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05 JUL 2024  
July, 2024

To

1. All the Principals Govt. Colleges/Skt./GCTE Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ 2. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education, HP.

**Subject: -** Request to furnish status of Action taken on Joint D.O. letter from Secretary, SJE and Secretary, Higher Education Department of all States / UTs in Nov, 2023 – reg.

In pursuance to a Joint D.O. No. 8-16/2022-DS-V(Pt.7) dated November, 2023 received from the Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and the Secretary, Department of Higher Education (copy enclosed), through the Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of HP vide letter No. EDN-B-GA(17)-1/2024, dated 27-06-2024 on the subject cited above.

In this context, you are directed to go through the aforesaid D.O. letter and take further necessary action accordingly. A list of suggested activities to spread awareness and IEC material along with best practices may be accessed through the link provided in the above said D.O. letter. Further, also ensure that an Anti-drug declaration by the student be taken from the students to have responsible behaviour during studies. Anti Drug Declaration form is enclosed herewith for reference as Annexure. Compliance report may be submitted to Directorate of Higher Education at the earliest.

Encl: As above.

Director of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Even dated Shimla-I the July, 2024

Copy for information and further necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Under Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Education Department of School Education & Literacy, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of HP w.r.t. letter referred above please.
3. The Supdt., College Branch, (int.) Directorate of Higher Education, Shimla HP to ensure the compliance by the Govt. Colleges and ATR be sent to this branch.
- ✓ 4. The Technical Officer I.T. Cell (Internal) D.H.E. Shimla HP to upload the same on departmental website.
5. Guard File.

Director of Higher Education

Endst. No. EDN-KGR (Sc Consultant) Drug/2023-24

O/o The Dy. Dir. of Higher Education Kangra at Dharamshala

10 JUL 2024

Copy to- All the Principals/HMs of GSSS/GHS/PVT. schools in Distt. Kangra are directed to go through aforesaid D.O. letter and spread awareness regarding Drug Abuse and ensure that an Anti Drug decalaration by the students, be taken

Dy. Director Hr. Edu.  
Kangra at Dharamshala

Enclosures forwarded

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Government of India

O/o the Chief Secretary  
Dy. No. 56094854  
Date: 18.06.24

F.No.DP-13011(6)/57/2023-DP-I

Government of India

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 18.06.2024

To

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary to Higher  
Education Department of all States and UTs

Subject: Request to furnish status of Action taken on Joint D.O.  
letter from Secretary, SJE and Secretary, Higher Education sent to  
Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department of all States/  
UTs in Nov, 2023 - reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the Department of Social Justice &  
Empowerment is working with Department of Higher Education in  
convergence with various programs under the National Action Plan for  
Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) scheme.

2. It may be recalled that a Joint D.O. letter from Secretary, SJE and  
Secretary, Higher Education was sent to Principal Secretary of Higher  
Education Department of all States/ UTs in Nov, 2023. A copy of the the  
same is enclosed for your ready reference.

3. It is, therefore, requested to furnish action taken report on the action  
points mentioned in the aforesaid Joint D.O. letter dated November 2023.

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K. Sanjay Murlhy  
Secretary  
Department of Higher Education

Saurabh Garg  
Secretary  
Department of Social Justice and  
Empowerment

D:ONo. 8-16/2022-DS-V(P.67)

November, 2023

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) for Drug Demand Reduction in the Country. The program coordinates and monitors all aspects of drug abuse prevention, assessment of the extent of the problem, prevention action, treatment and rehabilitation of users, dissemination of information and public awareness.

2. As you are aware, students and youth are particularly vulnerable to the menace of substance use, thus making them primary stakeholders for the Abhiyaan. So far, more than 3.3 crore youth have participated in the activities organized under NMBA and have spread the message against substance use. To enhance the participation of youth in this campaign the following action points for higher educational institutions were decided in a joint meeting chaired by Secretaries of both Departments on 30-05-2023.
  - a. Higher Educational Institutions should take action at the institutional level to sensitize the campus and other possible surrounding locations through their faculty, NSS volunteers, student clubs etc through regular interventions and activities on substance use prevention.
  - b. Institutions may create common clubs with various activities relating to ragging, non-use of substances, following safety measures etc. A list of suggested activities to spread awareness and IEC material along with best practices is enclosed in the following link:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/5/folders/1dODVdFJ0dDo6tu3bn311Gqi-96Xuf163>
3. An Anti-drug declaration by the student at the time of admission can be taken to invoke a commitment from the students to have responsible behaviour during studies. A guiding proforma for the anti-drug declaration undertaking by students is attached for reference as Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANTI-DRUG DECLARATION FORM TO BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT

I ..... (name) son /daughter/ward of  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. .... (name), admitted to ..... (course and year) ..  
In ..... (institution) during the year ...., hereby agree to the following  
terms:

1. I am aware that the possession, use, sale and distribution of alcohol/tobacco/any psychoactive substances are wrong and harmful.
2. I shall refrain from using, being under the influence of, possessing, furnishing, distributing, selling or conspiring to sell or possess, or being in the chain of sale or distribution of alcohol/tobacco/any psychoactive substances within the premises of the institute/university or during any sponsored activities by the institute/university.
3. I shall report to the authorities of the institution any irregular behaviour that I observe in relation to the possession, use, sale and distribution of alcohol/tobacco/any psychoactive substances which may have occurred at the institution or during any activities conducted by any students or institution.
4. I shall support and actively participate in any substance use prevention education programmes which may be organized by the institution/government which would enable me to be a better student and citizen of India.
5. I shall co-operate with the authorities of the institution and other relevant authorities in their investigation of any substance-related incident of which I may have information, and to prevent the possession, use, sale and distribution of any psychoactive substances in or around my institution.

Date: .....

Signature: .....

Name of the Student:

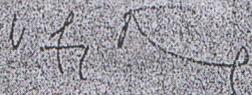
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In view of above, it is requested that you may ask all higher educational institutions in your State/UT to take appropriate action on discussed action points. You will appreciate that seeing the magnitude of the problem, effective steps taken by higher educational institutions will be a great contribution to the cause and will pave the way for making Nasha Mukta Bharat.

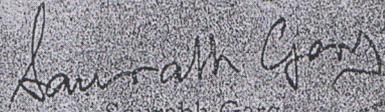
With regards,

Yours sincerely,



K. Sanjay Murthy  
Secretary

Department of Higher Education



Saurabh Garg  
Secretary

Department of Social Justice and  
Empowerment