online classes should be scheduled in the morning and afternoon hours only so that children do not use these devices in the evening and night time.

"The amount of time a child spends using digital devices should be proportionate to the child's age. While 12 to 16-year-olds can be allowed 8 hours of online study, the hours of screen time for younger children should be restricted to less than 4 hours. Toddlers (younger than 3 years) must be refrained from using any digital device," said Dr Ramesh Kekunnaya, head, Child Sight Institute, LV

BEST PRACTICES FOR ONLINE LEARNING

- Large screen devices like desktop, laptop or TV are preferable
- Room lighting should be good and the screen brightness should be optimum
- Screen protectors can be used to reduce excessive reflection
- There should be good ventilation in the room. Sitting for long hours directly in front of the fan or air conditioning can cause the eyes to dry up quickly

Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, and added that children should be encouraged to consciously blink frequently.

"An easy method to follow is the 20-20-20 rule, where every 20 minutes, the child should take a



- Each day, there should be at least one session of physical exercise, yoga, dance class, or virtual workout, intercepting the online teaching schedule

- The child must sit on a straight-backed chair with armrests, with the screen placed about 2 feet away at eye level

20-second break and look at any object 20 feet away. This will relax the ciliary muscles of the eyes and ease the strain due to prolonged near work," he added.

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gets, prolonged near work, and lack of daylight exposure can result in the progression of myopia or near-sightedness in children. Prolonged exposure to blue light, which is emitted by electronic devices, especially before bedtime, can cause sleep disturbances in children. Too much screen time can also result in dry eye, headache, stress, anxiety, behavioural, and mental issues, they added.

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Mental well-being lowest in youth

One in two young people subject to anxiety or depression, while 17 % probably affected by it

HEALTH CRISIS

UNITED NATIONS: Half of the world's youth population are subject to anxiety or depression-causing circumstances and more than a third are uncertain of their future career prospects due to the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a survey by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

The ILO's 'Youth and Covid-19: impacts on jobs, education, rights and mental well-being' survey found that if urgent action is not taken, youths are at the risk of suffering severe and long-lasting adverse impacts from the pandemic.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted every aspect of our lives. Even before the onset of the crisis, the social and economic integration of young people was an ongoing challenge. Now, unless urgent action is taken, young people are likely to suffer severe and long-lasting impacts from the pandemic," the report said on Tuesday.

The ILO survey aimed to capture the immediate effects of the pandemic on the lives of youths (aged 18 to 29 years) with regard to employment, education, mental health, rights and social activism. Over 12,000 responses were received from 112 countries, with a large proportion coming from educated youths with access to the Internet.

The survey found that one in two (i.e., 50 per cent) young people across the world are possibly subject to anxiety or de-

pression, while 17 per cent are probably affected by it. "Severe disruption to learning and working, compounded by the health crisis, has seen a deterioration in young people's mental well-being," the survey said.


Mental well-being is lowest for young women and youth between the ages of 18 and 24 years. Young people whose education or work was either disrupted or had stopped completely were almost twice as likely to be affected by anxiety or depression as compared to those who continued to be employed or whose education was not affected.

"This underscores the interlinkages that exist between mental well-being, educational success and labour market integration," it said.

Among those who thought that their education would be delayed or might fail, 22 per cent were likely to

be affected by anxiety or depression, compared to 12 per cent of students whose education remained on track.

According to the report, 38 per cent of young people are uncertain of their future career prospects, with the Covid-19 crisis expected to create more obstacles in the labour market and to lengthen the transition from school to work. The coronavirus, which first emerged in Wuhan, has claimed over 7.4 lakh lives with more than 20 million cases across the world so far. The ILO survey said some youths have already felt the direct impact of the pandemic.


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Verify details before enrolling for open and distance learning: UGC

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Bhubaneswar: In order to help students choose the right and authentic institutions, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has advised them to take the necessary precautions before enrolling for programmes offered under the open and distance learning (ODL) or online learning mode.

The commission stated that students should ensure the recognition status of higher educational institutions (HEIs), check the details of the institutions on its website and other important things before taking admission. The notice has been issued for stu-



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dents to stay away from fake programmes or institutions.

The year-wise recognition status of HEIs approved to offer programmes through the ODL and online mode is in the public domain and can be accessed on the UGC website. Students should ensure the minimum duration, nomenclature and qualification

for the degree programme under which they are enrolling is strictly according to the UGC notification. For example: minimum eligibility of 10+2 is needed for any undergraduate course, while 10+2+3 or a bachelor's degree is required for admission into the postgraduate courses.

The UGC stated that some

courses are prohibited to be offered under the ODL and the online mode. These include engineering, medicine, law, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy, agriculture, hotel management, culinary studies, valuation of real estate and any other programme not permitted to be offered in the distance mode by any statutory councils or regulatory bodies. Besides, MPhil and PhD programmes in all disciplines through ODL and online mode are also prohibited.

The commission further said the students should ensure that all activities of the HEI including admission, counselling sessions, contact programmes, programme de-

livery, examinations are strictly conducted by the HEI within the territorial jurisdiction of the educational institution. No university, whether central, state, private or deemed-to-be can offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions for admitting learners and conducting courses through the ODL and online mode, it added.

"The learners are advised to verify all details as claimed by the HEI on its website. In case any deviation by the HEI has been noticed, communicate this to the UGC for necessary punitive actions against the HEI," said the commission in a notification.

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नई दिल्ली. ए. ऑनलाइन माध्यम से कक्षा करने के लिये कम से कम 27 प्रतिशत छात्रों की स्मार्टफोन या लैपटॉप तक पहुंच नहीं है जबकि 28 प्रतिशत छात्र और अभिभावक बिजली में व्यवधान या कमी को पठन पाठन में एक प्रमुख रुकावट मानते हैं. राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा अनुसंधान एवं प्रशिक्षण परिषद (एनसीईआरटी) के एक सर्वेक्षण में यह बात सामने आई है. एनसीईआरटी के सर्वेक्षण में केंद्रीय विद्यालय, नवोदय विद्यालय और सीबीएसई से संबद्ध स्कूलों के छात्रों, अभिभावकों, शिक्षकों और प्राचार्यों सहित 34,000 लोगों ने हिस्सा लिया था. इनका कहना था कि प्रभावी शैक्षणिक उद्देश्य के लिये उपकरणों के उपयोग की जानकारी की कमी तथा शिक्षकों में ऑनलाइन शिक्षा के तरीकों की पूरी जानकारी नहीं होने के कारण भी पठन-पाठन में बाधा आती है.

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IN LOCKDOWN, BHUBANESWAR SEES 45 % SPIKE IN SUICIDES

Covid crisis led to either loss of livelihood or pay cuts which added to the uncertainty

WHAT'S WORRYING

Between March 23 and July 31, as many as 86 suicides were reported in Bhubaneswar Urban Police District as against 59 during the same period in 2019

Some of these cases are linked to economic distress while a few others are related to family disputes

Callers used to express their lack of interest to live due to the uncertainty over livelihood caused by the pandemic

Between mid April and May, there were calls from people who had suffered self-inflicted injuries as they were upset over circumstances arising out of the lockdown

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A 27-year-old man of Unit IX area of Bhubaneswar went missing last Thursday and a few hours later, his body was retrieved from Daya river. Police investigation revealed the man - an engineer in New Delhi - had returned to the city following the outbreak of Covid-19. He was depressed ever since, his family said. He had allegedly jumped into the river to end his life.

The Capital City has witnessed a sharp rise in suicides if one goes by the statistics available with Commissionerate Police. Between March 23 and July 31, as many as 86 suicides were reported in Bhubaneswar Urban Police District as against 59 during the same period in 2019.

Police investigation suggests that some of these cases are linked to economic distress while a few others are related to family disputes, says DCP Umaashankar Dash.

Experts are of the opinion that the pandemic has triggered uncertainty in the minds of many people and a 45 per cent spike in suicides is a reflection.

Utkal University's Psychology department head Bhaswati Patnaik points out that the health crisis has led to either loss of livelihood or pay cuts which has added to the uncertainty.

Last week, a 23-year-old girl was found hanging in her rented accommodation at Pahalua under Baliaanta police limits. A native of Navagarh, she was staying with a male friend in the city, police said, adding that both had lost their jobs at a mall after lockdown was imposed and were struggling to make ends meet. The boy had recently moved to Angul in search of employment and she allegedly took the extreme step in his absence.

After the lockdown was imposed, Patnaik, her colleagues and alumni of the Psychology department extended tele-counseling to people in need and found varied issues. Several students approached citing they were not satisfied with online classes while adults expressed displeasure over livelihood issues and non-socialisation during the pandemic, says Patnaik. The counsellors advised them to focus on the well-being of others, who are less privileged, which would empower them to handle the current circumstances.

City based NGO Manam Foundation, which works in the field of mental health and wellness, engaged four counselors to support people in distress and each counselor received 10 to 12 telephone calls on an average everyday. It found that people were in economic distress and staying locked in a house with other family members, specially between mid-April and May-end, was hard.

"Callers used to express their lack of interest to live due to the uncertainty over livelihood caused by the pandemic", said managing trustee of Manam, Anuradha Mahapatra. Some callers were upset over losing jobs while some others were on the verge of losing employment. Teenagers, on the other hand, found it difficult to stay with their parents and other family members.

Married women said they were feeling harassed due to the increased workload, and lack of support by their partners in carrying out household chores, which affected them both mentally and physically. Between mid April and May, there were calls from people who had suffered self-inflicted injuries as they were upset over circumstances arising out of the lockdown.

Director and Vice Chancellor of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Professor BN Gangadhar said, depression as a feeling is different from depression as an illness. "Bouts of depression have been more during the lockdown as youths were confined to their homes, lost jobs or faced pay cuts and were cut off from the society," he said.

NIMHANS was the first institution to set up a national helpline for addressing psycho-social issues of people and it has clocked over 3 lakh calls from mid-March when the lockdown was imposed up to June.

"Healthy hobbies," keeping away from alcohol and drugs and exercise are three mantras to keep depression at bay, Professor Gangadhar advised.

DISTRESS CALLS

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Bhaswati Patnaik, HoD of Utkal University's Psychology department

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न मोबाइल, न इंटरनेट-ऑनलाइन क्लास में कैसे पढ़ाई करें बच्चे

भारत में कितने बच्चों के पास पढ़ाई के लिए स्मार्टफोन या लैपटॉप की सुविधा है? यह एक ऐसा सवाल है जिसका जवाब अब तक भारत सरकार के पास नहीं है। राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान एवं प्रशिक्षण परिषद् (एनसीआरटी) ने 19 अगस्त को बताया कि 18 राज्य और केंद्र शासित प्रदेश अभी भी ये जानने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि भारत में कितने प्रतिशत बच्चों की पहुंच किसी भी डिजिटल माध्यम जैसे टीवी, रेडियो, इंटरनेट आधारित डिवाइस, मोबाइल और लैपटॉप तक नहीं है। भारत के 24 करोड़ शिक्षार्थियों में से 18,188 बच्चों पर किये गये इस सर्वे में यह भी सामने आया कि लगभग 80 फीसदी



**स्मार्टफोन या लैपटॉप
डिवाइस रखने वालों
के पास सिमटी
ऑनलाइन शिक्षा.**

बच्चों के पास लैपटॉप नहीं है। और लगभग 20 फीसदी बच्चों के पास स्मार्टफोन नहीं है। एनसीआरटी के मुताबिक, भारत में 27 फीसदी से ज्यादा बच्चे, टीचर और घरवाले ऑनलाइन कक्षाएं लेने की प्रक्रिया में

स्मार्टफोन डिवाइस की कमी से जूझ रहे हैं। हाल ही में पश्चिम बंगाल की एक बच्ची ने अपनी जिंदगी सिर्फ इसलिए खत्म कर ली क्योंकि वो कथित रूप से स्मार्टफोन नहीं होने के कारण ऑनलाइन क्लास नहीं ले पा रही थी। जानकारों की राय है कि भारत एक ऐसा देश है जहां जाति, धर्म और सामाजिक रसातल से निकलने का सिर्फ एक ही रास्ता है, वो है शिक्षा। इस ऑनलाइन एजुकेशन के दौर में 'शिक्षा का अधिकार' सिर्फ स्मार्टफोन या लैपटॉप डिवाइस रखने वालों के पास सिमट कर रह गया है और जिनके पास डिजिटल डिवाइस नहीं हैं, वो ऑनलाइन हुए स्कूलों से गायब हो रहे हैं।

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सीबीएसई ने जारी की कक्षा 6 से 10 तक के लिए टीचिंग गाइड

जस्ट फॉर यूथ



केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड (सीबीएसई) ने कक्षा 6 से 10 तक के साइंस और मैथ्स शिक्षकों के लिए सेंट्रल स्कॉययर फाउंडेशन के साथ मिलकर एक टीचिंग मैनुअल्स (नियम) जारी किया है. इस मैनुअल को टीचर्स एनर्जाइज्ड मैनुअल (टीईआरएम) नाम दिया गया है. टीईआरएम का उद्देश्य शिक्षकों द्वारा उनकी कक्षाओं को बदलावों के साथ प्रतियोगात्मक क्षमता के फ्रेमवर्क के रूप में तैयार करना है. यह टीईआरएम दीक्षा पोर्टल और सीबीएसई की आधिकारिक वेबसाइट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है. शिक्षा

मंत्री रमेश पोखरियाल निशंक ने ट्वीट करते बताया कि सीबीएसई के शिक्षकों के लिए ये जरूरी मैनुअल्स हैं. इस मैनुअल्स के जरिए परिणाम आधारित अध्ययन को आसान बनाया जा सकता है. ये टीचिंग मैनुअल्स दीक्षा और सीबीएसई की अकेडमिक वेबसाइट पर जाकर डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं. इस मैनुअल के प्रत्येक चैप्टर में एनसीईआरटी किताबों के संदर्भ में सूचनाएं दी गई हैं. मैनुअल्स के चैप्टर्स कंसेप्ट (अवधारणा) के पैकेट्स में बंटे हैं जो कि एनसीईआरटी के लर्निंग आउटकम्स के कंसेप्ट पर आधारित होंगे.

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Schools, colleges to remain closed till Durga Puja

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WITH Covid-19 pandemic showing no sign of decline, the State Government on Wednesday decided to keep all educational institutions including schools and colleges closed till Durga Puja vacation.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik made this announcement during a review of the Covid situation in the State at a virtual meeting with party legislators and senior officials.

The Chief Minister said the decision was taken keeping the safety and interests of students and parents in mind. Educational institutions are closed since third week of the March. Emphasising on the revival of rural economy, the Chief Minister asked departments concerned to facilitate

disbursal of more loans in rural areas with special focus on agriculture and allied sectors, MSME, and self help groups (SHGs) having maximum potential to generate employment.

For revival of rural economy, the CM on Tuesday had approved a special assistance package of ₹200 crore special package to help develop livelihood activities of rural poor, very poor and the migrants.

With gradual resumption of economic activities, migrant workers who have returned to the State need special attention. Pressing for creation of employment opportunity for them, the Chief Minister directed departments to extend all possible institutional support for cred-

it linkage to start micro economic activities.

He further directed to conduct skill mapping of the migrants and provide requisite training under Nirman Shramik Yojana for engagement in construction activities.

He also asked departments to promote livelihood activities like backyard poultry, goatery, fisheries gaining currency, and expand the activities in rural areas.

With demand for mask increasing and mask-making proving a good income generating activity, he advised legislators to assist SHGs by procuring masks from their local area development fund for distribution.

Describing complacency as an enemy during the pandemic, the CM advised everyone to

adopt maximum precautions. He expressed satisfaction over ramping up of testing and decline of positivity as well as fatality rates.

He also directed Covid observers to ensure strict adherence to area-specific strategies in hotspot districts to fight the pandemic.

He asked officials to provide compensation as per the guidelines to the kin of COVID-19 warriors, who have fallen victim to the virus in the lone of their duty, by Friday.

Agriculture Minister Arun Sahoo, Government Chief Whip Pramila Mallick, BJD MLAs Debi Prasad Mishra and Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy, DGP Abhay, 5T Secretary VK Pandian and other officials were present in the review meeting.



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State prunes syllabus for Std I-XII by 30%

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Bhubaneswar: In view of the prolonged delay in the reopening of schools, the state government on Wednesday decided to reduce the syllabus for Class I to XII by 30 percent to ease the burden on students.

Sources said the portions have been removed considering there would not be enough time to complete it. This apart, standalone and overlapping chapters have been struck off from the curriculum.

"Since schools have remained closed for such a long period of time, three different committees decided to cut down on chapters for the current academic session. We have taken utmost care while selecting the chapters to be excluded from the syllabus as we did not want to repeat any controversy over it. All chapters related to Odisha have been kept in the syllabus," school and mass education minister Samir Ranjan Das said.

The State Council of Edu-

Schools to be shut till Puja holidays

Bhubaneswar: Chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday announced that schools across the state would reopen after Puja holidays in view of the Covid-19 situation. This year's Puja vacations will be over on October 27. The announcement was made keeping in view the concern of parents and students over the prolonged closure of schools. TNN

ational Research and Training (SCERT) has decided the syllabus for Class I to VIII, the Board of Secondary Education (BSE) has done for Class IX and X and the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE) for Class XI and XII.

"Some chapters, which the students may read in upper classes, were excluded. Chapters on Odisha's art, culture, history and geography have not been excluded," Tapas Kumar Nayak, member of the SCERT committee, said.

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Teachers' body wants govt to begin classes on TV

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However, the exclusion of some chapters in higher classes and the delay in revising the syllabus have irked parents, teachers and educationists. "Chapters on fundamental rights and fundamental duties or Nationalism in Indian Politics should not be excluded from the syllabus," Ramakanta Panda, elementary school teacher, said.

The teachers also pointed out that the exclusion of chapters such as motion and sound from the syllabus of Class IX (general science) might cause problems for the students in higher classes.

"If the government had to reduce the syllabus by 30%, then why did they take so much time? We have studied several chapters at home. It will be difficult to cover the rest 70% of the curriculum when the schools reopen," Swati Parida, Class X student, said.

The Odisha Secondary School Teachers Association (OSSTA) welcomed the government's decision of revising the syllabus. It, however, proposed that the government start conducting classes through TV

SOME MAJOR CHAPTERS EXCLUDED

► Class-X (History) Post-independent India till 2000	► Class X (Economics) Economic system
► Class X (Political Science) Reorganisation of states in post-independent India, foreign policy of India, relationship with United States of America and Russia	► Class IX (History) Towards a new world, world after 1945, some major events
► Class X (General Science) Metal and non-metal, carbon and its compound, human eye and magnetic effect of electricity	► Class IX (Pol Science) Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and responsibilities
► Class X (Indian Culture and Heritage) Promotion of our culture in foreign countries	► Class IX (General Science) Objects around us, motion, sound, great attraction (mahakarshana), improvement of food resources, natural resources and pollution
► Class X (Environment and Pollution Education) Noise pollution, environment management, HIV/AIDS, drug abuse	► Class IX (Geography) Weather
► Class X (Geography) Bio-resources, water resources, manufacturing industry	► Class VII (History) Growth of nationalism in Indian politics to Indian National Congress
	► Class VII (Geography) Natural Resources



channels as a large number of students could not take part in online classes and the reopening of school seemed impractical in view of the rising number of co-

vid cases. "Classes on television channel will not cost much. It will benefit a large number of children in the interior areas," OSSTA president Prakash Chandra Mohanty said.

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Children facing online overload need patient, sensitive handling offline

Cindhu Menaka

A client called me the other day, asking about the recent chandeliering behavioural changes in her 10-year-old calm, shy child studying in a reputed school in south Chennai. The outcome of this counselling was the emergence of a nagging question in my mind about parenting styles. The main problem I noticed was the lack of proper interaction of the boy with his family. He had been spending most of his time surfing the internet, playing online, which led him to unwanted websites. These preoccupied his mind and created anxious behaviours, disturbed sleep pattern and concentration issues.

A common question that many parents ask these days is, 'Kids are spending too much time online because of digital learning and gaming. They are also exhibiting signs of defiance, anxiety, chandeliering and angry outbursts. Are the two related, and if so, how should I turn my kid's mind toward reality?'

Ensuring a healthy interaction with the child and keeping an honest open communication with them is the need of the hour from working parents. Children need to be assured that they can speak to parents about anything they have on their minds. With limited interaction with friends, family members need to become trusted aides of young ones. Parents and teachers need not instruct children; instead, they could show them what can be learned.

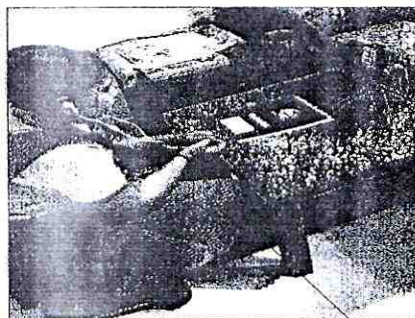
The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are being felt most by children for whom routines have turned upside down and peers and activities seem distant. Though the ministry of human resource development has recommended hours of screen time for students attending online classes during the pandemic, parents complain schools are not abiding to the guidelines and students too are using the opportunity to play games and watch movies online.

The time spent by children online can trigger various health risks and complaints such as headaches, eye irritation, and stress-related problems, leading to online addiction.

Online digital learning and virtual sessions cause a myriad of effects on a student's mental, emotion-

al, and social health, irrespective of their economic levels. Digital learning-exacerbated disparities cause a divide between high and low socioeconomic students, as many lower SES students, especially from rural backgrounds, cannot afford electronic online technologies and gadgets. Low-income parents may not be able to provide adequate academic support or help that is required outside classroom and school setups. This negatively impacts many students who are expected to have these online tools at home. It also has an impact on a student's self-esteem that can cause undue stress.

Young minds are also altering to be more digitally focused than having a relationship-focused mindset. As a result, mental health issues appear and become a barrier to achieve aca-



CHILD OF HABIT

demie goals. If a kid is irritable, short-tempered, obsessive, lacks focus, is isolating themselves from the family or displays a sense of panic, then it is time for parents to observe, listen and be sensitive to the apprehensions that children may be feeling. Mental health counselling services, and quality of time spent with children are all found to be important during this pandemic.

By default, children are optimists, but continuing this quality for the rest of their lives is a complete illusion. A child has a thirst for answers, which cannot be quenched. It is upto parents and teachers to throw light on the way they should solve unresolved riddles of their mind.

(The writer is a psychologist)

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30 per cent school syllabus reduced to ease burden

Parents unhappy with the decision, demand rescheduling of entire academic session

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THE Odisha Government on Wednesday proposed the syllabus for students of Class I to XII by 30 per cent to rationise learning in the 2020-21 academic session, which has been severely affected by the pandemic.

The move by School and Mass Education (S&ME) department comes a month after the CBSE took a decision to slash the syllabus for Class IX to XII students in the current academic session in view of the global health crisis.

S&ME Minister Samir Ranjan Dash said syllabus for schools in

the State has been slashed as per the recommendations of the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Board of Secondary Education (BSE) and Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE).

"Special focus has been given to ensure that no core chapters of any subject is excluded," the Minister said and added that it will ease the burden of students in the current academic session, which will have a delayed start in view of the Covid-19 surge.

An expert team constituted by the department carefully scrutinised the contents to be retained or omitted from the syllabus for each

class and finalised the revised curriculum accordingly, he said.

Some of the topics in different subjects exempted from the Class X syllabus in Government schools include theory and theorem in Mathematics; carbon and its compounds, sources of energy and inheritance and diffraction in Science; reorganisation of States in India post-Independence and India's foreign policy in Civics; Bio Resources, Water Resources and Manufacturing Industry in Geography and Financial Structure in Economics.

Officials said revised syllabus for elementary, secondary education and higher secondary education

has been uploaded to the SCERT, BSE and CHSE websites. The department has asked the District Education Officers and other field level officials to ensure that the revised syllabus is followed by schools for online and offline teaching during the current academic session.

Members of state-level parents association, however, criticised the Government for coming up with the revised syllabus so late.

"Revising the syllabus is not enough. As the academic session is not resuming before Puja vacations, the entire academic session needs to be rescheduled," the association members said.

WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM CLASS X



THEORY AND THEOREM IN MATHEMATICS



Carbon and its compounds, sources of energy and inheritance and diffraction in Science

Reorganisation of States in India post-Independence and India's foreign policy in Civics

Bio Resources, Water Resources and Manufacturing Industry in Geography

Financial Structure in Economics



Special focus has been given to ensure that no core chapters of any subject is excluded

Samir Ranjan Dash, S&ME Minister

ओड़िशा में 12वीं तक 30 प्रतिशत कोर्स घटा

3 समितियों ने दिए ये इस मुद्दे पर सुझाव

भुवनेश्वर, ए. ओड़िशा सरकार ने मौजूदा अकादमिक सत्र में 12वीं तक 30 प्रतिशत पाठ्यक्रम कम करने की बुधवार को घोषणा की। स्कूल और जन शिक्षा मंत्री समीर रंजन दास ने कहा कि कोविड-19 के मद्देनजर स्कूलों के बंद होने को तज्जह से यह निर्णय लिया गया। उन्होंने बताया कि इस संबंध में गठित तीन समितियों के सुझाव पर यह फैसला की गई है। नया पाठ्यक्रम 'बोर्ड ऑफ सेकेंडरी एजुकेशन', 'काउंसिल ऑफ हायर सेकेंडरी एजुकेशन' और 'काउंसिल ऑफ एजुकेशनल रिसर्च एंड ट्रेनिंग' की सिफारिशों पर उपलब्ध होगा।

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Higher edu dept to upload lectures on Utkal varsity site

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Bhubaneswar: The higher education department has asked the Utkal University to upload recorded video lectures and other e-contents on the university website for students and teachers of different higher educational institutes of the state.

Under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA 1.0) scheme, a virtual tutorial project was started at the directorate of distance and continuing education (DDCE) of Utkal University in 2017. A studio had been created to prepare audio-video-based syllabus and problem solving contents at +3 level in bilingual mode (Odia and English).

After the creation of video lectures, the government had planned to embed them in a pen drive or a tablet PC and provide them to the students of underprivileged areas in Utkal University, Berhampur University, Sambalpur University, Fakir Mohan University and North Odisha University.

A monitoring committee meeting was conducted here on August 20 on this virtual tutorial project. The minutes of the meeting released on Wednesday focussed on the use of these video lectures by students and teachers during this pandemic.

In the report, higher education secretary Saswat Mishra, said the prepared e-contents (recorded lectures) should be uploaded on the Utkal University website and free access should be allowed so that students and teachers can use it for their benefit. "A separate enabling circular will be issued to all the higher educational institutions of the state in the first week of September after uploading of prepared e-contents on the website," he added.

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Govt may fix UG, PG exam schedule today

Bhubaneswar: The higher education department might come up with a schedule for the final semester/year undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) examinations in the state on Monday. A high-level meeting on this has been convened by the department on Monday.

Vice-chancellors and controllers of examinations of public universities along with principals of autonomous colleges and other degree colleges under the higher education department will attend the meeting via videoconferencing.

Higher education minister Arun Kumar Sahoo, secretary Saswat Mishra and other department officials will discuss the schedule of the final year examinations with representatives of colleges and universities. They will also discuss preparations for the final year examinations in colleges and universities. "The representatives of the higher educational institutions will say how they will handle the examination. They might also talk about the steps needed for a safe examination," said a senior higher education department official.

Berhampur University conducted its UG examinations before Covid-19 hit the state. It only needs to conduct PG examinations. Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, and Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Puri, have also completed most of their UG examinations before the Covid-19 restrictions came into force.

On Friday, Sahoo told the media that they would take a call on the UG and PG final semester examinations after going through the Supreme Court order on holding of final semester examinations. The Supreme Court in its order said the UGC guidelines for mandatory final examination were correct. Final semester/year students cannot be promoted without the examinations, it added.

Pokhriyal inaugurates KIIT webinar on NEP 2020

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar: Union minister of education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on Sunday inaugurated an international webinar on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 organised by KIIT Deemed to be University Bhubaneswar.

Sources said this was the first of its kind meet on NEP and brought more than 30,000 students, vice-chancellors, policy-makers and intellectuals from 50 countries on a common platform.

Inaugurating the webinar, Pokhriyal said NEP 2020 was a student-centric policy and reflected the dreams and aspirations of the people. It had been framed following wide-ranging consultations, he added. "Provisions for early childhood education, emphasis on mother-tongue based early childhood education, focus on skills, credit bank and multiple entry and exits are some of the important student-centric features of the policy," the minister said.

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Bid to bridge rural-urban divide in digital learning

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Bhubaneswar: In a bid to help children living in rural areas with no access to any digital medium continue with their education, members of civil society organisations have come forward and started taking remedial classes for them in the villages of the state.

The initiative, which has been started by volunteers of the non-profit Atmashakti Trust, Odisha Shramajeebee Mancha and Mahila Shramajeebee Mancha, has been

operationalised in as many as 15 districts. These include Kandhamal, Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Balasore, Jagatsinghpur, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Nuapada, Balangir and Boudh among others.

The members said remedial classes started in mid-August. Over 100 sangathas, members and local youth volunteers have conducted more than 175 remedial classes in these districts. The initiative is in line with the government's guidelines on Covid-19. They



A remedial class in a village in Phiringia block in Kandhamal

more than 3,000 students have already benefited from these classes.

Sources said the initiative

is being taken up based on a study of the learning assessment of schoolchildren carried out by these organisations. In the study, the learning levels of more than 3,000 students of Classes III, V and VIII were assessed and found to be abysmal.

"States like Sikkim have adopted home-schooling where teachers visit the homes of students with all the resources to teach them. We urge the state government to follow our remedial class modules and the Sikkim model

to help the children who are left with little or no support to return to learning," Ruchi Kashyap, the executive trustee of Atmashakti Trust, said.

She said the volunteers take up remedial classes for two hours every day for a group of children, each consisting of five to six learners, where physical distancing, use of hand wash and sanitisers and other precautionary measures to contain the spread of novel coronavirus has been made mandatory.

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UG, PG final exams to be completed by month-end

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Bhubaneswar: The state higher education department on Monday decided that it will conduct undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) final year/semester examinations by September 30. Results of the examinations will be published by October 31.

The department took the decision after a video conference meeting chaired by higher education minister Arun Kumar Sahoo. Department secretary Saswat Mishra was present. The examinations will be conducted according to the revised guidelines of University Grants Commission (UGC) issued on July 6. Colleges and universities can hold examinations by using offline, online, blended (offline+online), multiple choice, open book and OMR methods. The universities and autonomous colleges will take the final decision on it.

"If any student fails to appear in the final examination, he/she can appear for the pen and paper examination in December this year," said the official statement of the department. Sources said the final semester/year examinations will commence from September 15. The schedule will be released soon. All steps will be taken for safety of students, said a department official. Even results of back paper examination will be published by October 31.

Deepak Kumar Behera, vice-chancellor of Sambalpur University, said he will convene a meeting very soon for the examinations. "We will discuss about the methods of examinations and decide which is fit for us," he added.

On Friday, the Supreme Court had passed an order saying the UGC guideline for mandatory final examination is correct. Final semester/year students cannot be promoted without the examinations. The UGC had issued its revised guidelines on July 6 to hold the final examinations by September 30.

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'NEP-based curriculum not before 2023'

THE new curriculum suggested by the National Education Policy 2020 can only be implemented by the academic year 2023-24, said National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) Director Hrushikesh Senapaty. It will take a year for the NCERT to develop the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and another two years to develop the textbooks, he said in conversation with Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express, and author and senior journalist Kaveri Bamzai on TNIE Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.

Senapaty said a collaborative effort will be required to implement the new curriculum. "We will prepare the textbooks in a

phased manner and will be able to implement it in three years," he said.

"Even though our curriculum will be introduced in CBSE affiliated schools, the NEP will be adopted by all the states as well with slight modifications. The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), which has all the education ministers of all the states, will approve the curriculum and then it will be accepted by the states. This time there will be not one but four NCFs — early childhood care and education, school education, teacher education and adult education curriculum," he added.

The implementation of the policy will also need well-trained teachers who can teach the new syllabus. But who will



It will take another year for NCERT to prepare the framework and develop a curriculum and will take another two years to prepare the textbooks

Hrushikesh Senapaty, NCERT director

train these teachers? "We have started a massive teachers' training programme from August 19 for 42 lakh elementary school teachers and till date have trained 17.5 lakh teachers keeping in view the pedagogy. Mostly, it's a question of pedagogy. If there is no change in approach, it will not be fruitful. We need our teachers to give the students experiential education. There will also be in online mode," Senapaty said.

The three-language formula has been heavily debated since the NEP was made public. The NCERT director said the policy has left ample room for modifications in formula and that it is very flexible. "The states can choose two Indian languages of their choice and nowhere does it mention that Sanskrit is com-

pulsory, neither is Hindi," said Senapaty. "It is up to the state to develop the textbooks as well. We develop textbooks in English, Hindi and Urdu. The states then adapt it to the other Indian languages. The language textbooks, too, are developed by the states. We only give them a framework."

The NEP emphasises on implementing three modes of assessment which will have both teachers and students participating in the process for a holistic educational experience, said Senapaty.

India needs to focus on teaching life skills in an integrated manner rather than just emphasise on cognitive skills, he said. "Our focus has shifted from content mastery to competence mastery," he said.

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Complete final sem exam by Oct 10: Govt to varsities

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ODISHA Government on Wednesday asked all State universities and autonomous colleges to complete the final semester examinations for all UG and PG programmes by October 10.

The Government's direction came hours after it requested the University Grant

Commission (UGC) to extend the deadline for completion of all final semester exams of UG and PG from September 30 to October 10.

The Higher Education department has asked the universities and autonomous colleges to conduct the exam between September 20 and October 10. The results will be published by October-end.

It also asked the universi-

ties to conduct the back-paper examinations of final semester at the earliest. "If examinations can be conducted on holidays," the department wrote.

Each university and autonomous college will chalk out its own plan and strategy for conducting examinations within the prescribed deadline by following appropriate UGC guidelines.

Universities and colleges will also provide necessary support to Odisha State Open University to conduct the examinations through its study centres.

Higher Education Secretary Saswat Mishra, in a letter to the UGC, stated that it would take at least 20 days to ensure necessary preparations to conduct the exams and sought extension of the deadline.

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बच्चों के माता-पिता को इसका भुगतान अगले साल 31 जनवरी तक तीन किस्तों में करना होगा. यह फैसला राजस्थान हाईकोर्ट के न्यायमूर्ति एसपी शर्मा ने दिया है. सरकार के फैसले को चुनौती देने वाले प्राइवेट स्कूलों की अपील पर हाईकोर्ट का यह आदेश आया है. आदेश तीन याचिकाओं पर दिया गया था जिसके माध्यम से लगभग 200 स्कूलों ने राजस्थान सरकार के फैसले को चुनौती दी थी. राजस्थान सरकार ने स्कूलों से कोरोना के दौरान बंद के समय अभिभावकों से फीस न वसूलने की बात कही थी.

अग्रिम फीस

पर भी लगी रोक

कोरोना वायरस महामारी को देखते हुए राज्य सरकार ने 9 अप्रैल को राज्य के प्राइवेट स्कूलों द्वारा अग्रिम फीस लेने पर तीन महीने के लिए 30 जून तक रोक लगा दी थी. सरकार ने 9 जुलाई को इस अवधि को स्कूल के दोबारा खुलने तक बढ़ा दिया था. शिक्षा मंत्री गोविंद सिंह डोटासरा ने कोरोना काल में प्राइवेट स्कूलों को 30 जून तक तीन महीने की स्कूल फीस स्थगित करने के आदेश दिए गए थे. इस आदेश को बाद में स्कूल खुलने तक आगे बढ़ाया गया है था.

इन तीनों याचिकाओं के माध्यम से प्राइवेट स्कूलों ने राज्य सरकार के 9 अप्रैल और 7 जुलाई के फीस स्थगन के आदेश को चुनौती दी थी. कोरोना संकट की वजह से राजस्थान सरकार ने प्राइवेट स्कूलों के खुलने तक फीस वसूली पर रोक लगा रखी थी. राजस्थान सरकार ने प्राइवेट स्कूलों द्वारा ली जाने वाली फीस को स्कूलों के दोबारा खुलने तक स्थगित रखने का फैसला लिया था.

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EDUCATION

NEP focus is on learning, not on studying: PM

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THE focus now should be on 'learning' rather than 'studying' and the government should have minimal intervention in the education policy which 'belongs to everyone', Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

"Education policy and education system are important means of fulfilling the aspirations of the country. Centre, state government, local bodies, all are attached to the responsibility of the education system," he said at the inaugural session of the Governors' Conference on the newly-adopted National Education Policy (NEP).

"But it is also true that the government, its interference in education policy, its impact, should be minimal. As foreign policy, defence policy are of the country, not government, so is education policy. It belongs to everyone."

The PM also urged all stakeholders to take the "collective responsibility" to implement the policy in "letter and spirit".

In the new education policy, the first since 1986, the pressure on students for taking specific streams have been removed, he said. The PM also emphasised that the focus in the National Education Policy is on "critical thinking rather than curriculum" with a special focus on 'passion, practicality, and performance'.

The new policy will help tackle the issues of brain drain and help India become a 'knowledge economy' in the 21st century, he told the conference.

पढ़ने नहीं सीखने पर अब जोर : मोदी

नई शिक्षा नीति पर राज्यपाल, कुलपति, शिक्षा मंत्रियों से बात की पीएम ने

♦ राष्ट्रपति, शिक्षा मंत्री भी शामिल हुए चर्चा में

♦ शिक्षा नीति में सरकार का दखल कम से कम होना चाहिए

♦ सर्वश्रेष्ठ अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्थानों के कैम्पस का रास्ता खुला

♦ मोदी-वैज-बोर्ड के बोझ में दबे हुए थे बच्चे

♦ राष्ट्रपति ने कहा- रिसर्च पर बढ़ेगा निवेश

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नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने राज्यपालों के वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंस के दौरान प्रतिभा पलायन से लेकर अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्थानों के कैम्पस भारत में स्थापित करने तक की बात कही है. नई शिक्षा नीति, पढ़ने के बजाय सीखने पर फोकस करती है और पाठ्यक्रम से और आगे बढ़कर क्रिटिकल थिंकिंग पर जोर देती है. इस पॉलिसी में प्रोसेस से ज्यादा पैशन, व्यावहारिकता और प्रदर्शन पर बल



दिया गया है.

राष्ट्रपति रामनाथ कोविंद ने कहा कि शिक्षण के पेशे में योग्य लोगों के चयन और रिसर्च पर निवेश बढ़ाया जाएगा. उन्होंने अपने संबोधन में छात्रों, शिक्षकों और अभिभावकों के मन में उठ रहे सवालों का जवाब देने की कोशिश की. इस कार्यक्रम में राज्यपालों के अलावा, राष्ट्रपति रामनाथ कोविंद, शिक्षा मंत्री रमेश पोखरिया निशंक भी शामिल थे.

पीएम ने क्या कहा

शिक्षा व्यवस्था की जिम्मेदारी से केन्द्र, राज्य सरकार, स्थानीय निकाय, सभी जुड़े होते हैं. लेकिन ये भी सही है कि शिक्षा नीति में सरकार, उसका दखल, उसका प्रभाव, कम से कम होना चाहिए. गांव में कोई शिक्षक हो या फिर बड़े-बड़े शिक्षाविद, सबको राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति, अपनी शिक्षा शिक्षा नीति लग रही है.

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप : राष्ट्रपति

☉ बताया, भानु के शिक्षार्थियों एवं नागरिकों की आकांक्षाओं का प्रतिबिंब

नई दिल्ली : राष्ट्रपति रामनाथ कोविंद ने सोमवार को कहा कि राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति केवल एक नीतिगत दस्तावेज नहीं है, बल्कि भारत के शिक्षार्थियों एवं नागरिकों की आकांक्षाओं का प्रतिबिंब है और यह 21वीं सदी की आवश्यकताओं एवं आकांक्षाओं के अनुरूप देश के लोगों, विशेषकर युवाओं को आगे ले जाने में सक्षम होगी। नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति पर राज्यपालों के सम्मेलन के उद्घाटन सत्र को संबोधित करते हुए राष्ट्रपति ने कहा, शिक्षा के माध्यम से हमें ऐसे विद्यार्थियों को गढ़ना है जो राष्ट्र-गौरव के साथ-साथ विश्व-कल्याण की भावना से ओत-प्रोत हों और सही अर्थों में वैश्विक नागरिक बन सकें। उन्होंने कहा कि 12वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के आकलन के अनुसार, भारत के कार्यबल में 5 प्रतिशत से भी कम लोगों ने औपचारिक व्यावसायिक शिक्षा प्राप्त की थी। यह संख्या संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में 52 प्रतिशत, जर्मनी में 75 प्रतिशत और दक्षिण कोरिया में 96 प्रतिशत थी। कोविंद ने कहा,

राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति अक्षरशः लागू करना सामूहिक जिम्मेदारी : पीएम

नई दिल्ली : प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने सोमवार को कहा कि नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में अध्ययन के बजाय सीखने पर अधिक जोर दिया गया है और यह पाठ्यक्रम से परे गहन चिंतन पर केंद्रित है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह सभी पक्षकारों की सामूहिक जिम्मेदारी है कि राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति को अक्षरशः लागू किया जाए। यह शिक्षा नीति, सरकार की शिक्षा नीति नहीं है। ये देश की शिक्षा नीति है। जैसे विदेश नीति देश की नीति होती है, रक्षा नीति देश की नीति होती है, वैसे ही शिक्षा नीति भी देश की ही नीति है। राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति पर राज्यपालों के सम्मेलन को संबोधित करते हुए मोदी ने कहा कि नई शिक्षा नीति में छात्रों पर किसी विशेष संकाय को चुनने के दबाव को समाप्त कर दिया गया है। उन्होंने कहा, अब हमारे युवा अपनी पसंद के अनुरूप शिक्षा प्राप्त कर सकेंगे। इससे पहले छात्र अपने रूझान से परे एक संकाय चुनते थे और बाद में इसे महसूस करते थे। इन सभी समस्याओं पर एनईपी में ध्यान दिया गया है। राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में भविष्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए व्यापक प्रावधान किए गए हैं।



भारत में व्यावसायिक शिक्षा के प्रसार में तेजी लाने की आवश्यकता को देखते हुए यह तय किया गया है कि स्कूल तथा उच्च शिक्षा प्रणाली में वर्ष 2025 तक कम से कम 50 प्रतिशत विद्यार्थियों को व्यावसायिक शिक्षा प्रदान की जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा, नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में भारतीय भाषाओं, कला और संस्कृति को प्राथमिकता दी गई है। इससे विद्यार्थियों में सृजनात्मक क्षमता विकसित होगी और भारतीय भाषाओं की ताकत और बढ़ेगी। विविध भाषाओं वाले हमारे देश की

एकता को अधुण बनाए रखने में इससे मदद मिलेगी। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि 1968 की शिक्षा नीति से लेकर इस शिक्षा नीति तक, एक स्वर से निरंतर यह स्पष्ट किया गया है कि केंद्र व राज्य सरकारों को मिलकर सार्वजनिक शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में जीडीपी के 6 प्रतिशत निवेश का लक्ष्य रखना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि 2020 की इस शिक्षा नीति में इस लक्ष्य तक शीघ्रता से पहुँचने की अनुशंसा की गई है। कोविंद ने कहा कि राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति में यह स्पष्ट किया गया है कि सार्वजनिक शिक्षा प्रणाली ही

जीवंत लोकतान्त्रिक समाज का आधार होती है। अतः सार्वजनिक शिक्षण संस्थानों को मजबूत बनाना अत्यंत आवश्यक है। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि नई शिक्षा नीति में इस बात पर बल दिया गया है कि हम सबको भारतीय जीवन-मूल्यों पर आधारित आधुनिक शिक्षा प्रणाली विकसित करनी है। साथ ही यह भी प्रयास करना है कि सभी को उच्च गुणवत्ता से युक्त शिक्षा प्राप्त हो तथा एक जीवंत व समता-मूलक ज्ञान आधारित समाज का निर्माण हो।

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Digital divide shadows post-pandemic education

NSO report highlights wide disparity in access to online classes

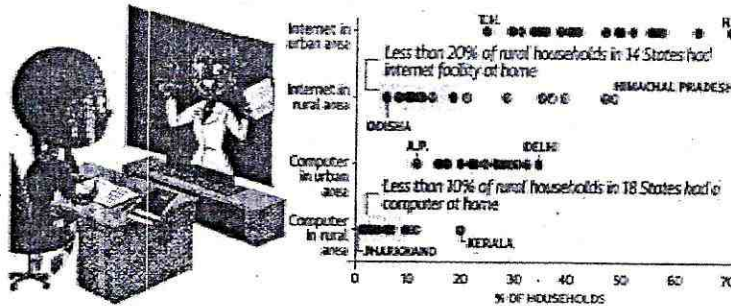
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Schools across the country have now been closed for six months due to COVID-19, but this means vastly different things for different people. For the child in urban Himachal Pradesh, where internet penetration is higher than 70%, it likely means online schooling, Zoom classes and digital textbooks. For the child in rural Odisha, where less than 6% of households have Internet facilities, such options are out of the question.

A recent report on the latest National Statistical Organisation (NSO) survey shows just how stark is the digital divide across States,

Stark contrast

A majority of households in rural areas across most States neither had a computer nor an internet connection*, making it difficult for students to attend online classes. The graphs depict the percentage of households with a computer and an internet connection in rural and urban areas in select States.



* AS PER THE NSS EDUCATION SURVEY CONDUCTED BETWEEN JULY 2017 AND JUNE 2018

cities and villages, and income groups. The survey on household social consumption related to education was part of the NSO's 75th round, conducted from July 2017 to June 2018. The final report was released recently.

Across India, only one in 10 households have a computer - whether a desktop, laptop or tablet. However, al-

most a quarter of all homes have Internet facilities, accessed via a fixed or mobile network using any device, including smartphones.

Most in cities

Most of these Internet-enabled homes are located in cities, where 42% have Internet access. In rural India, however, only 15% are con-

ected to the Internet.

The national capital has the highest Internet access, with 55% of homes having such facilities. Himachal Pradesh and Kerala are the only other States where more than half of all households have Internet.

At the other end of the spectrum is Odisha, where only one in 10 homes have

Internet. There are 10 other States with less than 20% Internet penetration, including States with software hubs such as Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The biggest divide is by economic status, which the NSO marks by dividing the population into five equal groups, or quintiles, based on their usual monthly per capita expenditure. Even in Odisha, almost 63% of homes in the top urban quintile have Internet facilities. In the poorest quintile of rural Odisha, however, that figure drops to an abysmal 2.4%.

Kerala shows the least inequality: more than 39% of the poorest rural homes have Internet, in comparison to 67% of the richest urban homes. Himachal Pradesh also fares well, with 40% of the lowest rural quintile having Internet.

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Govt releases new education calendar

NEW DELHI: Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on Tuesday released alternative academic calendars for the next eight weeks to engage students keeping at home due to the Covid-19.

The calendars for students, parents and teachers for all the classes has been developed by the NCERT under the guidance of the ministry.

"The calendar provides guidelines to teachers on the use of various technological tools and social media tools available for imparting education in fun-filled, interesting ways, which can be used by learner, parents and teachers even while at home," said Pokhriyal. The calendar contains a week-wise plan consisting of various activities, with reference to theme or chapter taken from syllabus or textbook.

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बीएबीएड, बीएससीबीएड एवं डीएलएड में प्रवेश के लिए पंजीयन 25 सितंबर से

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प्रदेश के निजी शिक्षा महाविद्यालयों में संचालित बीए बीएड, बीएससीबीएड पाठ्यक्रम और शासकीय डाइट, बीटीआई, निजी शिक्षा महाविद्यालयों में संचालित डीएलएड पाठ्यक्रम में प्रवेश के लिए अब प्रक्रिया शुरू हो रही है। बीए बीएड, बीएससीबीएड पाठ्यक्रम के लिए पात्र अभ्यर्थी 25 सितंबर से ऑनलाइन पंजीयन करा सकते हैं। इसी प्रकार डीएलएड पाठ्यक्रम में प्रवेश के लिए 6 अक्टूबर से पंजीयन शुरू होगा।

राज्य शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद (एससीईआरटी) ने उक्त पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए आबंटन कार्यक्रम जारी कर दिया है। संचालक डी. राहुल वेंकट ने बताया कि बीए बीएड, बीएससीबीएड पाठ्यक्रम में प्रवेश के लिए प्रथम चरण में विकल्प फार्म 25 सितंबर से 3 अक्टूबर तक ऑनलाइन जमा

प्रवेश प्रक्रिया

- ◆ डीएलएड का ऑनलाइन पंजीयन 6 अक्टूबर से
- ◆ एससीईआरटी ने जारी किया आबंटन कार्यक्रम

किए जाएंगे। दावा आपत्ति के लिए 6 और 7 अक्टूबर की तिथि निर्धारित की गई है। इसके पश्चात आबंटन सूची 12 अक्टूबर को जारी की जाएगी। आबंटित सूची में शामिल छात्र 12 अक्टूबर से 19 अक्टूबर तक महाविद्यालय में प्रवेश ले सकेंगे। इसके पश्चात रिक्त सीटों की जानकारी के लिए 21 अक्टूबर की तिथि निर्धारित की गई है।

इसी प्रकार डीएलएड में प्रवेश के लिए प्रथम चरण विकल्प फार्म 6 अक्टूबर से 16 अक्टूबर तक ऑनलाइन जमा किए जाएंगे। दावा आपत्ति 20 और 21 अक्टूबर को

23 अक्टूबर से दूसरा चरण

बीए बीएड, बीएससीबीएड के लिए द्वितीय चरण में विकल्प फार्म 23 से 27 अक्टूबर तक ऑनलाइन जमा होंगे। 29 एवं 31 अक्टूबर तक दावा आपत्ति के पश्चात आबंटन सूची 3 नवंबर को जारी की जाएगी। आबंटित सूची में शामिल छात्रों की 3 से 7 नवंबर तक महाविद्यालय में प्रवेश लेना होगा। रिक्त सीटों की सूची 9 नवंबर को जारी होगी। इसी प्रकार डीएलएड के विकल्प फार्म 3 से 9 नवंबर तक ऑनलाइन जमा किए जाएंगे। 11 व 12 नवंबर को दावा आपत्ति मंगाई जाएगी। तत्पश्चात आबंटन सूची 18 नवंबर को होगी। चयनित विद्यार्थी 18 से 24 नवंबर तक प्रवेश ले सकेंगे।

तीसरे चरण की प्रवेश प्रक्रिया 11 नवंबर से

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किए जाएंगे। आबंटन सूची 23 अक्टूबर को जारी की जाएगी। चयनित विद्यार्थी 23 से 29 अक्टूबर तक महाविद्यालय में प्रवेश ले सकेंगे। रिक्त सीटों की जानकारी 31 अक्टूबर को जारी होगी।

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In a first, Kolkata to get tram library

Kolkata: In a first of its kind, Kolkata is all set to get a tram library, top official said on Wednesday. The specially designed tram will have books and magazines, including those on competitive examinations such as the civil services, WBCS, GRE or GMAT to attract readers from various educational institutions along the route, West Bengal Transport Corporation (WBTC) managing director Rajanvir Singh Kapur said. The tram library, which was inaugurated on Thursday, will travel regularly between Shyambazar and Esplanade, traversing 4.5 km through the city's educational corridor, College Street, Kapur said. There are at least 30 educational institutions along or near its route, including the Calcutta University and Presidency University, Scottish Church College, Hindu School and the Calcutta Girls' School. "The tram library introduced by the WBTC that oversees India's only functioning tramways, is a special tram with books, magazines, which can be read while travelling on the tram," Kapur said. The tramcars will have free wifi and will help passengers read e-books apart from laying their hands on books in the library, he said, adding that the collection will be updated regularly. PTI

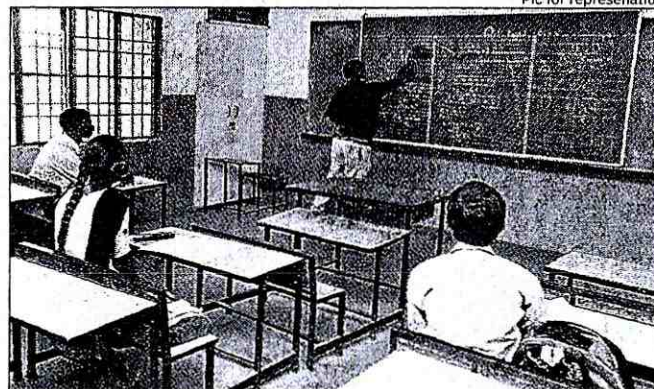
Guidelines for reopening of schools issued, option open for online classes

Final Decision Rests With States/UTs

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New Delhi: The Centre on Monday issued guidelines for reopening of schools, stating that states/UTs may take a decision after October 15 in a graded manner with students being allowed only with consent of parents. There will be flexibility in attendance norms with students having the option for online classes.

The guidelines, issued by the ministry of education (MoE), included thorough cleaning and disinfection of premises, flexibility in attendance, no assessment for up



Pic for representation
The ministry recommended that schools adopt flexible attendance and sick-leave policies

to three weeks and ensuring smooth transition from home-based schooling during the Covid-19 lockdown to holding classes in schools. It has also asked the states/UTs to frame their own SOPs for health and safety precautions based on their local condi-

tions. "Schools must arrange and implement for thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all areas, furniture, equipment, stationery, storage places, water tanks, kitchen, canteen, wash rooms, laboratories and libraries etc on school campus and ensure

air flow in indoor spaces," said the ministry.

"Schools may be encouraged to make their own SOPs based on the guidelines issued by states/UTs, keeping in view the safety and social distancing norms, and ensuring that the notices, posters, messages, communication to parents in this regard are prominently displayed and disseminated," it said.

The ministry also recommended that schools adopt flexible attendance and sick-leave policies. "Flexible attendance and sick leave policies may be developed and implemented to encourage students and staff to stay at home when sick. Students may attend schools only with written consent of parents. Students may opt for online classes rather than physically attend school.

"There shall be no assess-

ment up to 2-3 weeks of school reopening and use of ICT and online learning shall continue to be encouraged."

Classes in schools and colleges across the country have remained suspended since March 16 to contain the spread of coronavirus. While restrictions were gradually eased in different phases of "Unlock", educational institutions continue to remain closed.

The latest unlock guidelines allow reopening of schools and other educational institutions outside containment zones after October 15, but the final decision has been left with the states/UTs.

The SOP also lists out the role and responsibility of the state/UT education department, school heads, teachers and guardians in line with the UNICEF guidelines in view of Covid-19.

Decision on school reopening in Nov: Minister

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Bhubaneswar: School and mass education minister Samir Ranjan Das said on Tuesday that the state government will think about reopening of schools after October. On Monday, the Centre allowed reopening of schools and coaching classes after October 15 but the final decision rests with the state.

Earlier, chief minister Naveen Patnaik had announced closure of all educational institutions till the end of puja vacation.

"There is no dispute that reopening of schools is absolutely necessary but the safety of our children is also of paramount importance in view of the pandemic. After taking stock of the Covid-9 situation, the government will take a call on the school reopening in November," Das said.

The Centre also mentioned that the states can prepare their own standard operating procedure (SOP) for reopening of schools in view of the local situation and requirements.

According to the guidelines issued by the Centre, students can come to schools with the

consent of their parents while those who don't want to come to school can opt for online classes. Besides, the students would have to follow safety protocols like wearing masks, maintaining six-foot distance and there should be proper sanitisation of the classroom.

"We have taken several steps like online classes and reduced 30% of the course curriculum. After deciding the reopening the state will prepare the SOP for schools," he said.

However, the parents association in Odisha reiterated their demand to reschedule the current academic session instead of continuing with the same year.

"Students from economically backward classes cannot access online classes due to lack of gadgets, data card and perfect network. Besides, the online classes are not up to the mark and there are no practical classes. So we are demanding to restructure of the academic session from December 2020 to June 2021 or from January to July 2021. By doing so, the courses can be covered," said Basudev Bhatt, chairman of Odisha Abhibhabak Mahasangha.

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Schools look at tough balancing act as govt mulls post-Puja reopening

Teachers Admit Learning Loss, But Highlight Risk To Safety

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Bhubaneswar: With schools being shut for more than six months now and the state government extending the closure to include the Durga Puja vacation, academics and teachers are worried for children's mental health. Online classes cannot be a long-term substitute for regular classes, but schools will also have to take many measures to check the spread of the virus when they reopen, the experts added.

"Online classes are not as effective as offline classes. Many students fail to grasp concepts as fast as their peers. Teachers, too, are not able to keep a track of who has understood what. But it is not advisable for schools to reopen now as the health of students is our first priority. When we do open, quick recapitulation of already-taught modules is a must, apart, of course, from ensuring hygiene and sanitisation," said Swoyan Satyendu, chief operating officer, ODM Educational Group.

Academics expressed concern that the indefinite school closure has not only affected the learning process of students, it has hit their cognitive skills. "Even career-minded students are terribly anxious and uncertain of whether the pandemic will subside and schools will reopen to a normal schedule. It is difficult to expect or predict anything. We can only hope and pray that the pandemic subsides after Durga Puja," said Kamala Prasad Mahapatra, an educationist.

Although the Centre has asked schools to reopen with

50% staff and allowed students to go to school to get their doubts cleared and for brief interactions with teachers, schools in the state have not yet eased restrictions on students of senior classes.

"Seeing the current trend, it seems that schools can reopen in a phased manner only from the second week of November. As the boards have already declared nearly 30% reduction in syllabus, the closure of schools till then may have a serious impact on students, unless

classes are continued thereafter. The students will have the pressure of classroom teaching," said SP Behura, former principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya-1 and academic adviser to DPS Kalinga.

With parents worried about the safety of children, schools have to take additional measures before they reopen. "Proper academic planning along with the implementation of Covid guidelines must be ensured," said a teacher.

"Schools, of course, should not reopen unless we can

ensure the safety of our children. When balancing the risks and rewards of different kinds of activities, the fact that long-term school closure may have possible negative impact on students deserves consideration," said K C Satpathy, regional director of DAV Public Schools, Odisha.

He added, "As teachers, we understand that each child learns differently. Though online classes are productive for most students, we still have much to work on for ensuring real benefits reach

all. Students without access to stable internet connection and devices or those in primary sections need a lot more than online classes."

Contrary to the fear and concern of parents, most children want to return to school as they miss interacting with teachers and friends. "Online classes were fun in the beginning, but most of our doubts remained unaddressed. Classes feel like talking over the phone or watching TV," said Prajna Paramita Rout, a Class VIII student.

KEY FACTORS IN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL



Infrastructure preparedness
Health and sanitary measures take the centre stage



School mapping
To assist in exploring various options for reorganising the school day, such as use of premises, double shifts and other options



Availability of teachers
Also, the number of students allowed in each classroom



Preparedness of teaching staff
Including the ability to offer psychosocial and academic support



This may require additional training, for example, where health specialists are not available

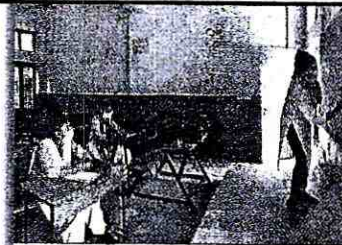
Training should also include approaches to deal with post-traumatic stress caused by Covid-19

Pedagogical preparedness | To assess progress during school closure, identifying learning loss and organising remedial courses

Ensuring smooth transition from distance learning to classroom delivering

Student, family and society preparedness, including awareness and willingness to return to school and ability to continue learning

Source: Covid-19 Education Response - Preparing the re-opening of schools by Unesco



Response in India to reopening of schools
(for classes XI to XII)

Assam | 10% of students attended the school

Gurgaon | 3% attendance

Hyderabad | None turned up, 20% submitted consent forms

Countries where schools have reopened

1 Denmark

- First country to reopen schools in April
- Each group comes at different time slots
- Designated zones in playground
- Students wash their hands every two hours
- Face masks not made mandatory
- Classrooms rearranged
- All study materials sanitised twice a day
- Classes held whenever possible
- Parents not allowed on school property
- After investigation for five weeks, primary schoolchildren called in by May

3 Spain

- Choice left with the parents
- By Sept-end, govt plans to open all schools
- Almost 11,000 additional teachers hired to monitor younger students
- Makeshift classrooms being staged in schoolyards
- Bubbles of 15 to 20 students made; they can mix within the bubble

2 China

- Students from hard-hit areas required to stay at home and monitor own health condition, ensuring no one has symptoms for at least 14 days before going to school
- Off-peak hours for schools

4 South Korea

- Senior school students return first and then, of primary classes
- Within days, a spurt of infections prompt closure
- Phased reopening since then
- Hybrid lessons - online, offline

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Online classes to continue for students unwilling to attend schools

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THE State Government on Wednesday reiterated that schools will be reopened partially in November. However, online classes will be allowed for students whose parents are not willing to send them to schools due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash said though dates have not been finalised yet, the depart-

ment proposes to reopen schools for Class IX, X and Class XI, XII (higher secondary classes or Plus Two) in the first phase from this month after formulation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

Speaking to TNIE, the Minister also said that the department is planning to continue online classes even after schools reopen, for those not willing to attend classes in physical mode due to the ongoing health crisis. The move, however, is still under consid-



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Samir Ranjan Dash, School and Mass Education Minister

eration, he said.

Though the State Government has allowed the department to reopen schools from November 16 onwards, the latter has not finalised any dates yet. But 10,000 schools, 8,000 high schools and 2,000 higher secondary schools have been

planned to be reopened in the first phase.

The Minister, who had convened a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the matter, had said the SOP which is in draft stage will soon be uploaded to the department website seeking feedback and recommendations of

schools, parents and other stakeholders to ensure adequate safety measures on the campuses. The SOP will also provide measures to be undertaken in private schools for their reopening.

A new academic calendar will also be prepared as the 2020-21 academic session has already been delayed by four months. The government has also slashed syllabus for students by 30 per cent considering a delayed start of the session.

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Odisha drops plan to reopen schools

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Bhubaneswar: A day after chief minister Naveen Patnaik warned of the possibility of a second wave of Covid-19 in the state after December 15, the school and mass education department on Thursday dropped the idea of allowing schools to reopen in November. The department was already in consultations with the stakeholders to prepare a standard operating procedure (SOP) for the schools to resume physical classes.

"We are not going to allow the schools to reopen now. After the chief minister asked everyone to remain cautious

of a possible fresh wave of Covid-19 in the state next month, we shelved the proposal of allowing the schools to reopen for the time being. We have taken this decision in view of the safety of children and also to prevent the transmission of the virus.

The process of preparing the SOP has been scrapped," school and mass education minister Samir Ranjan Dash said. He added that the online classes will continue as usual.

On Wednesday, the CM urged people to exercise cau-

tion and strictly follow the Covid-19 guidelines during Diwali and the coming winter months. "Following the outbreak of a second wave of infection, several European countries have announced fresh lockdowns, which may hit life and livelihood badly," the CM said after reviewing the pandemic situation in the state.

Schools in Odisha have been shut since mid-March when the state and the country went into lockdown to arrest the spread of the life-threatening infection. In the wake of the pandemic, online classes were started.

Many did not have access to internet

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However, a large number of students failed to avail of the online classes owing to lack of smartphones or poor internet connectivity. To address this problem, the government had come up with the idea of allowing the schools to reopen in a graded manner from November 16.

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SC rejects plea on fee waiver for CBSE Class 10 & 12 exams

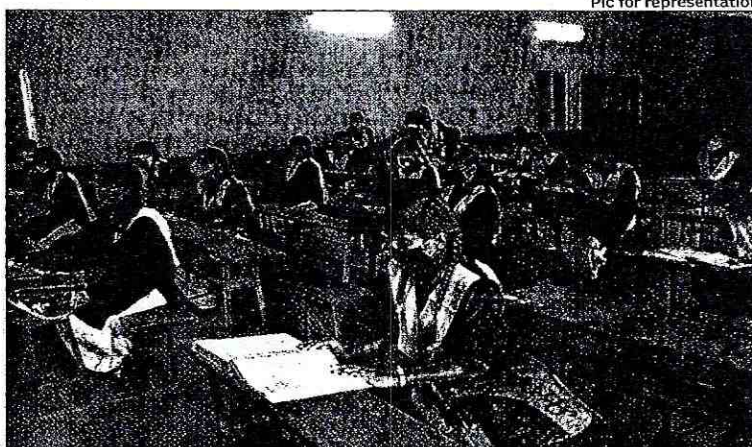
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to entertain a plea seeking direction to the CBSE and the Delhi government to waive exam fees for students of classes 10 and 12 in the current academic year in view of Covid-19 and financial problems being faced by some parents. A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah dismissed the petition filed by NGO 'Social Jurist' against the September 28 order of the Delhi high court.

"How can the court direct the government to do this? You should give a representation to the government... Dismissed," the bench said.

The high court had asked the AAP government and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to treat the PIL as a representation and take a decision "in accordance with law, rules, regulations and government policy applicable to the facts of the case" within three weeks.

The appeal said that due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the income of parents has either disappeared or declined to such a level that it has become difficult for them to arrange even two meal for their families.

It said the high court's order has resulted in denial of relief to 30 lakh students in the country and three lakh are in



Pic for representation

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Delhi alone.

The plea, filed through lawyer Ashok Agarwal, said, either CBSE be asked to waive off the exams fee or the Centre should pay the money from the PM Cares Fund in the country.

For Delhi students, it said that the AAP government may be asked to do the same.

"It may be stated here that till 2018-19 the CBSE examination fee of students of class X/XII was very nominal but in the year 2019-20 respondent CBSE increased examination fee in manifold.

"In the current year 2020-21, CBSE has demanded exami-

nation fee from Rs 1,500 to Rs 1,800 from students of class X and Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,400 from class XII students depending upon number of subjects, practical, etc," the plea said.

In the last academic year, the Delhi government had paid examination fees to the CBSE of students of class X and XII, but in 2020-21, it has refused to do so citing financial crunch, it said.

The NGO sought direction to the CBSE to waive the fee or direct the Centre to pay to CBSE from "the PM Care Fund or from any other available resources", it said. PTI

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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ଵର, ୨୪.୧୧ (ନି.ପ୍ର): କୋଭିଡ଼ ମହାମାରୀ ପରିସ୍ଥିତିରେ କିପରି ପିଲା ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିବେ ଏବଂ କେଉଁ ସମୟରେ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଦେବେ ତାହାକୁ ନେଇ ଅନିଶ୍ଚିତତା ଲାଗି ରହିଛି । ପ୍ରବେଶିକା ପରୀକ୍ଷା ଓ ଉଚ୍ଚ ଶିକ୍ଷାନୁଷ୍ଠାନରେ ନାମଲେଖା ଭଳି ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଜାତୀୟସ୍ତରର କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ସହିତ ଯୋଡ଼ିହୋଇ ରହିଥିବାରୁ କୋଭିଡ଼ ସମୟରେ ବୋଡ଼ ପରୀକ୍ଷା କିଭଳି ଓ କେଉଁ ସମୟରେ ଆୟୋଜନ କରାଯିବ ତାହା ସ୍ଵଷ୍ଟ କରିବା ସହିତ ପରୀକ୍ଷା ସମୟ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଧାରଣ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଜାତୀୟ ସ୍ତରରେ ନିୟମାବଳୀ ଜାରି କରିବାକୁ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନବୀନ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମୋଦୀଙ୍କ ହସ୍ତକ୍ଷେପ ଲୋଡ଼ିଛନ୍ତି । ଏହି ମର୍ମରେ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଆଜି ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ନିକଟକୁ ଟିପି ଲେଖିଛନ୍ତି ।

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Naveen writes to Modi seeking clarity on board exam time frame

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Bhubaneswar: Chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for clarity on the time frame within which the Class X and Class XII board exams have to be conducted, and the duration of the 2020-21 academic session.

"As all competitive entrance exams and admission in institutions of higher education are interlinked, national guidance and tentative timelines will help states frame an appropriate strategy," Naveen wrote in his letter. It will also help students who are anxious about

the board exams, the chief minister pointed out.

Naveen wrote in his letter that, in the absence of clarity

on the duration of the academic session and the conduct of board exams, students and their parents/teachers were in a state of uncertainty. "We have been trying to reach out to the maximum number of students digitally, but it is not possible to cover all students and prepare them to face boards and competitive exams," Naveen added.

He informed the Prime Minister that all educational institutions in the state had been closed since March 17. Keeping in mind the safety of students, the government has decided to keep educational institutions closed till December 31.

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Schools for higher classes may reopen in January: Dash

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School and mass education minister Sameer Ranjan Dash said, "Students will appear for the exams after attending at least three months of physical classes. The government may think of reopening schools for higher classes in January, if the Covid-19 situation improves."

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

Bagless days coming for school students across the country

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WHEN children return to school after the pandemic-induced long break, they will not only carry a lighter bag but also go without it for one-third of the academic year.

For, the Centre recently instructed states to provide for at least 10 "bagless" days for chil-

dren in classes 1-12 each month and introduce vocational training for students in classes 6-12, in line with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Vocational training could include engagement with local professionals and artisans, such as agriculturists, horticulturists, carpenters and potters.

The Union education minis-

TAPAS RANJAN



try asked the states to follow the instructions in their letter and spirit. The letter sent to school education secretaries in all the states also said that from first to tenth grade, the weight of the school bag should not exceed 10% of the student's weight and students in pre-primary classes should not be made to carry bags to schools.

It also specified that first and

second grade students will have to keep the same notebook for classroom tasks while two notebooks have been fixed for third to fifth grade students. It will be mandatory for every school to install a digital machine to check the weight of the bag, the letter said, adding that school bags should be lightweight and hanging on both shoulders.

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No clarity on board schedule, schools hold pre-boards online

New Delhi: With no clarity yet on dates of board examinations next year, several schools are already conducting pre-board exams in online mode to ensure that students are fully prepared in time.

While the ministry of education (MoE) is yet to take a call on the dates of board exams for class 10 and 12, it has already clarified that the exams will be in pen and paper mode only.

Schools in Delhi are restricting to online exams while those in Gurgaon, Ghaziabad and Noida are also planning exams in blended mode as per easing of restrictions by respective state governments.

"The CBSE conducted the NEET and JEE exams in 2020 during the pandemic in offline mode. This strongly indicates that students of grade 10 and 12 should prepare themselves for an offline examination. We managed to conduct pre-board exams in online mode, keeping in consideration safety and securi-



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ty of staff and students. However, that amount of practice is not enough for pupils, we are exploring adopting offline mode of conducting exams as per the CBSE guidelines," said Priyanka Barara, Principal, MRG School, Rohini.

According to Pallavi Upadhyaya, principal, DPS-RNE Ghaziabad, the school has conducted online exams for pre-boards but is also planning to hold physical exams in January. "Amidst the pandemic, we have been able to complete the academic syllabi for board classes and

have conducted the first pre-board examination virtually as per the CBSE guidelines issued according to the paper pattern.

"We have conducted virtual sessions with students and parents and have ensured a fair exam. Our system has been designed to keep the exam fair for the invigilator and students," she said.

"After attempting the paper, the students are directed to scan and email the answer sheets to the respective teachers. However, the school certainly is planning to conduct the second pre-boards physically at school in January," she said.

Rashmi Biswal, principal, DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Vihar, said, "Most board exams are of 80 marks so we want to give students the practice of writing the whole exam and to make the experience simpler for them we have decided to divide each paper into two parts, so students can write and submit both parts in one day." PTI

स्कूलों ने ऑनलाइन लेनी शुरू की प्री-बोर्ड परीक्षा

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कोविड-19 महामारी की वजह से अगले साल होने वाली बोर्ड परीक्षा की तारीखें स्पष्ट नहीं हैं, इसके बावजूद कई स्कूल ऑनलाइन प्री-बोर्ड परीक्षा करा रहे हैं ताकि उनके विद्यार्थी पूरी तरह से तैयार रहें. शिक्षा मंत्रालय ने 10वीं और 12वीं की बोर्ड परीक्षाओं की तारीखों पर अभी फैसला नहीं किया है, हालांकि, उसने पहले ही स्पष्ट कर दिया है कि परीक्षाएं पारंपरिक तरीके से ही होंगी. दिल्ली के स्कूल परीक्षाओं को ऑनलाइन माध्यम तक ही सीमित कर रहे हैं जबकि गुरुग्राम, गाजियाबाद और नोएडा के स्कूल भी संबंधित राज्य सरकारों द्वारा दी गई ढील के तहत मिश्रित तरीके से परीक्षा करा रहे हैं.

शिक्षा

- कोरोना के चलते तय नहीं हुई पेपर की तारीखें
- 10वीं और 12वीं परीक्षा होने के संकेत

ऑफलाइन परीक्षा लेने की भी योजना

गाजियाबाद के राजनगर एक्सटेंशन स्थित डीपीएस स्कूल की प्रधानाचार्य पल्लवी उपाध्याय के मुताबिक स्कूल ने प्री-बोर्ड की परीक्षा ऑनलाइन आयोजित की है लेकिन जनवरी में ऑफ लाइन परीक्षा लेने की भी योजना है. उन्होंने कहा, महामारी के बीच हम बोर्ड परीक्षा वाली कक्षाओं के विद्यार्थियों का पाठ्यक्रम पूरा कर पाए हैं और सीबीएसई



के दिशा-निर्देश के अनुरूप पहली प्री-बोर्ड परीक्षा ऑनलाइन आयोजित की है. उन्होंने कहा, पारदर्शी परीक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए हमने विद्यार्थियों और उनके माता-पिता के साथ डिजिटल संवाद सत्र रखा. हमारी प्रणाली इस तरह से तैयार की गई है कि निरीक्षक और विद्यार्थी के लिए पारदर्शी हो. पुष्पांजलि विहार स्थित डीएवी पब्लिक स्कूल की प्रधानाचार्य रश्मि बिस्वाल ने कहा, बोर्ड की अधिकतर परीक्षा 80 अंकों की होती हैं और इसलिए हम चाहते हैं कि विद्यार्थियों को पूरे प्रश्नपत्र के उत्तर लिखने का अभ्यास हो, इसलिए हमने

परीक्षा ऑनलाइन कराने की व्यवस्था

दिल्ली के रोहिणी स्थित एमआरजी स्कूल की प्रधानाचार्य प्रियंका बरार ने कहा, सीबीएसई ने नीट और जेईई-2020 परीक्षा महामारी के बावजूद ऑफ लाइन कराई. यह पुख्ता संकेत है कि 10वीं और 12वीं के विद्यार्थियों को भी खुद को ऑफलाइन परीक्षा के लिए तैयार रखना चाहिए. हमने विद्यार्थियों और शिक्षकों की संरक्षा और सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्री-बोर्ड की परीक्षा ऑनलाइन कराने की व्यवस्था की है. उन्होंने कहा, विद्यार्थियों के लिए यह तैयारी पर्याप्त नहीं है. हम सीबीएसई के दिशा-निर्देश के अनुरूप ऑफलाइन परीक्षा कराने की संभावना तलाश रहे हैं.

शिक्षामंत्री 22 को शिक्षकों के साथ संवाद करेंगे

गौरतलब है कि केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्री रमेश घोखरियाल निशंक ने 10 दिसंबर को विद्यार्थियों से सीधा संवाद किया था और आगामी बोर्ड परीक्षा संबंधी विभिन्न प्रश्नों का उत्तर दिया था. निशंक 22 दिसंबर को शिक्षकों के साथ संवाद करेंगे जिसके बाद परीक्षा की तारीखों की घोषणा होने की उम्मीद है.

प्रत्येक विषय के प्रश्नपत्र को दो हिस्सों में बांटा है ताकि विद्यार्थी दोनों हिस्सों के उत्तर लिखकर एक दिन में कुछ अंतराल में या दो अलग दिनों में जमा कर सकें.