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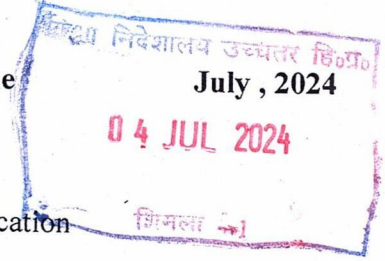
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July, 2024

To

All the Deputy Director of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh.




**Subject:- Regarding PRERANA Programme.**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of D.O. letter No. 12-2/2024-IS-17 dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 alongwith its SOPs received from the O/o Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi on the subject cited above.


In this connection, it is inform you that the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India has initiated PRERANA Programme. The experiential learning programme which is one-of -its -kind inspirational program for students of Class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a one week residential program for 20 students (10 girls and 10boys) from 10 districts of different States/UTs at the Vernacular School, Vadnagar, Gujarat. As per SOPs (Copy enclosed) for organizing PRERANA Programme, the detailed information regarding the PRERANA Programme is also available on Prerana portal i.e. <https://prerana.education.gov.in/>. You are therefore, directed to circulate the same amongst all the Heads of Educational Institutions under your control and also direct to aware/motivate the students to participate in the above said programme as desired by quarter concerned under intimation to this Directorate at the earliest, so that the A.D. can be apprised in the matter accordingly.

**KINDLY TREAT IT AS MOST URGENT.**

  
Director of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh  
July, 2024

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Copy for information:-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 for your kind perusal
2. Ms, Archana Sharma, Joint Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, New Delhi-110115 w.r.t his/her letter refered above.
3. The State Project Director (SS), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.
4. Guard file.

  
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Ministry of Education  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

D. O. No. 12-2/2024-IS-17

Dear Colleagues,

Please refer to this Department's D.O. letter of even no. dated 05.03.2024 (copy enclosed) and the virtual meeting held on 08.03.2024 at 05:00 PM regarding Prerana program.

As discussed in the meeting, **Prerana: The Experiential learning program**, which is one-of-its-kind one-week long residential & inspirational program for students of Classes 9-12 is planned to re-start in the month of April, 2024, after the pilot phase of 5 batches from 10.01.2024 to 23.02.2024. To start the registration process of students for Prerana program, Prerana portal i.e. <https://prerana.education.gov.in/>, will be re-opened from 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. In this regard, all States/UTs are requested to take following actions at the earliest:

- I. Nominate a nodal officer for Prerana program and share complete contact details of nodal officer like name, Mobile No., Email Id etc., by 15.03.2024.
- II. Organise a meeting/VC with all Block Education Officer/District Education Officers etc. to make them aware about Prerana Program and selection procedure of students for the same. For the purpose of orientation, a presentation prepared by this Department (copy enclosed, alongwith the video on Prerana) may be used.
- III. Involve District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners for organising the Prerana Utsav in Schools and also entrusting them with the responsibility to drive the program's implementation within their respective districts. This would ensure its effective dissemination and impact.
- IV. Finalise the dates of Prerana Utsav to be conducted between 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 in all schools of the State/UT, or the restart of the session and share the plan by 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 for further planning by DoSEL/NVS.
- V. To conduct/organize 'Prerana Utsav' in Schools, SOP (copy enclosed) prepared by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti may be followed.
- VI. The list of selected students from Schools in Prerana Utsav should be communicated through District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners/ District Education Officers to nodal Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya or Kendriya Vidyalaya (as the case notified may be) in the district.

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VI/ To conduct/organize 'Prerana Utsav' in Schools. Budget available under the head 'Composite School Grant' of Samagra Shiksha may be used. As this is a one-of-its-kind inspirational program, I would request your assistance in ensuring widespread participation in the Prerana Utsav at the school level, enabling maximum children to benefit from the program.

Vadnagar town in Gujarat, one of the oldest continuous living towns of India, has a very rich heritage and ecosystem in and around it, with as many inspiring narratives and stories. I would like to invite you to have a glimpse and experience of the Prerana Program, being implemented from the Vernacular School in Vadnagar, once it restarts, as per your convenience.

*Sanjay Kumar*

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure: As above.

14/3/2024  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (School Education), All States and UTs.

## PRERANA: An Experiential Learning Programme

### SOP for Organizing PRERANA UTSAV DAY at School/District level

#### Registration of Students through PRERANA Portal

PRERANA Portal is scheduled to be opened from 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for application by students of Class IX – XII for all districts of all States and UTs except the 90 districts covered under pilot phase (List Enclosed). All states would ensure maximum registration of students on PRERANA portal.

#### School Level Prerana Utsav

- School level Prerana Utsav to be organized in all States and UTs between 1<sup>st</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- The State Education Department will decide district-wise dates of school level PRERANA Utsav and inform to MoE and NVS by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- The State Education Department will communicate SOP for organization of PRERANA Utsav to all Schools including CBSE, KVS, JNV & State Govt. covering all districts in the state/UTs. (Except Already covered 90 districts in pilot phase).
- At District level, the District Education Officer will organise an orientation program for PRERANA Utsav for all schools in districts. The District nodal JNV/KV Principal may be invited for the orientation program.
- Each School in district will organize 'PRERANA UTSAV' at school level following the SOP for school level 'PRERANA Utsav' on the same date. Students of Class IX to XII (as per session 2024-25) will participate in PRERANA Utsav.
- The school will orient the students for PRERANA program, register all students on PRERANA portal (if not already registered) and select 02 best students (01 boy & 01 Girl) for participating in 'PRERANA UTSAV' at JNV of the district.
- Students will exhibit their talent in multi-modal activities of their choice such as writing essay / poem / story / song, make drawing / caricature etc. on given topics related to "Viksit Bharat" and "My Contribution towards Society and Nation".
- The students are to be shortlisted on the basis of qualities of leadership, social responsibility and passion for shaping the future of the nation.
- The Backdrop of 'PRERANA UTSAV' and Film on PRERANA will be used by schools during organization of 'PRERANA UTSAV'
- Every school will update the details of participation of students in 'PRERANA Utsav' on the tracker shared by MoE. The DEOs Will ensure the updation of details on tracker by all schools in the district.
- After organisation of school level PRERANA Utsav in district, DEO will send the signed list of all students selected for district level PRERANA Utsav to the district nodal JNV/KV within 3 days.

### Tentative Schedule of the School Level Prerana Utsav

Registration of Students on PRERANA Portal	10.00AM to 11.00AM
Film Show	11.00AM to 11.15AM
Presentation/ Doubt Clearing Session	11.15AM to 11.30AM
Distribution of Students in to Groups for different activities as per their choice	11.30AM to 11.45AM
Activities for Creative Expression by the Students	11.45AM to 12.30PM
Evaluation of Entries	12.30PM to 02.00PM
Marking the selection of best 02 students ( 01 boy & 01 Girl) selected to participate in District level on the Portal	02.00PM to 02.30PM

# The timing may be reviewed by State/ District Officers as per local requirement.

### District Level Prerana Utsav

- The Dates of District Level Prerana Utsav will be decided by Nodal Agency (NVS/KVS) (preferably from 1<sup>st</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024) on the basis of schedule of school level Prerana Utsav in different states/UTs and districts.
- NVS will communicate the schedule for district level PRERANA Utsav to MoE and to DEOs of respective districts through JNVs / district nodal school.
- 02 students (01 boy & 01 girl) selected from each school of District, as per the list sent by DEO will participate in District level 'PRERANA Utsav' on the date as per the schedule communicated by NVS.
- On PRERANA Utsav day at the Nodal school, The Nodal JNV/KV will orient the students for PRERANA program using PRERANA Film and Pamphlet.
- The students will participate in various activities conducted at the JNV/KV on topics such as 'why I should be selected for PRERANA', 'My vision for India', 'Vikasit Bharat @ 2047'.
- Students will exhibit their talent in Multi modal activities of their choice such as writing essay/ poem/ story/song, Make drawing/ caricature etc. on given topic. (One Activity by each student).
- After evaluation of these activities, 30 students (15 boys and 15 girls) will be selected comprising of at least 50% from Rural, 50% girls and fair representation of social categories based on the evaluation of their personalities and suitability for the program.
- Personal Interview will be conducted for 30 students on the same day and the marks of Personal Interview will be uploaded on the PRERANA portal.
- 02 participants (01 boy and 01 girl) and 2 backup participants (01 boy and 01 girl) will be finally selected through the Portal to attend the PRERANA Program.
- After final selection, reporting of students to PRERANA will be coordinated by District Nodal

### Selection Of Guardian Teachers

- One female teacher is nominated as Guardian Teachers from each district by school from which the girl student is selected
- DEO should approve the names of selected teachers keeping in view their suitability as resource person to train other teachers after attending the program
- She should be fit and healthy with experience of atleast 4-5 years
- She should not be a parent of any participating student

- Guardian Teacher will prepare lesson plans reflecting the integration of values in their subjects for any chapter/topic and give presentations on values of their choice during the program.
- On return, SCERTs/ DIETs of the respective state/ districts may utilise the services of Guardian Teachers as resources persons for wider outreach of the Value-based Experiential Learning imparted at PRERANA.

# PRERANA: School of Experiential Learning

## A Mission to Inspire India - Framework

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### 1. Background

Great leaders around the world have looked back at their life and acknowledged their first school as a start of their inspirational journey to cause change. They all revisited their first school and transformed them into institutions of excellence to inspire the youth of their respective countries. Our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started his journey at the vernacular school in Vadnagar. The Vernacular School (Lat 23.78, Long 72.64) in the city of Vadnagar, Gujarat was established in the year 1888 AD (at a cost of rupees 16,023/-) from Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad of the erstwhile Baroda State, Gujarat.

Prerana will be based in the living town of Vadnagar, district Mehsana, Gujarat, in the Vernacular school, of which the Hon'ble PM is an alumnus. Prerana - The Experiential Learning School is the vision to inspire Bharat. It is a one week residential program offering the best of experiential and inspirational learning, equipped with the latest in technology, for students across the country. The program will be implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy, MoE.

Prerana School in Vadnagar will be the first of such schools, providing an experience due to its innovative and engaging curriculum which is a novel idea, and unlike traditional teaching, a pioneering concept acknowledging the fact that true education extends beyond textbooks and classrooms. It will be where history will meet innovation, and tradition is seamlessly woven into a future-focused educational experience.

At the heart of the curriculum is the philosophy of value-based education which is a cornerstone of the NEP 2020. Its essence lies not only in the present but also in the ancient knowledge system which will reinforce the value system, creating experiences that can be replicated and adapted to inspire learners far beyond its walls. This will be achieved through a framework of joyful experiential learning with field visits, collaborative learning, use of advanced technology and community interaction. Children will express their understanding through different mediums such as art work, podcasts, blogs, photo essays, models made through 3-D printing, jingles, digital posters, games, and a variety of other such outcomes. Exposure through activities done in this /programme/camp will develop a sense of citizenship, pride in their country and instil a sense of enterprise and entrepreneurship in the children. This will promote a respect for the great unity in diversity of Bharat and a spirit of "*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*".

The curriculum of Prerana will be based on 9 theme-based classrooms being designed as under:

- **Swabhiman and Vinay-** Pride for the country's heritage and achievements, self-respect, and nationalism and humility
- **Shaurya and Sahas-**Various forms of strong leadership, bravery, and courage
- **Parishram and Samarpan-** Knowledge and heritage from ancient India to modern India, persistence, and perseverance in the face of difficulties and hard work
- **Karuna and Sewa-** Selfless spirit of service and compassion for deprived communities, Development of social consciousness for the progress of the country and society,
- **Vividhta and Ekta** – Respect and inclusion of the country's diverse culture and heritage, spirit of unity in diversity
- **Satyanishtha and Shuchita** - True integrity, honesty, and dignified leadership in personal and social life, Virtues for a leader
- **Navachar and Jigyasa-** Technological and entrepreneurship development in India with innovation and creative thinking, Make in India
- **Shraddha and Vishwas-** Reliance on reliability, honesty or competence, faith to succeed and develop resilience for future endeavours
- **Swatantrata and Kartavya** – Value for freedom and how to uphold it alongwith a Sense of duty towards society and country

These nine values, around which Prerana is founded, are the values which are the hallmark of a great and true leader. The curriculum based on these themes is at **Annexure I**.

## 2. Objectives

The aim of Prerana is to inspire the students of all the districts of the country from a place from where the inspirational journey of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started. The week-long camp/programme at Prerana school is a journey of inspiration to invoke the 3 following fundamental themes:

- Who am I?
- What is our history and Cultural Heritage.
- What can I do for my country?

Prerana School creates opportunities for students to explore country's great culture through their journey of Vadnagar, a living city, its history, archaeology, and traditional Bhartiya Gyan Parampara. Students will learn to appreciate their heritage through state-of-the-art technology.

As the participants embark towards this program, they will be driven by a steadfast dedication to inculcate values intricately woven into the fabric of the



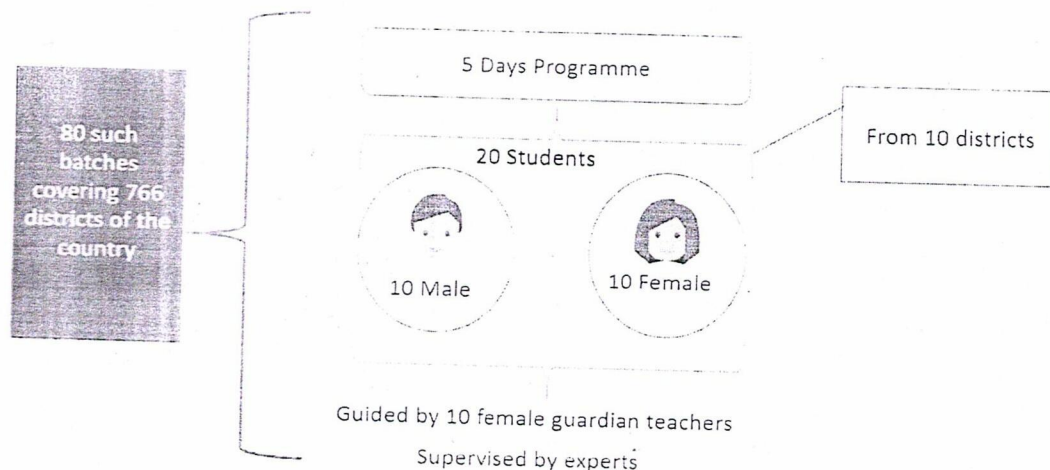
Indian education system—values that have endured the test of time and make effective leaders.

### 3. Outcomes

- Students to develop a sense of belonging and pride, and reflect on how they can contribute to nation building.
- Experiential learning inspires students to take on a productive and leadership role for the progress of the nation. The program is expected to make students learn about an innovative pedagogy through experiential and immersive learning.
- After attending the program and gaining from the diverse inputs, the participants would go back to their schools and become advocates and ambassadors of the values and experiences imbibed at Prerana School.
- The participants will carry the ethos of Prerana into their respective communities, become changemakers and spark positive change and inspire others.
- The program will directly benefit 1600 students and 800 guardian teachers in one cycle of 80 weeks, by providing them the 'Prerana Experience' specifically and the schools, community, and society at large when these students go back to their homes and spread the values learnt.

### 4. Implementation

- **Target beneficiaries** – The program will be for the students of Class IX to XII from each district of the country. The selection of Students will be done by a prescribed format and method through registration on **Prerana Portal**. The criteria will consider proportionate representation of gender, categories, CwSN and urban/rural population. This selection process will prioritise individuals with well-rounded personalities, driven by a deep passion and unwavering enthusiasm for shaping the future of our nation. The students will be accompanied with a female guardian teacher from the same district.
- **Main Program** – The full cycle of the program will be of **80 Weeks** to cover representation from all the districts in the country. Every Prerana Batch will have 20 students from 10 Districts of different States/UTs. Thus, 80 batches of 20 students (10 girls and 10 boys) and 10 Guardian Teacher each will be participating in the program.



- **The Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) will be the executing agency for the program in its pilot mode.** It will be responsible for the selection of students, guardian teachers, their travel arrangements, student kits etc
- At the initial/pilot stage of the programme, students from neighbouring states of Gujarat like Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Haryana, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, will be selected.
- **Guardian Teachers:** The Guardian teacher will be a female teacher of the same school where the girl student is coming from. If a female teacher is not available with the school of girl participant, NVS will provide a female teacher as guardian.
- **Mentors:** There will be mentors to provide the joyful experiential learning through different mediums and innovative techniques. The Mentors/Facilitators can be selected from experts in diverse fields. Mentors will possess basic IT skills and good communication skills. For each batch of twenty students and 10 guardian teachers, there will be 8 mentors. All the mentors will have different profiles/expertise to bring in diversity. In the initial phase, mentors have been selected from among the teachers of NVS and GCERT, out of which the last 30 mentors will be selected out of which 8 will be mentors and 8 will be backup mentors. Course design will be shared with the mentors and training given in advance so that they are prepared for the nature of this type of course.

## 5. Capacity building of Mentors/Facilitators

The mentors for each batch will deliver the activities prescribed in the curriculum for which they will be given a residential training and capacity building program (CBP). They will be appointed preferably for a year or 6 months at a time. The curriculum will be designed by IIM-A in collaboration with IIT-G and the CBP will be delivered at either institute. The curriculum will be implemented through hands on activities and excursions in and around Vadnagar.

The candidates will be given a 5 days training in experiential learning methodologies at the site, followed by refresher courses of two days thrice a year in online/offline mode. This will include feedback, monitoring, troubleshooting and handholding. They will be awarded certificates after the completion of course and teaching the programme. They will be required to maintain reflective journals and portfolios and encouraged to analyse, reflect, research, collaborate, create, and share through different activities so that they are equipped to run the 5 days course for students.

**6. Prerana Curriculum:** The course will include the following focus areas:

- ***Indigenous knowledge systems;***
  - Games and sports
  - Health & food related to Ayurveda
  - Sacred Geometry, Science & Art related to architecture,
  - Natural dyes, printing & weaving related to textiles
  - Astronomy
  - Performing and visual arts
  - Mythology and legends
- ***New technologies and their creative uses;***
  - Cameras, drones, computers, 3D printers etc
  - AR, VR, Video making, Jingles, photo-essays, digital posters/ newsletter/blogs/magazines etc.
- ***Inspirational Indians;***
  - Researching and getting inspired by figures and personalities from India like Sardar Patel, Bhagat Singh, B.R. Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Dr J.C Bose, APJ Abdul Kalam, Shri AB Vajpayee, , Sir CV Raman, Guru Teg Bahadur, Rani Laxmi Bai, Rani Chenamma, Birsa Munda, Lachit Borphukan, Surya Sen, Shri Narendra Modi, Shri K. Kasturirangan, etc
- **Visits:**
  - The participants will also visit archaeological and historical sites that make Vadnagar unique. They will also learn about the living traditions of other states in India. As participants from various corners of the country converge here, the cultural exchange becomes an invaluable aspect of the experience helping the participants gain insights into the local heritage and the diverse traditions that shape our nation.
  - In addition to excursions to archaeological and heritage sites, other diverse activities are also planned that will encompass visual, aural, and haptic modes of learning. The students will also understand the growth and glory of the country from ancient Indian civilisation right up to transforming into one of the top 5 economies and landing of Chandrayaan-III on Moon.

•They will walk alongside the lives of real-life heroes who have exemplified these virtues, discovering how their choices transformed the country and the world. By the time they complete the 5 - day Prerana program, they will not just hold a certificate; they'll wield the power to make a positive impact wherever they go.

## **7. Day Wise Schedule and Activities**

The day-wise program schedule will feature yoga, mindfulness, and meditation sessions, followed by experiential learning, thematic sessions, and hands on interesting learning activities. Evening activities will include visits to ancient and heritage sites, inspirational film screenings mission life activities, talent shows etc. ensuring a holistic learning approach. Apart from this, students will engage in diverse activities, embracing indigenous knowledge systems, new technologies, and inspirational figures.

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