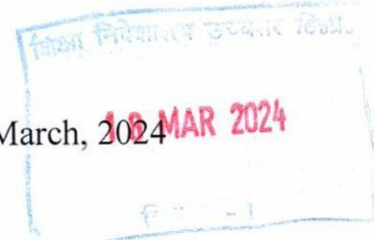


No. EDN-HE (21)09/2024-NIOS  
Directorate of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1



Dated Shimla-1 the March, 2024

To

All the Deputy Director of Higher Education,  
in Himachal Pradesh,

Subject:-

Regarding the focus of NEP 2020 on curtailing dropout rates and ensuring universal access to education at all levels.

Please find herewith a copy of letter number- EDUB-A01/12023 dated 14-02-2024 alongwith its enclosures received from the Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on the subject cited above.

In this regard, you are hereby directed to circulate the same amongst all the Educational Institutes under your jurisdiction to encourage the unsuccessful learners/dropouts/ out of school children to avail admission facility of NIOS and complete the course by availing flexibilities in NIOS. So that they may complete their schooling for a better future.

(Dr. Amarjeet K Sharma)  
Director of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Endst. No. Even Dated: Shimla-171001 the March 2024  
Copy for information to;

- 1 The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh w.r.t. his/her letter No. referred above.
- 2 The Technical Officer (Computer/IT Cell) Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh to upload the letter on Department website.
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The Secretary (Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

✓ The Director, Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.

Dated: Shimla-2 the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

Subject:- Regarding the focus of NEP 2020 on curtailing dropout rates and ensuring universal access to education at all levels.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No.21-107/2021/NIOS/SSS/ADM dated nil, received from the Chairman, national Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), A-24-25, Industrial area, Sector-62, Noida, UP, on the subject cited above and to request you to take further necessary action accordingly under intimation to this Department as well as to the quarter concerned.

Yours faithfully,

AKS  
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(Anil Kumar Sharma)  
Under Secretary (HE) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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F.No. 21-107/2021/NIOS/SSS/ADM

Date: January, 2024

Chairperson

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is an autonomous institution under Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India which imparts education through open and distance mode and conducts Secondary, Senior Secondary and Vocational Courses Public Examination twice a year i.e. in April/May and October/November throughout the country.

The mission of NIOS is to provide education with the special concern for girls, women, rural youth, working men and women, SCs & STs, Divyang Learners and other disadvantage person who could not continue their formal education.

Further, in continuation to D.O Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023 of Secretary, School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India (Copy enclosed) regarding the focus of NEP 2020 on curtailing dropout rates and ensuring universal access to education at all levels, with a request to all concerned to issue necessary instructions for enhancing /promoting admission in NIOS and to be encourage the dropout students to avail different educational programmes so that they may complete their schools education.

NIOS provides second chance education to the unsuccessful learners of recognized boards and strives to deliver education at their door-steps. In NIOS a learner is a self-learner and he/she can learn at his/her own pace and convenience. The instruction process at NIOS comprises studying self-instructional print material, listening to and viewing and audio/video programmes, attending personal contact programmes at the study centres and doing assignments.

It is pertinent to mention that one UT enrolled about 20000 of their **unsuccessful learners as per given below category** every year in NIOS through a project in the interest of learners.

- (i) Class IX/X who were enrolled and had appeared in Annual Exam but their result was declared as failed (one or more time)/ Compartment in the session.
- (ii) The students of class IX/X who were enrolled and could not appear in the annual exam in the session and whose School leaving certificate (SLC) must not have been issued.

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In NIOS there are four streams of online admission catering to the learners with different needs. The admissions in these four streams are mutually exclusive i.e. learner can opt for one of them only.

1. **Stream-1 Online Admission:** Secondary (10th) & Sr. Secondary (12th)- for all throughout the year in Two Blocks
  - Date of Admission Block-I - 16<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> September
  - Date of Admission Block-II - 16<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> March
2. **Stream-2 Online Admission:** for unsuccessful learners of recognized Boards.
  - Date of Admission: 1st May to 30th June
3. **Stream 3 and 4 Online Admission:** Open throughout the year for unsuccessful learners who wish to appear through On Demand Examination system (ODES) for Secondary & Senior Secondary

At present NIOS online admission under “**stream1**” is open upto 15.03.2024 for all. The unsuccessful learners will have the option to get the credit transfer upto maximum of two subjects from the parent Board in NIOS, provided these subjects are passed with at least 33% marks. The detail of Flexibilities in NIOS is as under:

- (i) **No upper age limit:** minimum age limit is 14 years for 10<sup>th</sup> class and 15 year for 12<sup>th</sup> class.
- (ii) **Validity :** The admission of the learner is valid for a period of 5 years. A learner gets nine chances to appear in the public examination over a period of five years.
- (iii) **Fee Structure:** The fee concession is provided to the Female, Transgender, SC, ST and Persons with Disability (PWDs)
- (iv) **Choice of subject:** 39 Subject including 19 languages in Secondary and 44 subjects including 13 languages in Senior Secondary.
- (v) **Mediums of Instruction:** Hindi, English, Urdu, Marathi, Telugu, Gujarati, Malayalam, Tamil, Odia, Punjabi, Assamese, Sanskrit and Kannada at the Secondary and Hindi, English, Urdu, Bengali, Gujarati, Sanskrit and Odia at the Senior Secondary stage.

I, therefore, request you to kindly disseminate the information to all the schools affiliated with your Govt. to encourage the unsuccessful learners / Dropouts/ out of school children to avail admission facility of NIOS and complete the course by availing flexibilities in NIOS. The brochure of NIOS profile is enclosed herewith.

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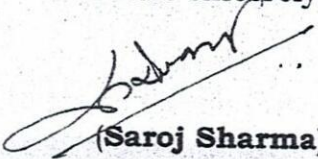
For any query/ doubts kindly contact NIOS Regional Centre in the State/UT as per detail given below for your ready reference.

**Contact Details**

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*Regards*

Yours sincerely,

  
(Saroj Sharma)

**Shri Rakesh Kanwar, IAS**  
**Secretary (Education)**  
Department of Education  
Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla -171002  
Himachal Pradesh

Copy to:

1. The State Project Director  
State Project Office Samagra Shiksha  
DPEP Bhawan,  
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Lalpani, Shimla-171001  
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2. The Regional Director, R C Dharamshala – He is requested to coordinate with Education Department, Himachal Pradesh for necessary actions

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May Kumar, IAS  
Secretary



Dated the 03<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023

D.O. No. 10-43/2023-IS-15

श्री. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary,

As you may be aware that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 lays particular emphasis on high-quality education to all regardless of categorisation in any form. However, it is a matter of concern that the number of out of school children at secondary level shows that there are certain serious issues in retaining children in the school system and therefore, a mechanism needs to be developed which can facilitate an equitable and qualitative education to all the children and across all the grades at all levels of school education.

Taking a step in this direction, Samagra Shiksha scheme provides a learning opportunity to secondary level out of school children by broadening the scope of school education and developing multiple pathways for learning, both formal and informal modes. Since 2021-22, financial assistance upto ₹ 2000 per annum is being provided for supporting Out of School Children including migrant children of age group of 16-19 years, belonging to socio economically disadvantaged groups, for completing their education through NIOS/SIOS, for accessing course materials and certification.

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), and State Institute of Open Schooling (SIOS) have also expanded and strengthened their infrastructural role for meeting the learning needs of such young people who are not able to attend a physical school. Both NIOS and SIOS are meeting the educational needs of secondary level out of school children and courses have been designed and promoted accordingly.

4 However, only 9 States/UTs (Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan and Telangana) are providing financial support to secondary level Out of School Children through NIOS/SIOS. Thus, a large gap exists between the secondary level children completing their education through NIOS/SIOS and the secondary level number of out of school children identified by the States/UTs. As per UDISE+ 2021-22, the Annual Average Transition Rate for Elementary to Secondary is also reflecting the same (State-wise Transition Rate is annexed here with).

5. Keeping in view, the focus of NEP 2020 on curbing dropout rates and ensuring universal access to education at all levels, therefore, request you to issue necessary instructions to all concerned to enhance/promote admissions in NIOS/SIOS and to encourage the drop out students to avail different educational programmes so that they may complete their school education.

Best wishes, as always

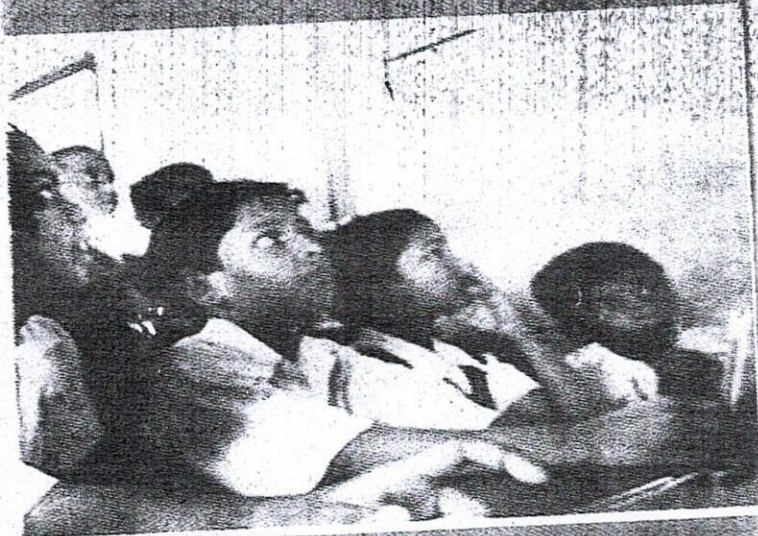
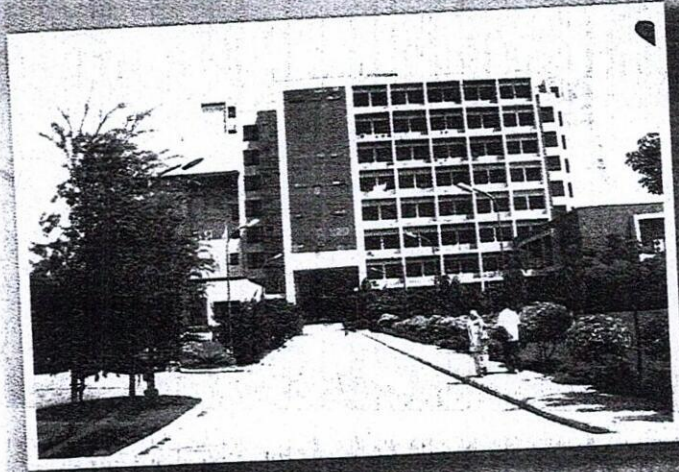
Yours sincerely  
Sanjay Kumar

To,

1. The ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary, School Education (all the States and UTs)
2. Group Project Directors, Samagra Shiksha (all the States and UTs)

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