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No online classes for kids up to std 5

K'taka govt ban applies to state, CBSE, ICSE schools

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In a relief to thousands of parents, teachers and students, the Primary and Secondary Education department of Karnataka on Wednesday banned online classes for children from kindergarten to Class 5. The decision is based on a report submitted to the state government by the director of Nimhans who recommended banning online classes for primary students.

According to Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar, the ban also applies to schools affiliated to CBSE and ICSE boards besides state board affiliated schools across Karnataka.

Briefing the media soon after the high level meeting with officials and experts, Kumar said, "We have taken two major decisions today — ban on online classes for students from kindergarten to 5th standard in all schools of Karnataka and no school shall collect fees in the name of online classes. Schools that are already conducting online classes from kindergarten to Class 5 must immediately stop them."

"We have also directed schools not to hike school fees for the academic year of 2020-21 since many parents have financial constraints due to Covid-19," Kumar said.

Experts, during the meeting, apprised the minister that online education is not as effective as classroom education and was no alternative to classroom teaching. Schools continuing online classes will face action and parents can complain through the helpline launched by the department.

The government is also mulling alternative methods to keep children engaged as there is no clarity on reopening of schools.

The ban comes as a relief to parents, Scan QR code for video

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It's final, SSLC exams on schedule, says govt

BENGALURU, DHNS: Putting to rest confusion over the SSLC exams, especially after Telangana and Tamil Nadu scrapped it, the Karnataka government on Wednesday clarified that the exam will be held on schedule from June 25 to July 4.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar told reporters soon after a meeting with officials, "There is no question of cancelling SSLC exams. We have made all arrangements to conduct exams in a safe environment keeping students' safety in mind. Parents need not pay heed to rumours."

Around 8.5 lakh students will appear for the exam.

PRECAUTIONS

- Each student will get 2-3 face masks
- Sanitiser provided
- Health check-up for students
- Separate room for students with Covid symptoms
- Bus facility
- Those who miss exam due to Covid-19 can appear as freshers for supplementary in July
- Students from border states must show admission tickets while entering Karnataka