

Sensitization on Higher Education Opportunities and Scholarships -2019

As per the mandate of the Department and the Individual Work Plan (IWP), the officials from the Department of Adult and Higher Education visited the Higher Secondary Schools (HSS) within the central and eastern region of the country to conduct **Sensitization on Higher Education and Scholarship Opportunities** for the classes eleven and twelve students. This year the program was conducted by two teams consisting of two officials each from three divisions namely SSSD,QAAD and HEPD.

Objectives

1. Orientation on Scholarships and Higher Education Opportunities.
2. Sensitisation on Higher education opportunities within the Country
3. Orientation on the choice of colleges and Universities based on Quality Assurance and Accreditation standards.
4. Information on support services
5. Help Children make informed career decision

Team One:

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The team one visited Higher Secondary Schools of Bumthang, Mongar, Lhuentse and Trashiyangtse. The schools are as follows:

1. Sonam Kuenphen HSS
Staff Present: Principal and teachers
Students: 276 class XI students and 97 class XII students.



2. Jakar HSS

Staff Present: Principal, teacher counselor and a teacher

Students: 212 class XI students and 155 class XII students



3. Gyalpozhing HSS

Staff Present: Vice Principal, teacher counselor and a teacher

Students: 38 class XI students



4. Mongar HSS

Staff Present: Principal, Vice Principal and teacher counselor

Students: 150 class XI students and 178 class XII students



5. Sherub Reldri HSS

Staff Present: Principal and teachers

Students: 138 class XI students and 171 class XII students



6. Tangmachu HSS

Staff Present: Vice Principal, teacher counselor and 2 teachers

Students: 90 class XI students



7. Lhuentse HSS

Staff Present: Principal, teacher counselor and teachers

Students: total of 327 students of classes X, XI and XII



8. Yadi HSS

Staff Present: Principal and teacher counselor

Students: 127 class XI students and 157 class XII students



9. Drametse HSS

Staff Present: Principal and teachers

Students: 105 class XI students and 48 class XII students



10. Tsenkharla HSS

Staff Present: Principal, teacher counselor and teachers

Students: 60 class XI students



11. Baylling HSS

Staff Present: Principal, teacher counselor and teachers

Students: 143 class XI students and 177 class XII students



The questions and doubts raised by the students of the teachers are:

1. If a student has some disciplinary issues and it is reflected in the certificate or have low SUPW grades, will it have any effect on scholarship?
2. How does the tie breaking mechanism work if the student did not study Dzongkha?
3. Does SSSD have ability rating like RUB does for college enrollment? If not, the division could consider having ability rating instead of aggregate marks.
4. Did the Department stop implementing QECS scholarship? A group of students who went on QECS are now facing problems as their degrees are not recognized, what support is rendered by the Department?
5. Why is English subject given so much importance in ranking although the student meets the eligibility criteria of 55% in english?
6. What is the difference between degree and diploma?
7. Highlight on the undertaking taking letter (legal) for the scholarship students.
8. Why is M. Ed program from taktse is not recognized while the similar programmes offered by Paro College of Education and Samtse College of Education are?
9. Why is there an age limit for ex-country scholarship?
10. If a student goes to study in a college after finding out that the college is recognized but if half way through study the college is not recognized, then what is the status of the degree?

The team answered most of the questions but for some of the questions, the team promised the schools that team will email them response after consulting SSSD.

Team Two

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Names of the school Covered: The team visited in 11 Higher Secondary Schools covering the HSS within four different Dzongkhags, namely Pemagatshel, Samdrup Jongkhar, Trashigang, and Zhemgang. The team started visits from Samdrupjongkhar district and concluded visiting in Sonamthang Central School which is under Zhemgang district. The name of the HSS covered are as follows:

1. Dungsam Academy, Samdrup Jongkhar Thromde, Samdrup Jongkhar

Attendee: Principal, Teacher Counsellor, Teachers and a total of 330 students (class XI & XII)



2. Karmaling Higher Secondary School, Samdrup Jongkhar

Attendee: Principal, Teacher Counsellor, Teachers and a total of 231 students (class XI & XII)



3. Orong Central School, Samdrupjongkhar

Attendee: Vice Principal, Teacher Counsellor and a total of 310 students (class XI & XII)



4. Tashitse Higher Secondary School, Trashigang

Attendee: Acting Vice Principal, Teacher Counsellor, Teachers and total students of 330 (class XI & XII)



5. Jigme Sherubling Central School, Trashigang

Attendee: Vice Principal, Teacher Counsellor, Teachers & total of 329 students (Class XI & XII)



6. Jampelling Central School, Trashigang

Attendee: Vice Principal, Teacher Counsellor, Teachers and a total of 157 students (Class XII)



7. Rangjung Central School, Trashigang

Attendee: Vice Principal, Teacher Counselor and a total of 310 students (class XI & XII)



8. Bartsham Central School, Trashigang

Attendee: Teacher Counsellor, Teacher, Warden and a total of 80 students (Class XI only)



9. Nangkor Central School, Pemagathsel

Attendee: Principal, Vice Principal, Teachers and a total of 350 students (Class XI & XII)



10. Nganglam Central School, Pemagatshel

Attendee: Principal, Vice Principal, Teacher Counsellor, Teachers and a total of 300 students
(Class XII)



11. Sonamthang Central School, Zhemgang

Attendee: Principal, Vice Principal, Teacher Counsellor, Teachers and a total of 84 students
(Class XI only)

