

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SCHOOL EDUCATION IN SPECIAL REFERENCE WITH TELANGANA STATE

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ABSTRACT

Education sector is the prime sector which is providing the future employees to the society from its educational centres. Unfortunately, the educational institutions are suffering a lot with prevailing Covid-19 all over the world. Most of the time we are in confusion regarding ways to protect the educational institutions from long Lock Downs. Since March 2020, Schools, colleges, and Universities are shut down and the students are unable to attend the final examinations as a result. They were promoted to the next class without conducting the final examinations. It is a real time example of the seriousness of Covid-19. It is a vague situation and the way to restore the past glory of the educational institutions throughout the state is unclear. In the private sector, the management is unable to pay salaries to their employees and the rent for the buildings.

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INTRODUCTION

Prevailing of long Lock Downs for the last five months. Except the education sector, all sorts of factories, corporate companies, Government Offices, Small Industries, and almost all shops have opened after lock down; with a little pace, all these are working, but due to five months close down of Private educational Institutions, some issues arose from Students, Staff and Management in catering the needs of the students and staff and management. Though these are different issues, they are from one sector. The paper is focusing on all these issues and trying to find possible solutions. The Chief Minister of Telangana held a wide-ranging meeting at Pragati Bhavan on issues related to the education system in the context of corona and strengthening public educational institutions in the state of Telangana. The CM was of the view that the exploitation of education in the name of education could be curtailed only by significantly improving the performance of public educational institutions in the state and making the best education possible.

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The review of CM K. Chandrashakar Rao further continued on how public schools, intermediate colleges, degree colleges, and other public educational institutions are running? What steps can be taken to make them great? What can be done to raise educational standards?

The CM has directed the officials to conduct a workshop soon on the subject and seek the views of academic experts and veterans. He said, there is a growing public confidence in government hospitals by improving the facilities and bringing the service orientation in the medical staff OP has increased. Exploitation in the medical field has ceased. In the

same way the Government is going to strengthen public educational institutions, which will benefit the people. Exploitation will stop.

OBJECTIVES

- The main objectives of the paper are as given below. They are
- To study the conditions of Private Educational Schools in the state
- To show the alternative source for providing educational in private Schools
- To study the conditions of the staff, management and students

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The data has collected from both the primary and as well as secondary sources. Most of the data has collected from the school management and staff by providing a set of questionnaire. The data analysed as following.

The data has given astonishing results; nearly one thousand privateprivate Schools are ready to close one by one if the lock down persists further– one thousand in Hyderabad alone, and over three thousand across Telangana State. It is revealed Private flats within Greater Hyderabad are being closed one by one due to the corona virus. They have already wrapped up the loss of millions of rupees. The flats are reopening and falling back so as not to carry more financial burden. As a result, schools that used to have hundreds of students and teachers at the same time last year have now become empty. Prayer songs and children's noises in the classrooms are rampant.

The corona virus is ravaging the state. People are tryingto stand up to the invisible virus. Already the business and commercial sectors have completely collapsed. Some people have given up doing something or businesses and move on to other fields. Now private school owners are walking the same path.

There are about 11,000 accredited private schools in 33 districts of the state. There are about 5,526 hostels in Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Medchal districts alone. Apart from these, there are another 6,000 unofficial private schools in the state. All the schools together have a total enrolment of 33 lakh students and up to 3.5 lakh teaching and non-teaching staff.

Meanwhile, 16.05 lakh students are studying in government recognized schools in Greater Hyderabad. Students have been confined to their homes since March 16 due to the complete closure of public and private schools across the state due to the virus. In the second week of April, when the annual examinations were to be held and the pending fees were to be collected from the students, all the schools were inevitably closed due to the virus. This is estimated to have cost private school owners about Rs. 500 crore.

Of this, 5,526 schools in Greater Hyderabad lost about Rs. 260-280 crore. Some employers phoned the parents of the students and tried to collect the pending fees but to no avail. Only 15 per cent paid the arrears and the remaining 85 per cent handed over the money. With the closure of schools from March 16, many employers did not even pay the salaries of the teaching and non-teaching staff working at them. Only a handful of schools paid salaries in March and April.

Unable to cope with the financial difficulties, some administrators decided to close the schools. 3,000 schools across the state have already been closed, of which 1,000 belong to Hyderabad. Managers feel that if the rent and current

bills are not paid, it will be closed. It is learned that the school is selling registrations along with equipment to bury the losses to some extent. The private management of the private schools are appealing the Government to come of this critical period.

Private schools in the state have lost up to Rs. 500 crore due to corona during the last Academic Year. The corona disaster occurred while collecting pending fees. With this, many administrators did not pay salaries to the teachers due to this most of the private Schools teachers are suffering from financial problem for the last five months. The private School management associations are urging the government to respond and pay the private management and teachers up to Rs. 6-10 lakh under unemployment benefit. They are urging the school building owners to accept only 25 percent rent for this year.

CONCLUSIONS

A full range of academic persecution, and the long-term strategy designed to strengthen government institutions and supporting to the private would be the chief minister's announcement. He directed the authorities to hold an immediate meeting with academics and subject matter experts to gather views. It has been decided to follow the guidelines of MHRD, UGC, AICTE etc. on the management of various educational institutions, administration of examinations, syllabus etc. in the context of Corona. Currently, orphaned girls are studying in Kasturi Bha schools till the tenth standard. The government will then be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for their education. The Government will announce the policy decision in this regard soon.

The state Government has taken the following decisions regarding the education system in the context of Corona. They are

- In order to preserve the academic sanctity of the education system, examinations should be conducted for degree, PG and engineering final year students in the state as prescribed by UGC and AICTE.
- The rest should be promoted to the upper classes without conducting any examination at present.
- The engineering academic year should start from mid half of August.
- The government will formulate a schedule of joint entrance examinations so that students do not lose a valuable academic year.
- The government will soon take a final decision on what to do in the state after reviewing the Centre's guidelines on when schools should be reopened in the state and how education should be conducted.

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