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To

All the Deputy Directors of School and Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh.

**Subject: - Strengthening career awareness and career counselling
in Senior Secondary Schools.**

It has been observed with concern that a large number of students studying in Government Senior Secondary Schools across the State are not aware of various competitive examinations such as NEET, JEE, CUET, CLAT and other National/ State level entrance examinations that they can pursue after 10+2. Due to this lack of awareness and guidance, many students do not fill examination forms in time and consequently miss valuable opportunities, despite being capable and eligible. This gap undermines and defeats the very purpose of various initiatives undertaken by the department to provide students of Government Schools with opportunities and capabilities at par with those available to students of private schools.

It is pertinent to mention that the Government Schools cater to students from several underprivileged sections of society. In the absence of proper career counseling and mentorship, many of the capable students lag behind their peers not due to lack of ability but due to lack of information and guidance.

In this context, it is emphasized that the career counseling is not an option but a shared responsibility of all the Principals and Lecturers. They must understand their professional and moral obligation toward students and ensure that;

1. Students are made aware of various career options and competitive examination available after ten plus two.
2. Regular career guidance and counselling sessions are conducted in schools.

3. Students are properly guided towards various career options, eligibility conditions, timelines and application process for different examination.
4. Special attention is given / shall be given to first generation learner and students from disadvantaged classes.
5. Students of Classes 11th and 12th must be sensitized and informed about major competitive examinations including JEE/NEET/ CUET, CLAT and other relevant entrance tests along with eligibility conditions timelines and application procedures.

All the Deputy Directors of School and Higher Education are, therefore, directed to sensitize Principals and teaching staff under their jurisdiction and ensure that effective career counselling mechanism are put in place in every Government senior secondary school.

This may be accorded top priority in the interest of the students and the objectives of the Department.


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