GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU

C I R C U L A R NO: 10-DSEJ OF 2020 D A T E D: 24-03-2020

Subject: Tele-counselling helpline "Aao Baat Karein".

In view of prevailing situation due to Corona virus threat, Directorate of School Education, Jammu has decided to extend the services of its Tele Counselling helpline Aao Baat Karein beyond its basic functions to making an effort to resolve the problems currently being faced by students, parents and teachers. For this purpose, the Directorate has collaborated with the *Brainpreneurs* – Child Development Centre (CDC), Jammu, an organization dedicated to the cause of Child Mental health. The trained clinical Psychologists of Brainpreneurs-CDC along with our teacher Counsellors/Counselling Psychologists shall be available for counseling to guide students, parents and teachers on the helpline number 6006800068. All the Students, Parents & Teachers feeling any anxiety or other issues arising due COVID-19 pandemic can call on the helpline number from 10 AM to 7 PM up to 31st March, 2020 till further announcements in this regard.

Helpline Key Features:

- Trained Counsellors, Clinical Psychologists, Teacher Counsellors will be available to handle the queries.
- Guidance to plan study schedules which can be followed by students and parents at home.
- * References to Government/WHO guidelines for safety & security.
- Guidance about use of digital study tools like television, radio, and virtual/eresources so as to have optimum utilization of precious time.
- The Tele-counselling helpline number shall continue to receive calls related to routine academic, career and psychological issues faced by students and teachers even after 31st March 2020.

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- 3. Joint Directors (all) of this Directorate & Districts for favour of information.
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