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To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education
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Subject: - **Regarding menstrual hygiene in adolescent girls.**

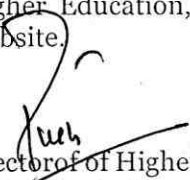
As we all are aware that Menstruation is a normal physiological phenomenon that women and adolescent girls experience every month. Ability to manage menstruation hygienically is fundamental to the dignity and well-being of women and constitutes an integral component of basic hygiene, sanitation, and reproductive health services. Government of India has incorporated Menstrual Hygiene Management into national policies and programs as part of initiatives for improving health, well-being and nutritional status of adolescent girls and women as well as for reducing school absenteeism of adolescent girls. UNICEF has also been instrumental in providing technical guidance and support toward raising awareness, addressing behaviour change, capacity building of frontline community cadre, sensitization of key stakeholders, and creation of WASH facilities including safe disposal options. All-out efforts are needed to change the age-old social attitude towards menstruation and to break the culture of silence and inertness.

In this connection, you are once again directed to issue necessary instructions to all the heads of institutions under your jurisdiction to sensitize adolescent girls about the menstrual hygiene. It should be ensured that Nodal Officers (preferably lady teachers) are appointed in each School responsible for menstrual hygiene and proper receiving, storage, distribution and documentation of the Sanitary Napkins which are being made available to the adolescent girls by Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA). The ASHA workers will go to their designated schools once in a quarter, to collect the information on the reporting format given by the State headquarter. Further, all the girl students should be sensitized about the efficient use and safe disposal of Sanitary napkins as good menstrual hygiene triggers health, confidence and self-esteem of women and is linked to gender equality and basic human rights. Moreover, male students should also be sensitized to increase their understanding and thereby foster supportive attitude that will have stronger effect in removing discriminatory practices faced by women.


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