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Dated, Kolkata the 01/09/2022

From: DR. Chhanda Ray,
Director, SCERT (WB)

To
The Principal/Officer-in-Charge/Sr.Lecturers-in-Charge
All DIETs and Govt./Sponsd./Aided PTTIs in West Bengal

Sub: Instruction to include information of ODL (NIOS and State Open Schools) in each of the official websites/portals of each of the DIETs and Govt./Sponsd./Aided PTTIs in West Bengal.

Ref: Memos from MOE, GOI, F. No.15-21/2022-Sch.3, dated 29.06.2022 & 23.08.2022

The Ministry of Education, Govt of India (MOE, GOI), in their above referred memos (copies enclosed) has asked that the information on NIOS and State Open School information (Website & Helpline Number) to be made available on all concerned websites under the state's school education, which includes the websites/portals of all the DIETs and Govt./Sponsd./Aided PTTIs in our state.

Toward this end, the undersigned instructs all the DIETs and Govt./Sponsd./Aided PTTIs in West Bengal to prominently display the Website & Helpline Number of NIOS and State Open School in the respective websites/portals of DIET's and Govt./Sponsd./Aided PTTIs.

In this context, all are to note the following details that may be referred for their onward use:

1. National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS):

Website: <https://www.nios.ac.in/>
Toll Free Number: 1800-180-9393

2. The West Bengal Council of Rabindra Open Schooling (WBCROS)

Website: <https://wbcros.in/>
Helpline Number: 033-2321-3261

All are hereby instructed to make available the NIOS and State Open School information on their websites at the earliest and report over e-mail of the status of their aforesaid updation to the undersigned by 15.09.2022.

Encl: As stated


Director, SCERT (WB)

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Copy forwarded for kind information to

The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, Dept. of School Education,
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Sector-II, Kolkata - 700091.

Director, SCERT (WB)

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Department of School Education & Literacy
Ministry of Education
Government of India

D.O. No. F. 15-21/2022-Sch.3

Dated, the 29th June, 2022

Dear School Education Secretary,

Please recall that one of the main recommendations of the discussions on school education held during the Chief Secretary's Conference in Dharamshala in June 2022, is that no child must be left behind and that all states must achieve 100% enrollment of children in schools. In this context, it was clearly brought out that the GER for Grades 6-8 is 90.9%, while for Grades 9-10 and 11-12 it is only 79.3% and 56.5%, respectively - indicating that a significant proportion of enrolled students drop out after Grade 5 and especially after Grade 8. It should be the top priority to bring children back into the educational fold as early as possible, and to prevent students from dropping out, with a goal to achieve 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio in preschool to secondary level by 2030.

2. NEP 2020, in para 3.5, suggests "To facilitate learning for all students, with special emphasis on Socio-economically Disadvantaged Groups, the scope of school education will be broadened to facilitate multiple pathways to learning involving both formal and non-formal education modes. Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes offered by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and State Open Schools will be expanded and strengthened for meeting the learning needs of young people in India who are not able to attend a physical school."

3. A large number of students drop out from formal schooling system every year. They are not able to continue their schooling through regular school due to various hurdles. If this continues, these dropped out students will be our future uneducated adults after few years. Most of the Neo-literates from literacy program are also not able to join formal schooling. ODL (NIOS and State Open School) is a great opportunity for all of them, but in absence of information about the ODL mode they are unaware about the available opportunity and remain illiterate. Such learners must have information on how to continue education through ODL mode. One way to do this could be by inclusion of information of ODL (NIOS and State Open Schools) in each formal schooling book.

4 This may be done in two possible ways:

(a) Information on NIOS and State Open School information (Website & Helpline Number) may be placed in the form of information box at the last page of each book of formal schooling prepared or prescribed by the State School Education Board/SCERT.

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(b) Inclusion in chapters highlighting NIOS/SOS in the form of stories from class 3 to 12 in the text books of State School Education Board/SCERT.

✓ (c) Information on NIOS and State Open School information (Website & Helpline Number) may be made available on all websites of the Department of Education and its bodies in the state.

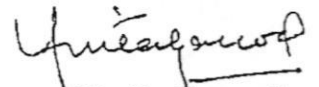
(d) Information on NIOS and State Open School information (Website & Helpline Number) may be made available at all Citizen Service Centres at village and local level.

✓ (e) Information on NIOS and State Open School information (Website & Helpline Number) may be made available at all local offices/institutions, such as, Panchayat office, Anganwadis, Schools, BRC, CRC, DIETs, etc.

5. I hope with such efforts we will be able to help provide access to education to our children to enable the achievement of the goal of 100% literacy by 2030. I am marking a copy to the respective Chairperson / Secretary of School Education Board, Director SCERT and State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, of your State/UT.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,


(Anita Karwal)

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (School Education),
All State Governments/Union Territories Administration
(As per list enclosed)

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The Chairperson/Secretary of School Education Board/ Director SCERT
All State Governments/Union Territories Administration

The State Project Directors, Samagra Shiksha
All State Governments/Union Territories Administration

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The Commissioner KVS
The Commissioner NVS