

No. EDN-HE (21) F (2)02-A/2023
Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-171001 the April, 2025

To


1. All the Deputy Director of Higher Education
2. All the Deputy Director of Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh

Subject: - Regarding approval of vacation schedule, sports activity calendar and annual academic calendar.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. Shiksha-II-Chha (I)-2/95-II dated 29.03.2025 received from the Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-2 regarding approval of vacation schedule, sports activity calendar and annual academic calendar.


In this context, you are hereby directed to circulate the same to all the Heads of the educational institutions in your respective district and also ensure to implement the same w.e.f. the academic session 2025-26 in letter & spirit.

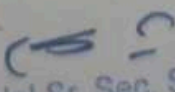
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(Dr. Amarjeet K. Sharma)
Director of Higher Education
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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary Education to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 W.r.t. his letter refer above.
2. All the Principals/HMs of GSSSs/GHSs.
3. All the BEEOs in H.P.
4. Superintendent of Physical Branch for information & further necessary action.
- ✓ 5. The Technical Officer (Computer/IT Cell), Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh with the request to upload the same on Departmental website.
6. Guard file.


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No.Shiksha-II-Chha(1)-2/95-II
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Higher Education

From

The Secretary (Education) to the,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

- ✓ 1. The Director, Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001
2. The Director, Elementary Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

Dated: Shimla-171002.

29-03-2025

Subject:- Regarding Approval of vacation schedule and Sports activity calendar.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.EDN-HE(21)F(2)02-A/2023 dated 11-03-2025 on the subject cited above and to convey the approval of the Government for the following:-

1. Vacation Schedule for Government Schools (Annexure-A1 to A3).
2. Sports Calender for Under-19 & Under-14 (Annexuer-B1 & B2).
3. Annual Academic Calender (Annexure-C).

The above will be applicable w.e.f. the academic session 2025-26. This is to further convey that the dates mentioned against Vacations/Holidays & Sports activities in Annual Academic Calender (Annexure-C) shall stand modified to the extent of dates as given in Annexure 'A' & 'B'.

It is therefore directed to take further necessary action and ensure to implement the same in letter & spirit.

Yours faithfully,

(Rakesh Kanwar, IAS)

Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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VACATION CALENDAR

S No	Vacation	Areas	Type of break	Existing Schedule		Revised schedule applicable w.e.f. 01-04-2025	
1	Winter Closing schools	Except Tribal Areas of Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti, Pangi, Bharmour of Chamba district and Kullu Distt	Winter vacation	1st Jan. to 11th Feb.	42 days	1st Jan. to 11th Feb.	42 days
			Monsoon Break	22nd July to 27th July	06 days	07th Aug. to 12th Aug.	06 days
			Festival break	02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days	02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days
			Total		52 days		52 days
		Tribal areas of District Kinnaur, Pangi & Bharmour of Chamba district	Winter vacation	1st Jan to 15th Feb	46 days	1st Jan to 11 Feb.	42 days
			Monsoon Break	22nd July to 27th July	06 days	7 Aug to 12 Aug	06 days
			Festival break	No provision	-	02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days
			Total		52 days		52 days
		Tribal areas of Lahaul and Spiti District	Winter vacation	1st Jan to 15th Feb	46 days	1st Jan to 11th Feb	42 days
			Monsoon Break	No provision	-	No Provision	
			Festival break	From next day of Dussehra upto 6 days	06 days	From next day of Dussehra upto 6 days	6 days
			Diwali Break	No provision		02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days
		Total		52 days		52 days	

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VACATION CALENDAR

S No	Vacation	Areas	Type of break	Existing Schedule		Revised schedule applicable w.e.f. 01-04-2025	
2	Summer Closing Schools	Summer closing schools	Break after result	1st April to 04th April	04 days	No Provision	-
			Summer Break	No provision	-	1st June to 8th June	08 days
			Monsoon Break	22nd June to 29th July	38 days	12th July to 12th Aug	32 days
			Festival break	02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days	02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days
			winter break	02 days before & 3 days after Lohari	06 days	1st Jan to 8th Jan	08 days
			Total		52 days		52 days
		For extreme Summer Areas in Sub Division of Nalagarh (Sln), Fatehpur (Kgr), Nagrota Surian (Kgr), Indora (Kgr), Poanta Sahib (Smr), Kala Amb (Smr) and whole distt Una in HP	Break after result	1st April to 04th April	04 days	No Provision	-
			Summer Break	No provision	-	1st June to 30th June	30 days
			Monsoon Break	22nd June to 29th July	38 days	3rd Aug. to 12th Aug.	10 days
			Festival break	02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days	02 days before & 2 days after Diwali	04 days
			Winter break	02 days before & 3 days after Lohari	06 days	1st Jan to 8th Jan	08 days
			Total		52 days		52 days

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S No	Vacation	Areas	Type of break	Existing Schedule		Revised schedule applicable w.e.f. 01-04-2025	
3	Summer and winter closing schools of Kullu District	Kullu District	Winter Break	26th Dec to 11th Jan.	17 days	1st Jan to 14th Jan	14 days
			Monsoon Break	23rd July to 14th August	23 days	20th July to 12th Aug	26 days
			Festival break	From next day of Dussehra upto 10 days	10 + 2 days	From next day of Dussehra upto 08 days	08 days
				01 day before & 01 day after Diwali		02 day before & 02 day after Diwali	04 days
			Total		52 days		52 days

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Sports Calender U-14 for the session 2025-26.

Block Level U-14 (Tournaments) 1. Boys = 27th to 29th, April 2025 Total Numbers days = 3
 2. Girls = 03rd to 05th, May 2025 Total Numbers days = 3

Note: If the number of boys and girls participating students is up to 500, then a single combined tournament should be organized.

District level Tournaments :

Types Of Games	Name of Games	No of Participation	Tentative Dated	Days
Distt. U-14 Major Boys	Basketball, Hockey, Football Handball and Wrestling	52	10-05-2025 to	3 days
Distt. Level U-14 Minor Girls	Badminton, Volley Ball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi.	33	12-05-2025	
Distt. Level U-14 Minor Boys	Badminton, Volley Ball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Boxing	43	17-05-2025 to	3 days
Distt. Level U-14 Major Girls	Basketball, Hockey, Handball and Wrestling	39	19-05-2025	
Distt. Level U-14 B&G (Combined First Two days for Boys and Second two days for Girls)	Athletics, &(Cultural) (B&G), Chess, Judo, Yoga	43	28-05-2025 To 31-05-2025	4 days

State Level Tournaments

Sr. No.	Types Of Games	Name of Games	No of Participation	Tentative Dated	Venue of State Tournament	Days
01	State Level U-14 Major Boys	Basketball, Hockey, Football Handball and Wrestling	52 X 12 = 624	30-09-2025 To 02-10-2025		3 days
02	State Level U-14 Minor Girls	Badminton, Volley Ball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi.	33 X 12 = 396			
03	State Level U-14 Minor Boys	Badminton, Volley Ball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Boxing	43 X 12 = 516	05-10-2025 to 07-10-2025		3 days
04	State Level U-14 Major Girls	Basketball, Hockey, Handball and Wrestling	39 X 12 = 468			
05	State Level U-14 B&G (Combined First Two days for Boys and Second two days for Girls)	Athletics, (B&G), Chess, Judo, Yoga	43 X 12 = 516	11-10-2025 to 14-10-2025		4 days
		(Cultural)	45 X 12 = 540			

Total Numbers of days Block level to State Level Tournaments = 26

Total Numbers of Holidays used in tournaments = 16

Total Numbers of working day used in tournaments = 10

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THE ANNUAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

WINTER-CLOSING SCHOOLS

Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
JANUARY	Holidays	1 st Jan - 11th Feb	Winter Break
FEBRUARY 13 working days	Admission Days	11 th Feb onwards	The teaching - learning process shall start from the very first day of the academic session
	School Readiness Phase for Class-I	17 th Feb - 17 th May	The program's objective is to prepare children for school and help them develop social, emotional, and language skills.
	Remedial Classes (Class-II to VIII) & New batch of Class 9 th	17 th Feb - 19 th March	30 days, readiness/ remedial teaching shall be provided to address learning gaps, taking into account the students' previous class results.
	National Science Day	28th Feb	Quiz, model demonstrations during zero periods
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Feb	Awareness on cybercrime, drug abuse, and safety
MARCH 23 working days	School Readiness Phase for Class-I	Continued	
	Remedial Classes (Class I-VIII) & New batch of Class 9 th	Continued till 19 th March	
	World Water Day	22nd March	Activities to promote water conservation
	Shiksha Samwad	31st March	Reflections and results announcement (9 th and plus one)
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Mar	Chess, puzzles, and logic games NIPUN Mela
	Final Examination (Classes 9 th -12 th)	First week of March Onwards	
	FA-I	3 rd Week of March	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching Assessment of class-I be based on Nipun Lakshyas.
APRIL 21 working days	FLN activities of School Readiness	continued	
	Himachal Day	15th Apr (Holiday)	The activities related to Himachal Diwas shall be conducted on working day during morning assembly before 15 th April
	World Earth Day	22nd April	Awareness and activities during zero periods

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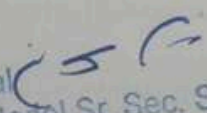
Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of April	Events on road safety, health hygiene & Mock Drill on Disaster Management.
MAY 24 working days	School Readiness – FLN activities for Class-I	Till 17 th May	Assessment shall be conducted by teacher based on NIPUN(FLN)- Lakshyas for class –I students
	World Red Cross Day	8th May	Lessons on humanity and service
	FA-II	2 nd Week of May	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
	No Tobacco Day	31st May	Awareness for healthy living by organising various related Events. Zero Period
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of May	Visits to post offices and banks etc.
JUNE 22 working days	World Environment Day	5th Jun	Activities to encourage eco-friendly habits
	SA-I	3 rd Week of June	Comprehensive assessment
	International Yoga Day	21st Jun	Yoga sessions promoting mental and physical well-being (morning assembly)
	International Day Against Drug Abuse	26th Jun	Awareness during morning assembly
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Jun	School beautification activities & Bal Mela at School Level
JULY 21 working days	Monsson Breaks	21 st July to 26 th July	Bal Mela school level
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Jul	
AUGUST 23 working days	First Terminal Exams (9 th -12 th)	First week of Aug	The first milestone for evaluations
	FA-III	2 nd Week of August	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
	Independence Day	15th Aug (Holiday)	Patriotic events like declamation, group songs, poem recitation drawing competition, slogan writing etc and flag hoisting conducted during morning assembly.
	Bag Free Day	Last Sat of Aug	Awareness on waterborne diseases
SEPTEMBER 25 working days	Teachers' Day	5th Sep	Special Shiksha Samwad to honour educators.
	Hindi Diwas	14 th Sept.	Celebrating our linguistic heritage during Morning assembly and in language class
	World Ozone Day	16 th Sept.	Painting/Poster making & Awareness Activities during Morning assembly and

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Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
			zero period
	Bag-Free Day	Last Saturday of September	Cultural activities showcasing student talents.
OCTOBER 21 working days	Gandhi Jayanti	2nd Oct	Inspirational assemblies honouring Mahatma Gandhi's ideals Cleanliness Campaign (Zero Period)
	Bag-Free Day	Last Saturday of October	Competitions on origami, rangoli, and Diya-making etc.
	FA-IV	2 nd Week of October	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
NOVEMBER 22 working days	International Science Day	10 th Nov.	Science Quiz, Exhibition, Science Talks etc. (In Zero Period)
	Shiksha Diwas	11th Nov	Reflecting on educational milestones during morning assembly
	Children's Day	14th Nov	Activities celebrating childhood
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Nov	Storytelling and career counseling
DECEMBER 25 working days	SA-II	2nd Week of Dec	Final term assessments
	World AIDS Day	1st Dec	Awareness activities during morning assembly
	Second Terminal Examination (9 th - 12 th)	Second Week of December	
	National Mathematics Day	22nd Dec	Maths quiz to enhance numerical skills and any other such activities
	Bag Free Day	Last Saturday of Dec.	Exposure visit/Excursion
	Shiksha Samwad	31st Dec	Result announcement with parents discussion with general house of SMC and planning for the next academic session.

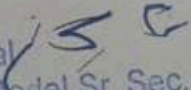
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SUMMER CLOSING

Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
JANUARY 21 working Days	Holidays	11th Jan - 16th Jan	Lohri Break
	FA-IV	3rd Week of Jan	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
	Statehood Day	25th Jan	Zero-period celebrations
	Republic Day	26th Jan	Flag-hoisting, parades, and patriotic assemblies
	Martyr's Day	30th Jan	Tributes during the morning assembly
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Jan	Stress-busting tips for exam preparation
FEBRUAR 21 working Days	Revision & Preparations for Final Exams	1 st Feb. Onwards	Effective revision sessions
	National Science Day	28th Feb	Quiz, model demonstrations during zero periods
	Practical Exams (9 th -12 th)	20 th Feb. Onwards (Tentative)	
	Revision & Preparations for Final Exams	01 st Feb. to 05 th March	Focused improvement sessions
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Feb	Strategies to combat exam stress
MARCH 23 working Days	World Water Day	22nd Mar	Activities to promote water conservation
	SA - II	Second week of March	Final term assessments
	Shiksha Sanwad	31st Mar	Reflections and results announcement
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat. of Mar	Chess, puzzles, and logic games NIPUN Mela
	Final Examination (Classes 9 th -12 th)	First week of March Onwards	
APRIL 21 working Days	Admission Days	1st April Onwards	Curriculum begins afresh
	School Readiness Phase for Class-I	01 st April -June	Nurturing little learners for three months
	Remedial Classes (Class I-VIII & New batch of Class 9 th)	01 st April -01 st May	Focused improvement sessions
	Himachal Day	15th Apr	Tributes to our state during zero period
	World Earth Day	22nd Apr	Awareness and activities during zero periods
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Apr	Events on road safety, health hygiene & Mock Drill on Disaster Management (Earth Quake)
MAY 24 working Days	FA -I	Third week of May	The first milestone for evaluations
	World Red Cross Day	8th May	Lessons on humanity and service

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	No Tobacco Day	31st May	Awareness for healthy living by organising various related Events. Zero Period
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of May	
JUNE 15 working Days	FA-II	3rd Week of Jun	Visits to post offices and banks etc.
	World Environment Day	5th Jun	Second milestone for evaluation
	Bal Mela	One Day (1st Week of June)	Activities to encourage eco-friendly habits
	International Yoga Day	21st Jun	Bal Mela at School Level
	Monsoon Break	22nd Jun - 29th Jul	Yoga sessions promoting mental and physical well-being (morning assembly)
			A refreshing break to rejuvenate .
JULY 2 working Days	Monsoon Break	Till 29 th July	
AUGUST 23 working Days	First Terminal Exams (9th -12th)	First week of Aug	The first milestone for evaluations
	Independence Day	15th Aug	Patriotic events and flag hoisting
	Bag Free Day	Last Sat of Aug	National Sports Day Sports (School/Centre Level) and Bal Mela at Cluster Level .
SEPTEMBER 25 working Days	SA-I	3rd Week of Sep	Summative Assessment
	Teachers' Day	5th Sep	Special Shiksha Samwad to honour educators
	Hindi Diwas	14th Sep	Celebrating our linguistic heritage
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NOVEMBER 22 working Days	FA-III	3rd Week of Nov	Third milestone in assessment
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	Shiksha Diwas	11th Nov	Reflecting on educational milestones during morning assembly
	Children's Day	14th Nov	Activities celebrating childhood
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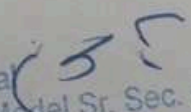
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Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
	Examination (9th - 12th)	December	
	National Mathematics Day	22nd Dec	Maths quiz to enhance numerical skills and any other such activities
	Bag Free Day	Last Saturday of Dec.	Exposure visit/Excursion/ Picnic
	Shiksha Samwad	31st Dec	Closing the year with reflections and planning for the next

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

1. **Tournament of elementary classes (under 14) will be organised as follows:**
 - Block Level- 27th April , to 29th April
 - District Level- 18th May, to 20th May
 - State Level- 11th October -12th October

(A three days training /coaching camp can be organised in each district for the selected teams prior to the tournament)
2. **Secondary classes (under 19) will be organised as follows:**
 - Block Level- 10-12 May
 - District Level-29-31 May
 - State Level-11-12 October
3. The Bal Mela, Kala Utsav and other cultural competitions shall also be part of the Block/District and State Tournaments.
4. The team for sporting event shall be n+2 students where 'n' stands for the number of players required for the sport as per the norms/ rules notified for that sport.
5. It has been noticed that the teachers selected against sports quota are also deputed as OSD etc. for the tournaments. This practice shall be stopped and no such teacher shall be deputed for the tournaments. It shall be the duty of the PETS/ DPEs to organise the event. However, at the host school the teachers (as per requirement) shall be deputed from the staff of host school only. No other teacher from other school shall be deputed for the tournament duty.
6. Only PETS and DPEs shall be deputed for tournaments. No other teaching staff (JBT/Subject teachers-TGTs/ Lecturers etc) shall be deputed for tournaments. Where DPE/PET is not available at Block Level the same shall be deputed from the adjoining block by the Deputy. Director concerned.

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In case of requirement of a lady escorts with the girl students at least one lady PET/DPE shall be deputed by the Dy. Director concerned for a batch of every 30 students. If there is a shortage of lady PETs/DPEs, MDM workers (women) shall be deputed with girl students.

7. The resources such as Kabbadi mats, Volley ball Nets and other sports equipment available with any of the schools shall be shared and made available on demand to the tournament organizing Schools without any delay/unnecessary objections irrespective of the category of the tournaments.
8. It has been observed that the DPEs and PETs do not cooperate/coordinate with each other. To ensure optimum utilization of manpower and to exclude subject teachers from sports duties, Deputy Director concerned shall ensure that adequate numbers of DPEs are deployed for Under-14 tournaments and vice – versa i.e. adequate PETs are deployed for Under-19 tournaments as per the requirement received from the organizing Schools.
9. The dates and duration of the tournaments shall not be changed. However, the events may be organized at different venues separately for Boys and Girls (not more than 2 venues for Block Level/4 venues for District Level/5 venues for State Level) so that the tournaments can be concluded as per the fixed timeframe.


OTHER INSTRUCTIONS-

1. The teaching –learning process shall start from the very first day of the academic session. First 30 days , readiness/ remedial teaching shall be provided to address learning gaps, taking into account the students' previous class results.
2. For class-I a three months school readiness programme aligned with NCERT's Vidya Pravesh manual based on NEP 2020 guidelines shall be implemented. The programme aims to prepare children for school, aligned with the three months learning outcomes specified by the government of India. All the primary teachers have been provided training and guidelines to implement the programme effectively.
3. The practice of sending school children to attend various functions / events/ programmes/ rallies/ yatras etc. organised by different government departments / NGOs etc shall be stopped. No group of students from any school shall be sent for such events as participants/ audience. In case it is required to send the batch/ group of students for any such events prior permission of the Director Education concerned shall be taken.

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4. The students shall, however, be allowed to participate in various competition as a team/ participant. Only one teacher shall accompany such team as coordinator/ manager.
5. The schools can organize as many school level activities (curricular and co-curricular) as per requirement without reducing the teaching days and teaching hours mentioned in this calendar.
6. Children Science Congress will be organised as per the format prescribed by HIMCOSTE.
10. The schools are free to innovate and to be creative for organizing various events at the school level if these support learning outcomes.
11. The Director HE and Director EE shall issue any clarification, if required, with regard to these instructions/ guidelines.

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