SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR POOR AND MERITORIOUS STUDENTS OF PUNJAB

OPENING OF SIX MERITORIOUS SCHOOLS

Punjab Govt has opened six Meritorious Schools at Amritsar, Bhatinda, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala & Mohali under the "Society for Promotion of Quality Education for Poor & Meritorious Student of Punjab" for students from Govt schools who have scored more than 80% marks in Matric. The Schools are residential and affiliated to PSEB and are for 10+1 & 10+2 classes only with the aim of placing deserving students into professional colleges at the all India level. Final exam of class 10+1 have been completed and students will be promoted to 10+2. In the next academic session students for another 10+1 class will be enrolled thus completing the school strength. Present strength in the schools is 2091 students out of which more than 70% are girl students. The schools impart teaching in the Non-Medical, Medical & Commerce streams only.

The students are provided free education, lodging/boarding, books, stationary & uniforms. The school routine is scheduled to ensure overall development with emphasis on academics. State of art infrastructure is in place and the concept shall be proliferated by the Govt. in other districts of Punjab, if found successful.

Post conduct of Final exams, extra teaching by contracting professional coaching houses has commenced/will commence in all districts. It is worthwhile to mentioned here that the result of 10+1 in these schools has been very encouraging.

The school has state-of-art labs and shortly will also have all classrooms converted into smart classrooms with state-of-art equipment duly networked.

<u>Achievements</u>

The schools were started at short notice on 04 August 2014 and made fully functional in the next 15 days because of combined effort by all.

Nine girl students from meritorious schools have been selected for CBSE sponsored Udaan programme. These students have been selected at All India level for imparting online education to girl students for entrance into engineering colleges. This year only 1000 girls have been selected for Udaan at All India level out of which 9 girl students are from meritorious schools.

125 students will be attending the INSPIRE CAMP sponsored by the Govt of India. On conclusion of the camp, these students will be enrolled for INSPIRE fellowship which will make them eligible for an annual scholarship of Rs. 70,000/- Rs. 90,000/- at the graduation level and Rs. 1.5 Lacs to Rs. 2 Lacs at the Post-Graduation level.

Our students have participated successfully in the district & zonal sports and one girl student has already been selected to represent Punjab state in cross country. We are sanguine that with some more effort many more students will excel in sports.