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ORDER

Whereas, the Government of Odisha, vide order No.6149/R&DM(DM) dated 31.10.2020 issued by the office of the Special Relief Commissioner, Odisha, have authorised the School & Mass Education Department to take appropriate decision with regard to the date of re-opening of schools under its control/ superintendence/ supervision in respect of classes from 9th to 12th Standard, in a graded manner, after November 15, 2020 in consultation with relevant stakeholders and issue necessary guidelines/ SOP;

And whereas, in pursuance of the said order, the School & Mass Education Department held extensive consultations with various stake holders and their inputs were taken. Further, the experience of the States where schools had re-opened and the fact that a second wave of COVID-19 cases being experienced in some States were noted;

Now, therefore, the State Government do hereby direct that all schools in the State shall remain closed till 31st December, 2020.

Notwithstanding closure of academic institutions, the followings will be permitted:

- Conduct of examinations (academic, competitive and entrance tests), evaluation and other administrative activities.
- Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
- Teaching and non-teaching staff may be called to the schools for online teaching/ tele-counselling and related work, in areas outside the Containment Zones as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Ministry of Education/ Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI.

By order of the Governor

Principal Secretary to Government

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Principal Secretary to Government



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Principal Secretary to Government

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