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Dated:

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the

July, 2023

To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,

Himachal Pradesh

Subject:-

Regarding Visit of Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra -Waive off of

Registration Fee for Government School Reg.

Memo,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. SML-Reader/ ADM (L&O) The Retreat/ 2023-2877 dated 3rd July, 2023 alongwith its enclosure received from the, Additional District Magistrate (L&O), Shimla, on the subject cited above.

In this connection, it is intimated that Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra, Shimla has been opened for the general public w.e.f 23.04.2023 throughout the year from 10.00 A.M to 5.00 PM except for Monday and Gazetted holidays. At the time of opening, it was decided to waive- off of registration fee for Government School Student group to visit in Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra for a period up to 30th June 2023. The above scheme has been extended for a further period of three months from 1st July, 2023 to 30th September, 2023. You are, therefore directed to circulate the same amongst all the Heads of Educational Institutions under intimation to the quarter concerned as well as to this Directorate.

Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Endst.No. Even dated Shimla-171001 the July, 2023 Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Additional District Magistrate (L & O), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, w.r.t. his /her letter referred to above.

The Technical Officer (Computer/IT Cell), Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh with the request to upload the same on Departmental web site.

3. Guard file.

Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

VVIP-VISIT

No.SML-Reader/ ADM(L&O)The Retreat/2023-Office of the District Magistrate, Shimla Shimla, District Magistrate, HP

Dated the

3rd July,2023

To

The Director, Higher Education, HP.

The Director, Elementary Education, HP.

Subject:

Regarding Visit of Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra-Waive off of Registration Fee for Govt. School.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. RM/2/3/2023-RMS dated 30th June, 2023 received from Shri Bharat Bhushan, Manger, Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra, Shimla on the subject cited above.

You are, therefore, requested to direct the concerned authorities for taking necessary action in the matter please.

Yours faithfully,

Addl. District Magistrate (L&O),

Shimla.

dated 3rd July, 2023,

Endst No: AS above Copy forwarded to:-

1. Shri Bharat Bhushan, Manger, Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra for information please.

> Addl. District Magistrate (L&O), Shimla.

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PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (Rashtrapati Sachivalaya)

Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra, Shimla.

No.RM-2/3/2023-RMS

30 June 2023

Shri Aditya Negi, Deputy Commissioner-cum District Magistrate, Shimla (H.P.).

Visit of Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra - Waive off of Subject: Registration Fee for Govt. School Reg.

Respected Sir;

As you are aware that Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra, Shimla has been opened for the general public w.e.f. 23.04.2023 throughout the year from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM except for Monday and Gazetted holidays. At the time of opening, it was decided to waive-off of registration fee for Government School Student group to visit in Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra for a period upto 30th June 2023.

- The above scheme has been extended for a further period of three months from 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023.
- It is therefore, requested to kindly inform the same to the Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh and request him to issue necessary instructions to all the Principals and Headmasters of Government School to make ensure the visit of students to the Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra on any working days (Monday closed).
- It will be highly appreciated if a list of visiting Schools may be provided to the undersigned as soon as possible.
- A copy of brief extract of Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra, Shimla, is attached herewith for your kind information, please.

Yours faithfully,

(Bharat Bhushan) Manager

Public Opening of Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra

Estate brief:

The Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra is a 173-year-old heritage building located in the picturesque surroundings of Mashobra, Himachal Pradesh. Located a thousand feet higher than the Shimla ridge top, the main building is a wooden structure in European architectural style. The estate has a plinth area of 10,628 sq. ft. and comprises the main building, lawns, orchards and nature trails.

The Hon'ble President visits the Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra once a year, and the President's Secretariat also shifts to Mashobra during the President's stay. Until now, the Niwas was not accessible to the public. It is for the first time that the heritage building of Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra will be opened to the general public.

Key attractions for visitors and tourists at Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra:

- Main Building: The interiors of the Niwas' main building, a completely
 wooden structure with "dhajji" wall construction, will be opened to the general
 public for the first time. Visitors will be able to get a glimpse into the life of the
 president by exploring the presidential wing, official dining hall, and artifacts.
- Lawns: The lawns at the Rashtrapati Niwas offer a range of attractions like curated tulip flower beds for the first time in the estate, a ceremonial lawn, a flag pedestal, and a telescope for visitors to enjoy breathtaking mountain views. The lawns at the Rashtrapati Niwas are the perfect way for visitors to immerse themselves in the tranquility of the region.
- Orchards and Nature Trails: The orchards at the Rashtrapati Niwas are full of apple trees and offer nature trails for visitors who seek outdoor adventures.
 Nature trails will also lead visitors to numerous attractions, such as a photo booth, well, helipad viewpoints, which are planned to be opened to the public.

Visitor facilities at Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra:

For the convenience of tourists, the Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra will provide a cloakroom, wheelchair access, a café, a souvenir store, restrooms, water dispensers across campus, guided tours with scholar guides, and a first aid set up.

Booking information:

The general public will be able to start visiting the Rashtrapati Niwas, Mashobra starting April 23, 2023. For easy access and seamless visit, visitors will be able to book their tickets online from April 14, 2023 onwards through the official website of Rashtrapati Bhavan (https://visit.rashtrapatibhavan.gov.in/). The Niwas will open on all days except Mondays and other government holidays from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.