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To

Dated: 13/01/2022

The Deputy Director of Higher Education/elementary Education
All Districts
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Subject: Extension of date for online applying and verifying data of academic year (AY) 2021-22 students studying/studied in Class VIII for National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) examination 2021-22 to be held on 06-03-2022 reg.

Madam/Sir

With reference to letter No. EDN/SCERT/SLN (NMMSS)-2021/- 2094-2119 dated: 27-12-21, this is to inform you that online registration on the portal commenced from 27-12-2021 for the receipt of National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) examination 2021-22 application.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all the schools of Himachal Pradesh are closed recently. **Keeping in view, SCERT, Solan H.P. extended the date** to apply for NMMSS examination 2021-22. The extended timelines for the portal under National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is as follows:

Opening of Portal for accepting Applications	Closing of Portal for accepting applications	Closing of Verification at Institution Level
27.12.2021	31.01.2022	31.01.2022

Since the scheme is meant for meritorious students of economically weaker sections whose parental income is less than Rs. 1.50 lakh per annum. As per the existing guidelines of the scheme, the students shall have minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grade in class VII examination for appearing in selection test for award of NMMS scholarships (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST) but this criteria for this year's examination due to COVID-19 pandemic and lock down. **Therefore, all the students of Class VIII in academic year 2021-22, who have promoted from Class VII will be allowed to appear in the NMMSS examination 2021-22 to be held on 06-03-2022, as a special case, irrespective of minimum marks.**

I would request you to instruct the concerned officials i.e. School Heads to expedite the process of registration and verification of data of class VIII students of the academic year 2021-22 on the portal for the NMMS scheme examination to ensure that all eligible candidates are covered.

Matter is very urgent. Kindly forward the same to all the GSSSs/GHSs/GMSs of your respective district.

This is for your information and further necessary action please.

Thanking you


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