

SCHOOLS TO START AS PER EARLIER TIMETABLE FROM TODAY.

Govt. rolls back new timetable on appeal of teachers

Staff Reporter

GANGTOK, February 14: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today announced the decision of the State Government to withdraw the revised time schedule in the Government schools and to restore back to existing school timetable following submissions from the teachers.

“I have decided to withdraw our earlier decision to have a new timetable in the Government schools after receiving a memorandum from the teachers. The Government schools will continue under the earlier timetable”, said the Chief Minister to the gathering of Government teachers during the valedictory function of the 15 day long training workshop for principals and headmasters and 42 days training programme in proficiency development in English and Mathematics for primary teachers. The workshops had been organized by Human Resource & Development.

It may be recalled the State Government had decided to start the Government schools 20 minutes early at 8:45 am from the new academic session 2010 which gets underway from tomorrow. The schools were supposed to have an extra hour session in the new timetable starting from 8:45 am and concluding at 3:30 pm with daily new contemplation sessions.

Following the decision to roll back the earlier notification, the State Government Schools will start at 9:15 am as per the earlier norm. The decision taken after teachers highlighted to the State Government that students have to make it to the schools from remote areas.

During his address to the teachers, the Chief Minister underlined the importance of education and its impact on the Sikkimese society. “Though we have failed to produce a good human resource in the

State, the new methodology which we are pushing will definitely bring about changes,” he said.

Seeking support from the teaching fraternity, Chamling urged upon the teachers to imbibe true values of humanity and true values of humanity and inject the courage of dignity in the students instead of turning out bookish knowledge products. He also assured the teachers that the State government is fully behind them towards the common cause of quality education.

At the same time, the Chief Minister said that teachers should not be compelled to be lost in bureaucratic maze including running around the HRD department which, he said, would be hampering the education of the students.

In his address, HRD minister NK Pradhan congratulated the participants in the training programmes and expressed his hopes that the knowledge gained would be used in imparting sound education to the students.

Pradhan said that the workshop was the first step of the department to make the teaching oriented.

The departmental secretary R Telang informed that two institutes of education training will be opened up at Geyzing and Namchi from the coming academic session. He said that graduate and post-graduate will have to take admission in B.Ed College which is expected to be opened at Soreng in West Sikkim this year.

Those teachers who have been appointed on the condition of obtaining B.Ed degree within a stipulated time will have to enroll with IGNOU where 200 seats have been reserved as per the required of the department, said Telang.

During the valedictory session, the Chief Minister handed away certificate of appreciation to the best performing teachers during the training programmes. They were Dari Lepcha, Padam Guatam, BK Sharma, SM Subba, Sobha Bista, Ram Kumar Subba, Amrita Gurung and Jimmy C.

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