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To
The Principals,
Eklayva Model Residential Schools
All States/UTs

Subject: Immediate Preventive Measures for Ensuring Safety of Hostel Students – reg.

Sir/Madam,

It has come to the notice that due to overgrown vegetation and unsecured hostel surroundings in some EMRS campuses, incidents of snakes and other harmful reptiles/insects entering hostel premises have been reported, posing a serious threat to the safety and wellbeing of students.

2. In view of the above, all Principals are hereby directed to implement the following immediate safety and preventive measures in their respective campuses:

- i. Ensure immediate clearing of grasses, shrubs, bushes, and unwanted vegetation around the hostel premises, academic blocks, waterlogging-prone areas, and playgrounds. This shall be followed by fortnightly maintenance.
- ii. Secure all windows, ventilators, drainage outlets, and door gaps with fine wire mesh/grills to prevent reptile and insect ingress.
- iii. Maintain adequate lighting and strict cleanliness in and around hostel premises, with special monitoring of drainage, garbage disposal areas, and storage spaces.
- iv. Identify snake-prone/vulnerable spots within the campus; assign wardens/housekeeping staff for daily inspection, apply snake-repellent chemicals in these areas, and maintain a register for the Principal's weekly review.
- v. Organise a **Mock Drill and Sensitisation Programme** in coordination with the nearest PHC/District Hospital to orient students and staff regarding first-aid and emergency protocols related to snakebite incidents.
- vi. Ensure immediate medical attention in case of suspected or confirmed snakebite cases. Principals shall also coordinate for a **Preventive Health and Awareness Camp** in the campus involving a qualified medical officer, focusing on snakebite management, first-aid readiness, and environmental hygiene.
- vii. Display emergency contact numbers (nearest PHC, hospital, ambulance, district administration, and forest department) **prominently** on hostel notice boards and at strategic locations in the campus.

3. A brief Action Taken Report (ATR), along with photographic evidence of measures undertaken, may be submitted to NESTS HQ through the Google Form with photographs by respective State EMRS Society within seven (07) days from the issue of this communication.

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/j25feZVUgGkJvGtY6>

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4. The safety and wellbeing of students residing in EMRS hostels is of paramount importance. Principals are therefore instructed to personally supervise the above measures and ensure sustained compliance.

5. All Principals must ensure that staff Nurse, Counsellor and part-time Doctor must be engaged/deployed immediately in all EMRS schools as per guidelines issued and share the compliance report through the attached google form.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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(Kumud Kushwaha)
Deputy Commissioner

Copy to:

- 1-Nodal Officer, State EMRS Society (As per list attached)
- 2-Consultants, NESTS, All States.