

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION MUTHI, JAMMU

Sub: Implementation of guidelines on virtual classes in JKUT-regarding.

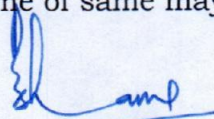
C I R C U L A R

Attention of all the Chief Education Officers of Jammu Division is invited towards Govt. Order No. 168-Edu of 2021 dated 27.04.2021 followed by another communication bearing No. Edu-NC-SE/20/2021-05 dated 01.06.2021 from the Administrative Department regarding issuance of detailed guidelines for conducting teaching learning process through virtual mode across J&K UT for strict adherence by the concerned authorities /HoIs (Govt. /Private schools). The aforementioned instructions are based on guidelines notified by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India on Digital Education (PRAGYATA) encompassing the time duration for classes ranging from pre-primary upto 12th standard.

The guidelines were issued keeping in view the on screen exposure of children for longer duration, being detrimental to the health and mental wellbeing. However contrary to the above guidelines a number of private institutions are resorting to conduct of longer duration classes in blatant violation, thus compromising the health of children. A number of complaint from various sections of the society like parents, noted academicians educationists, health experts and NGOs have been received expressing serious concerns towards the practice undertaken by few private institutions who are compromising with the health of kids by over exposing them to online screens and other electronic gadgets for longer durations, which may have serious repercussions for their physical and mental wellbeing.

In this context, the managements of the Private institutions are hereby once again warned to strictly adhere to the duration for online classes as notified in the guidelines/orders referred above. Any violation, shall be dealt strictly in accordance with the provisions as contained in J&K School Education Act & the guidelines of Disaster Management, Relief & Rehabilitation Department. The CEOs being the controlling officers at District Level shall have the primary responsibility of monitoring through ZEO's and cluster principal in their jurisdiction of any such violation and taking the on-spot action besides recommendation to higher authorities.

Further the CEOs shall also simultaneously conduct a survey involving the students/ parents of private institutions for having their feedback and review with regard to the conduct of online classes and violation if any. The outcome of same may be shared with this Directorate.


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