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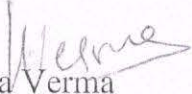
1. All the Principals of Govt./Sanskrit Colleges Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Deputy Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh

Subject:- **Regarding AIDS control programme .**

Memo:

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter no. HPSACS/IEC/MS/4/7/VIII-478 dated: 11/05/2017 received from the Director, Health Services, HP Himachal Pradesh-cum-project director, HPSACS on the subject cited above.

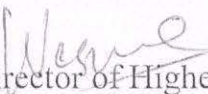
In this connection, you are hereby directed to circulate the same amongst all the educational institutions under your control to render support for the AIDS control Programme in the State.


Dr. Uma Verma
Joint Director of Higher Education (C-II)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

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Copy to:-

- 1 The Director, Health Services, HP Himachal Pradesh-cum-project director, HPSACS, Hari Villa, near Forest Rest House Khallini, Shimla-02 w.r.t. letter under reference for information please.
- 2 Technical Officer, Directorate of Higher Education w.r.t. upload the same on the departmental website.
- 3 Guard File


Joint Director of Higher Education (C-II)
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As you are aware that HIV is driven by number of socio-economic factors, therefore, health interventions alone are not sufficient to address the cause and consequences of the epidemic. It requires a multi-sectoral response. Mainstreaming approaches to HIV have increasingly gained ground with the realization that the non-health sector can play an important and meaningful role in reducing vulnerability to HIV and mitigation its impact on those infected and affected.

As far as HIV vulnerability is concerned, India has the 3rd largest number of People Living with HIV in the world i.e. 21 lakh (HSS 2012-13 data) and 8853 cases of HIV have been detected in Himachal Pradesh till March 2016 out of these 3335 cases are getting Anti-Retroviral Therapy.

Also, India is working on goal to end AIDS by 2030 and one foremost ambitious target for this is 90:90:90, which is set to be achieved by 2020. First 90 is 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status, second is 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy and third is 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression. Awareness in terms of correct knowledge and motivation to utilize services available is the major component to achieve these goals/targets. Mainstreaming approach i.e. involving all departments and organizations to create awareness web is key strategy to achieve this.

In this regard, Higher Education Department is very important partner in fight to end AIDS. I am grateful to you and your Department for providing support for World AIDS Day, implementation of Red Ribbon Clubs and many other activities. Further, one major activity of Higher Education Department is Youth festival where all colleges and schools are associated and large numbers of students are involved. Integration of topics related to HIV in this activity will be very useful and message will percolate down the line to large numbers of youth students in innovative way.

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Ms Jyoti

I solicit your kind support for taking up HIV prevention related topics mandatory during various activities and programmes of Youth festival to be organized in session 2017-18. Some suggestive HIV related topics are (i) Free HIV testing at Integrated Counselling & Testing Centres to know HIV status; (ii) HIV testing by all pregnant women to save child from transfer of HIV infection if mother is HIV positive and (iii) eradication of stigma & discrimination toward People Living with HIV and their depends.

I am also sharing with you short presentation and short film on HIV prevention in CD enclosed which can be used as resource material for educational purpose.

I am confident that your support and consent for this activity will give National AIDS Control Programme a huge thrust in the State and this will be exemplar collaboration for fight against AIDS in entire country.

I also request you to share your kind inputs for making this collaboration more effective for achieving goal to end AIDS by 2030 and zero-in - new infection-stigma, discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths in the state.

Yours Sincerely,



(Dr. Baldev Kumar)

To,
Dr. Brij Lal Vinta,
Director,
Higher Education Department,
Himachal Pradesh,
Lal Pani, Shimla.