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Embedded degrees and vacancy regularization in Government schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the Central financial assistance or framework directives extended to Himachal Pradesh to support the newly initiated apprentice-embedded degree programs and specialized B.Voc courses in State colleges;
- (b) the current timeline and central funding patterns approved to standardise infrastructure across the State's 3,468 newly recruited teacher postings under the CBSE-affiliated school transition drive; and
- (c) the measures taken under Samagra Shiksha to expedite the installation of mandatory security equipment and digital learning labs across schools located in extreme high-altitude areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has facilitated Higher Education Institutions across the country to provide skill-based education under the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) through Community Colleges, B.Voc. Degree Programmes and Deen Dayal Upadhyay Centres for Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood. In Himachal Pradesh, three Higher Education Institutions were approved during 2020 for offering skill-based programmes under the NSQF. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and UGC have issued the Guidelines for Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP), 2025 for Higher Education Institutions under their respective domains. These Guidelines provide for offering AEDP programmes in HEIs in accordance with their respective provisions. The programme aims to improve employability through outcome-based learning, industry-relevant skills, linkage between Higher Education Institutions and industries/establishments and structured apprenticeship training. Apprentices undergoing training under Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes with National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) are eligible for minimum stipend of ₹12,300 per month in the case of degree programmes. The Central Government bears 50% of the prescribed minimum stipend and the remaining 50% is borne by the establishment where the apprenticeship training is imparted. The Central Government's share is transferred directly to the bank accounts of apprentices through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Further, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has approved the commencement of Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP) in selected Government Colleges from the academic session 2026-27.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh has approved 147 Government Senior Secondary Schools for transition from the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) under the “Scheme for CBSE Affiliated Schools of Excellence in Himachal Pradesh”. Under the “Scheme for the Engagement of Teachers in Government Schools Affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Fixed Honorarium/Consolidated Amount”, engagement of 3,619 teachers has been approved to meet the staffing requirements of these schools.

For the year 2026-2027, Government of India has sanctioned ₹695.00 Crore under Samagra Shiksha to Himachal Pradesh. These funds will be utilized for creating and strengthening infrastructure facilities in Government Schools and also for training of teachers in State.
