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To

TOP PRIORITY

The Deputy Directors, Directorate of School Education (Higher) All 12 Districts

The Deputy Directors, Directorate of School Education (Elementary) All 12 Districts

Subject: Involving the Participation of National Means cum Merit scholarship Schemes (NMMSS) selected students in PRERANA Program of Department of School Education and Literacy-reg.

R Sir/Madam.

With reference to letter no. F.No.6-79/2025-NMMSS dated 5th December 2025, O/O Director (NMMSS) GOI, MoE, DoSEL, NMMSS Division, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi your kind attention is invited to PRERANA Programme, an initiative of DoSEL, Ministry of Education which is an experiential learning program of one week, under which batch of 20 selected students (10 boys and 10 girls) attend the program every week from 10 districts of every state of the country. The selected students from all districts across the country will participate in a week long program at Vadnagar, Gujarat, in the school where the Hon'ble Prime Minister began his education. A detailed note of the PRERANA Programme is enclosed for further information.

In this regard it has been decided to include NMMSS selected students of all States/UTs in PRERANA Programme. The students selected under Central Sector National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) of DoSEL are meritorious and their participation in PRERANA Programme will foster the enthusiasm of deserving candidates through additional educational mentoring or skill development resources offered via PRERANA initiative.

Further, in this regard, it is informed that the selection process for the second cycle has commenced and student registration on PRERANA Portal is open w.e.f 01st December, 2025. The students to be included under this directive are those NMMSS awardees currently enrolled in the State Government schools.

The first cycle of the program is nearing completion with participation from all districts. The selection process for the second cycle has commenced, and student registration on the PRERANA portal has been opened w.e.f 01st December 2025. Hence all the Deputy Directors (Higher & Elementary) are requested to ensure the following:

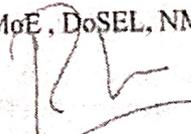
- Registration of NMMSS beneficiaries from classes IX to XI from all schools on PRERANA Portal.
- Organization of School level PRERANA Utsav in all schools of the District by 31st December, 2025.

Therefore, you are requested to please issue necessary directions to the concerned schools for the registration and participation of NMMSS selected students on a large scale in this initiative, as the one week experiential learning at PRERANA is a lifetime experience for the participants.

Thanking you

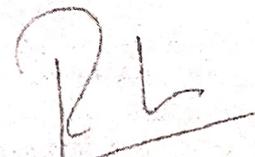
Enclosures as attachments:

F.No.6-79/2025-NMMSS dated 5th December 2025, O/O Director (NMMSS) GOI, MoE, DoSEL, NMMSS Division, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.


Principal
SCERT, Solan (H.P.)

Copy to for necessary information please:

1. The Secretary Education, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1
2. The Director of School Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1
3. The State Project Director (SPD) of Samagra Shiksha, HP Shimla-1
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Office of Deputy Director of School Education (Sec.) 5303-04
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Endst.No.EDN-CHM (SCH)F(10)01/2025-SJMMSSSE-2024-25- Dated -Chamba the 20th Dec, 2025
Copy to:-

- 1) The Principal, State Council of Educational Research and Training Himachal Pradesh w.r.t letter No.EDN/SLN/SCERT/Examination Cell-2025-2183-86 dated 17th December, 2025 for information.
- 2) All the Principals/Headmasters Govt. Senior Secondary Schools/Govt. High Schools in Distt. Chamba with the direction to ensure registration of NMMSS beneficiaries from classes IX to XII of your schools on PRERANA Portal and to organize school level PRERANA Utsav in your school by 31st December, 2025.


Deputy Director of School Education (Sec.)
Chamba, Distt. Chamba H.P.

TOP PRIORITY

F. No. 6-79/2025-NMMSS
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
NMMSS Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 5th December, 2025

To

The ACS Principal Secretary/Secretary Education (In-charge of Secondary Education), of All States/UT Administrations

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4. Further, in this regard, it is informed that the selection process for the second cycle has commenced and student registration on PRERANA Portal opened w.e.f 01st December, 2025. The students to be included under this directive are those NMMSS awardees currently enrolled in:

- State Government schools
- Government-aided schools
- Local Body schools

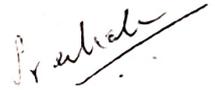
5. The first cycle of the program is nearing completion with participation from all districts. The selection process for the second cycle has commenced, and student registration on the PRERANA Portal has been opened w.e.f. 01 December 2025. Kindly issue necessary directions to all District Education Officers to ensure the following:

- Registration of NMMSS beneficiaries from classes IX to XI from all schools on PRERANA Portal.
- Organization of School-level PRERANA Utsav in all schools of the District by 31st December, 2025.

6. Therefore, you are requested to take please issue necessary directions to the concerned for the registration and participation of NMMSS selected students on a large scale in this initiative, as the one week experiential learning at PRERANA is a lifetime experience for the participants.

Encls. As above

Yours sincerely,



(Sreekala. P. Venugopal)
Director (NMMSS)

Copy to:

1. The Directors, Directorate of School Education of all States/UTs
2. All States U Ts Nodal Officers of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)

Introduction of PRERANA

The PRERANA: An experiential learning program is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India to empower the Youth of country by offering a meaningful, unique, and inspiring experience to students selected from all districts of country. At the heart of this curriculum is the philosophy of value-based education which is also cornerstone of the NEP 2020. The PRERANA will allow students to experience and internalize these values through latest technology and hands-on activities.

Place

The program takes place at The Vernacular School established in 1888 in Vadnagar, district Mehsana, Gujarat by Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad of the erstwhile Baroda State, Gujarat. It is the place where our Honble Prime Minister, began his inspiring journey. Vadnagar is one of the oldest living cities in India, known for its ancient heritage sites, monuments and rich history.

PRERANA is a starting point of students' own self-awareness by creating opportunities to explore India's great culture through their journey of Vadnagar, its stories and mythologies, archaeology, traditional Indian knowledge systems and through this, appreciate their heritage through latest state of art technology. These children can then become ambassadors and share their understanding of Indian culture and heritage with others in their school and community. This will also promote a sense of belonging and pride and help them reflect on how they can contribute to nation building.

Duration and Participants

PRERANA is a week-long residential program.

A batch of 20 selected students (10 boys and 10 girls) attend the program every week from 10 districts of every state of the country.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Students will be registered through the Prerana Portal.
- Each School will organize 'PRERANA UTSAV' at school level
- The school will orient the students for PRERANA program, register all students on PRERANA portal and select 02 best students (01 boy & 01 Girl) for participating in 'PRERANA UTSAV' at JNV of the district
- The students are to be shortlisted based on the qualities of leadership, social responsibility and passion for shaping the future of the nation
- The JNVs will organize ' PRERANA UTSAV' at the district level
- The school will orient the students for PRERANA program using PRERANA Film,
- The students will participate in various activities conducted at the JNV on topics such as 'why I should be selected for PRERANA', 'My vision for India' and 'Viksit Bharat'
- 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.
- Students will be shortlisted based on the evaluation of their personalities and suitability for the program.

- Personal Interview will be conducted for 30 students on the same day based on which, 2 participants (1 boy and 1 girl) and 2 backup participants (1 boy and 1 girl) will be finally selected to attend the Prerana Program.

Mentors

- Students will be guided in their week-long journey by 8 mentors selected from a pool of experts from NVS, KVS and other eminent institutions.
- A 3-day residential program was held at IIT, Gandhinagar for capacity building of mentors in which they were trained to impart teaching in a motivational and experiential manner.
- The trainers of the residential program included experts from IIM Ahmedabad, IIT Gandhinagar, Indian Knowledge System, Archaeological Survey of India, etc.

Selection of Guardian Teachers

- One female teacher as Guardian Teachers from each district is nominated by school from which the girl student is selected
- Selected teachers should be able 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.

How to Participate

- 20 students are selected in every batch of PRERANA from 10 different districts
- Two students (one girl and one boy) and two as backup are selected from each district.
- Students from class IX to XII (session 2024-25) will register through PRERANA Portal giving personal details, school details and special achievements.
- Students will give details of District and Urban/ Rural (on Portal) based on Location of School.
- Organisation of 'Prerana Utsav' in every school having classes IX to XII of every district
- Screening of film on PRERANA program and orientation of 'Prerna Utsav' by schools during the organisation of 'Prerna Utsav'
- Talent display by students- Various activities like writing essay/poem/story/song on given topic, drawing etc. (One activity by each student)

First Level: Students selected- Selection of 02 best students (01 boy and 01 girl) from each school in the district from class IX-XII

Second level: Organisation of 'Prerna Utsav' at district level in JNV

- Participation of students selected at school level in activities organised on topics like 'Why should I be selected for Prerana', 'My vision for India' and 'Viksit Bharat'

- Following the activities, selection of 30 students (15 boys and 15 girls) based on their personality assessment and suitability for the program

Third level: Personal interview of selected 30 students in JNV

- 2 participants (1 boy and 1 girl) and 2 backup participants (1 boy and 1 girl) are finally selected from each district

The students who are finally selected will be informed by email on contact details of schools/students.