

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2591  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**Impact of online classes on students during COVID-19 pandemic**

2591 **Shri Hishey Lachungpa:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the appropriate steps have been taken by Government in this Novel COVID-19 pandemic to ensure students' physical and emotional well-being while attending continuous online classes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (c) PRAGYATA guidelines have been developed from the perspective of learners, with a focus on online/blended/digital education for students. These guidelines also provide a roadmap or pointers for carrying forward online education to enhance the quality of education. The guidelines will be relevant and useful for a diverse set of stakeholders including school heads, teachers, parents, teacher educators and students which can be accessed at

[https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines\\_0.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/pragyata-guidelines_0.pdf)

Online classes in Creative subjects like Physical Education, Art and Music are being conducted for over all well being of students. The Ministry of Education has also launched the 'Manodarpan' initiative under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. It is aimed to provide psychosocial support to students, family members and teachers for their mental health and well-being during the times of Covid-19 and beyond.

<http://manodarpan.mhrd.gov.in/>

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a 'Cyber Security Handbook' to ensure safe and healthy digital habits among students. This module covers topics in cyber safety, such as cyber bullying, including social exclusion, intimidation, defamation, and emotional harassment, online sexual abuse, cyber radicalisation, online attack and frauds, and online enticement. The 'Cyber Security Handbook' can be accessed at this link:

[http://cbseacademic.nic.in/web\\_material/Manuals/Cyber\\_Safety\\_Manual.pdf](http://cbseacademic.nic.in/web_material/Manuals/Cyber_Safety_Manual.pdf).

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