# GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS)

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To

All the Heads of Schools Manipur

Subject: Ensuring Learning for Children during Closure of Schools due to Covid-19 pandemic – regarding.

Dear Heads of Schools,

Our country is not spared from the unprecedented crisis world over due to the spread of the Novel Corona Virus/Covid 19. You are all aware Social distancing and personal hygiene are the key components in the fight with this virus. Our schools have been closed for the last many days and in this moment of crisis we all need to work hand in hand and make learning of students take place.

As Heads of Schools, you all have a huge role to play in the present setting. These prevailing situations should be tackled with new and innovative solutions. Mechanisms that helps in fighting the Corona Virus on the one hand and allows children to learn on the other hand. In doing so we may even set examples for others to follow.

The Department is coming up with some suggestive and indicative measures and you may implement as per your needs and local relevance.

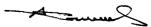
# Making "Every home a school and every parent a Teacher".

We are all aware academic days getting lost and many also feel that completing the course contents may be difficult in case the closure is extended. You must also be thinking how we should reach out to the unreached areas and some of parents who cannot provide academic support to their child?

All Innovation are born under such trying circumstances. It is time we make every home a school and every parent a Teacher for learning to happen. The Heads of Schools through our Teachers can make plateform for innovative teaching and learning material, activity-based learnings; projects that can be done at home; art, sport, music integrated learning modules; online classes to build capacities of your teachers to open up their minds to creativity, etc. In doing so the Parent-Teacher relationship can would grow to new heights.

## Where are the Learning Resources?

Generally, the nearest objects are the objects we hardly see. It is well known to all our teachers that learning begins at Home.



Textbooks cannot be the only source of knowledge. Children learn by doing, they learn by listening and by seeing, etc. We can find ways to help children gain knowledge through all sources around them, such as people, their occupation, nature and environment, technology, tools and equipment, cultures, languages, value systems, activities at home, and so on. Projects/Activities on space management, time management and self management, upkeep of their homes, health and hygiene, climate change, pollution, surviving with basic needs, art of sharing, etc can be included. Various activities can be created based on these concepts in mind. The Department is coming out a separate instruction for co-curricular/extra curricular activities to be conducted by the Students and will also help them learn when the school is closed.

### Teachers for articles on Covid-19 for e-book:

This is an opportunity to inculcate self-learning and researching habits amongst teachers of all categories. Teachers all across the State shall research and write stories, poems, articles, findings, and other aspects of arising out of Corona Virus pandemic/Covid 19. The Department shall provide a platform for compilation of the selected articles and it shall be published as an e-book subsequently.

### Digital/e-Learning Platforms:

Technology will be required to be used by the child for learning in such circumstances as one of the alternative medium for learning, at the same time, sensitize parents about the misuse of information in certain sites that can induce possible distress in children because of exposure to age inappropriate content. Similarly, take measures to ensure the privacy of your students and protecting their data before giving any suggestions for browsing.

We are aware of your constant search for reliable e-content for your students. That is why we have collated the following for you:

- a) **Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA)**: DIKSHA, an MHRD initiative has been adopted widely by 35 States/UTs and CBSE for enriched teaching and learning experiences. DIKSHA's free mobile application can be downloaded on Google Play Store (Android Phones) or DIKSHA website can be accessed through the following URL: <a href="https://diksha.gov.in">https://diksha.gov.in</a>.
- b) **E-Pathshala**: NCERT has uploaded 1886 audio files, 2000 videos, 696 eBooks (ePUB format) and 504 flip books for classes I to XII in different languages on e-Pathshala. E-Pathshala can be accessed through the following website URL: <a href="http://epathshala.nic.in">http://epathshala.gov.in</a>
- c) National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER): NROER has a total of 14527 files including 401 collections, 2779 documents, 1345 interactive content pieces, 1664 audio files, 2586 images and 6153 videos

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in different languages. NROER content can be accessed through the following website URL: <a href="http://nroer.gov.in/welcome">http://nroer.gov.in/welcome</a>

- d) **SWAYAM:** SWAYAM is a national online education platform that hosts 1900 courses covering school education (grades IX-XII) and higher education (under graduate and post graduate programs). SWAYAM content can be accessed through the following website URL: <a href="https://swayam.gov.in">https://swayam.gov.in</a>. Major subjects of Secondary and Senior Secondary level developed by NIOS are also available on URL: <a href="https://swayam.gov.in/nc\_details/NIOS">https://swayam.gov.in/nc\_details/NIOS</a>
- e) **YOUTUBE CHANNELS**: NIOS and CBSE also run YouTube channels for secondary and senior secondary level subjects:
- For classes 9 and 10 NIOS content can be viewed on: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1we0IrHSKyC7f30wE50\_hQ/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1we0IrHSKyC7f30wE50\_hQ/videos</a>
- For classes 11 and 12 NIOS content can be viewed on: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6R9rIliEsPCPmvzlunKDg/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6R9rIliEsPCPmvzlunKDg/videos</a>
- For class 12 Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics, CBSE content can be viewed on:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG7qv69PhtZlwDzB2vTWzKQ/videos

f) Youtube Channels with local contents may be browsed through "SCERT Manipur" and "Department of Education\_Schools Manipur". Attempts have been made to upload local academic contents though limited through these channels.

Let us take this rare opportunity to widen the scope and enhance the learning levels for our students. Let us jointly create a world of joyful learning for the young citizens of this glorious nation.

Yours faithfully,

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