

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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From

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Additional Secretary to Government

To

All Directors under S & ME Department
All District Education Officers

Sub: Preparedness and Precautionary Measures to be taken to
tackle Heat Wave during Summer-2021

Ref: Letter No.991/R&DM (DM), Dtd.24.02.2021 of SRC-cum-
ACS to Government (DM).

Madam/ Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that the following precautionary measures and preparedness should be taken at your level to tackle the Heat Wave situation during Summer-2021. These guidelines will be in addition to the instructions/ SOPs already issued by this Department for COVID-19. The following guidelines will be applicable to all schools under S & ME Department i.e. Government, Govt. Aided and Private Schools.

1. The **class IX & XI** which is at present running from 08.30 AM to 10.00 AM is rescheduled to **7.00 AM to 9.00 AM**.

2. The **class X & XII** which is at present running from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM is rescheduled to **9.00 AM to 1.00 PM**.

3. District Education Officers are advised to ensure availability of safe pure drinking water in all schools including repair of tube well if any in consultation with officials of PR & DW Deptt./ Urban local Bodies.

4. DEOs are also advised to store sufficient ORS in school point which can be provided to students and staff in case of need and the same can be procured from local Health Centre.

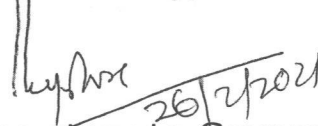
5. School transport facility where available is allowed to operate for students and staff to avoid exposure to heat. The same should be allowed to operate following COVID-19 norms.

6. All parents should be sensitized to ensure that their children carry a water bottle while going to school. This should be sufficiently publicized by the Headmasters/ SMCs to create awareness among the parents.

7. The DEOs should impress upon the Headmasters to allocate some time during the school hour to teach/ sensitize students on precautionary measures on heat wave. The students must not be exposed to heat during the teaching hour and no physical activity like sports should be undertaken.

The rescheduling of classes will be given effect from **01.03.2021**.

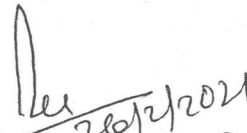
Yours faithfully,



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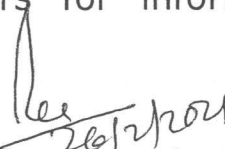
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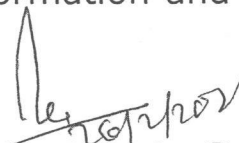
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