Educational Institutions to open in August, 2020  
Gangtok, June 12: In a high-level meeting of the State Task Force chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister today on June 12, 2020, decision was taken to reopen the educational institutions in Sikkim during the first week of August, 2020.

Earlier, educational institutions in Sikkim were likely to open on July 01, 2020. However, given the current rise in the cases of COVID-19 infection and further need of abundant precaution, decision of reopening of educational institutions on July 01, 2020 has been rethought now. All educational institutions in Sikkim will now reopen in the first week of August 2020. The reopening of educational institutions including all schools, colleges, universities, Teacher Education Institutes and private educational establishments would be in compliance with the UGC and the central government directives.

Meanwhile, examination on some more subjects of the CBSE are scheduled for July 2020, such examinations will be conducted in all the Senior Secondary Schools in Sikkim. The CBSE has declared all Senior Secondary Schools as examination centres now in order to maintain social distancing and avoid commuting to a common centre.

Given the fact that there are students appearing in examinations in Sikkim side from across the border, the Department has already instructed the candidates to apply for change of examination centres in the CBSE districts where they are currently stranded. Therefore, Sikkimese students of West Bengal side have the option to appear at a centre in Kalimpong or Darjeeling districts or wherever they are. Most of the candidates have already opted for change of centres. Those who have applied for entry in to Sikkim side have to undergo quarantine and write examinations. A third option is to transport those who could not avail the other two options. There are very few such candidates for this option.

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