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Need for mission/drive to help middle and high schoolers

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need for a mission/drive to provide help to middle and high-schoolers deal with challenges and build social connections;
- (b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c): National Curriculum Framework-2005 supports for a variety of activities at adolescence stage of schooling, which includes participating in cultural programmes, organizing events, travelling to places outside the school, providing experiences to students to develop socially and emotionally into creative and confident individuals sensitive to others and capable of taking initiative and responsibility.

National Education Policy 2020 gives enough flexibility to teachers in choosing aspects of pedagogy, so that they may teach in the manner they find most effective for the students in their classrooms.

NCERT has developed two modules-one on 'Understanding Learners' under NISHTHA 1.0- Integrated Teacher Training Programme for Elementary teachers and School Heads and other on – 'Guidance and Counseling' under NISHTHA 2.0 for Secondary teachers.

A proactive initiative, named, 'Manodarpan' has also been launched, covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing during the COVID outbreak and beyond.

Under the Manodarpan initiative a Web page (URL: <http://manodarpan.education.gov.in>) has been created on the Ministry of Education website carrying advisory guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Practical tips, posters, videos, do's and don'ts for students, teachers/faculty and families for psychosocial support have been uploaded on the Web-page. Handbook on Mental Health & Wellbeing- A perspective; Handbook on 21st century skills for school students and a national level directory of counsellors have been uploaded on the Manodarpan web page. A national level directory of counselors has also been uploaded on the webpage. Regular Webinars are organized under the aegis of Manodarpan on mental health and wellbeing of children
