

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-06

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ORDER

The Government of Assam in Secondary Education Department is pleased to notify the Standard Operating Procedure for fresh re-opening of schools in the State of Assam from class IX, X, XI to XII in the Schools and Colleges maintaining all the protocols of safety Guidelines under COVID-19 pandemic. The Standard Operating Procedure will come into effect from 21st September, 2020 and shall be operative for a period of 15 (fifteen) days. Subsequently, the SOP will be modified after observing the situation for 15 (fifteen) days of time from 21st September, 2020. The detailed SOP is as follows:-

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF ASSAM
(FROM CLASS IX, X, XI & CLASS XII).**

1. Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruptions to the educational system and student-teacher classroom – learning and interaction. There is a severe impact on a child's ability to learn. Furthermore, learning online and through other channels has a limited reach and impact, especially amongst the most vulnerable section of the students. Educational Institutions are closed from 15th March, 2020 and though online teaching is ongoing but due to various constraints all the students could not be covered. The students studying in class-XII particularly students of Science and other streams have to appear in the professional and competitive qualifying examination for admission in various professional courses. To prepare them to face the competitive examination it is felt that the classroom classes for them should be started and also in respect of the students who will be appearing for the ensuing HSLC examination.

The Government of Assam had extended the Academic year till 31st March 2021 and subsequently w.e.f. 01st April to 31st March of every year, primarily to recover the loss in Academic days and also to bring the session at par with all India level.

In view of the above and in pursuance of the SOP prepared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, the SOP for the State of Assam, for fresh re-opening Schools for students of class IX, X, XI and Class XII is mentioned below.

General Guidelines :

1. From 21st September, 2020 reopening of schools and colleges will commence.
2. Students from class IX, X, XI & XII will be part of this reopening exercise.
3. All other classes will remain suspended.
4. For the students of class IX & XII classes will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
5. For the class X & XI classes will be conducted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
6. For every class, the students should be divided into 2 batches, of course, when in any class, total number of students is less than 20, then division in batch will not be required.
7. First batch of students will come to school at 9.00 am and they will be there in the schools up to 12.00 noon, for the 2nd batch of Students, the classes will be from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
8. School authority will ensure that before commencing informal class of the 2nd batch, the first batch students are send back home.
9. Students will come to the school provided their parents have no objection and as such written undertaking/confirmation from the parents should be produced in the schools.
10. Total number of teaching and non-teaching staff should be restricted to 50%.
11. Teachers with severe Comorbid condition such as chronic kidney disease, type two diabetics with severe condition, heart surgery and suffering from cancer will be exempted by the Head

