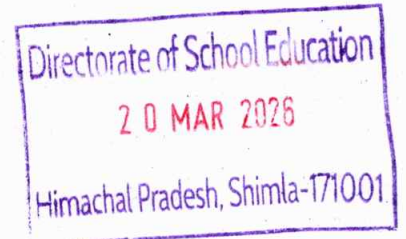


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Directorate of School Education.
Himachal Pradesh.



Dated, Shimla-171001 the

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All the Deputy Directors (Secondary) in HP.
All the Deputy Directors (Elementary) in HP.
All the Deputy Directors (Quality) in HP.
All the concerned Principals of merged GSSS in HP.

Subject: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF MERGED CO-EDUCATIONAL GOVERNMENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Sir/Madam,

The decision of the Govt. vide notification dated 18th Feb, 2026 to merge boys and girls schools is driven by the desire to create a more inclusive and balanced educational environment. This move aims to prevent gender discrimination at school age. The new coeducational structure is expected to foster equality, mutual respect, and communication skills among students of all genders. It also prepares students for the diverse, real world environment beyond school, where collaboration among genders is the norm. The merger is a significant step towards ensuring that children grow up in an inclusive atmosphere, minimizing gender stereotypes and fostering mutual understanding, empathy, and teamwork. It is also a step towards optimal utilization of resources for imparting quality education to the students.

Now, in pursuance of the provisions of Govt Notification dated 18/02/2026, the following instructions are being issued to regulate the implementation of the merger in a systematic manner

1. **Abolition of Separate identities:** Upon merger, the resultant Co-Educational Government Senior Secondary School shall function as a single unified institution for all intents and purposes and with effect from the date of merger, the independent identity of the erstwhile Government Boys' and Government Girls' Senior Secondary Schools shall cease to exist. All official business &

correspondence shall be carried out exclusively in the name of the reconstituted Co-Educational institute notified by the Government.

2. **Establishments & DDO Code** : The establishments of both the erstwhile schools shall stand merged with all sanctioned posts of Teaching & Non Teaching Cadre . The Section Officer (Finance & Accounts) posted in the office of Deputy Director Secondary Education shall ensure that the matter regarding consolidation of DDO Codes and treasury related other codal formalities are completed at the earliest.
3. **Assets & Liabilities:** The existing infrastructure facilities, all kinds of resources, assets and liabilities of both the schools are placed under the unified control of reconstituted merged institute. The stock inventory shall be updated accordingly after physical verification of all movable and immovable assets of the merged schools.
4. **Accounts:** All bank accounts and other financial records shall be consolidated.
5. **Use of Buildings & Other Infrastructure:**
 - a. If the combined enrolment of merged schools is large enough that the building infrastructure of both the schools is required for running the classes, then in such cases the premise with better Lab, ICT, Library etc facilities should be used for academic purpose of Senior Secondary Classes (11th & 12th Science /Commerce/Arts, total 6 classes) and the other one for running 6th to 10th classes.
 - b. However, if the combined enrolment of merged schools is such that all classes from 6th to 12th can be accommodated in one of the premises, then the premise with more spacious infrastructure and better Lab, ICT, Library etc facilities should be converted into Academic Block. The building & infrastructure of other school premise can be converted into Hostel/other facilities for the welfare of students.
6. **Existing Staff:** All Posts of teaching and non-teaching staff of the merged schools shall, upon merger, stand placed under the administrative control of the Principal of the resultant School.
7. **UDISE Code:** The merged school shall operate with a single consolidated UDISE+ identity and the data of the erstwhile schools shall be merged and mapped as per the prevailing instructions.

8. **Reconstitution of SMC** :The merged School shall reconstitute their School Management Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of RTE Act 2009 read with the provisions of Rule-11 of HP RTE Rules-2025 and the instructions/guidelines issued by the Directorate from time to time.
9. **Continuity of Scheme Benefits**: The merger shall not affect the benefits associated with PM SHRI Schools, Mukhyamantri Adarsh Vidyalaya Yojna, Gyanodya Scheme or any other such schemes of either of the erstwhile schools and shall continue to be retained and utilized by the merged and reconstituted institution.
10. **Board Norms**: The merged Schools, as per their affiliation, shall comply with the CBSE/HPBOSE norms relating to curriculum, subject combinations, evaluation procedures and conduct of examinations,
11. **Students Welfare**: All students enrolled in the erstwhile Government Boys' and Government Girls' Senior Secondary Schools shall, upon merger, automatically stand transferred to the resultant Co-Educational Government Senior Secondary School. No fresh admission process, re-registration or payment of any additional fee shall be required for such students, No student shall be compelled to change stream or subject merely due to the merger. Special attention shall be given to student welfare activities including psychological support particularly during the transition phase of this merger to assist students in adapting to the merged institutional environment. Particular care shall be taken to address the needs of girl students, Children with Special Needs and other vulnerable or disadvantaged groups, ensuring that the merger does not result in any academic, social or emotional disadvantage to them.
12. **Record**: All kinds of record of the erstwhile schools shall be consolidated and maintained under a unified and systematic record-keeping framework of the merged institution as per the prescribed instructions issued from time to time.
13. **Reconstitution of School Complex**: For the purpose of School Complex System, the orders regarding attachment of the Govt Primary Schools, Govt Middle Schools & Govt High Schools which were attached with the erstwhile Senior Secondary Schools shall be issued separately. However, until or unless such orders are issued, the Principal of the reconstituted merged School shall function as


complex head in respect of all GPSs/GMSs/GHSs falling within the complex of both the erstwhile Senior Secondary Schools.

14. **District Level Co-ordination Committee:** For monitoring and proper implementation of these instructions and to ensure smooth merger of institutions notified by the government from time to time, the Committee of following officers is hereby constituted:

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| i. | Deputy Director School Education (Secondary) | Chairman |
| ii. | Deputy Director School Education (Elementary) | Member |
| iii. | Deputy Director School Education (Quality) | Member |
| iv. | Principal of the Concerned School | Member Secretary |

The District Level Co-ordination Committee is authorized to take decision on any issue(s) not specifically mentioned in these instructions.


All concerned shall ensure that these instructions are implemented in letter and spirit at the earliest.


Director
School Education
Shimla-171001.

Endst. No. Even date Shimla-171001 the March, 2026

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of HP for information please.
2. The State Project Director Shimla for information please.
3. The Secretary HPBOSE for information please.
4. The Principal SCERT, Solan for information please.
5. All the Principals DIETs in HP for information.


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