

REVISED GUIDELINES OF GYAN JYOTI SCHEME - 2018

BACKGROUND

The Gyanjyoti Scheme was introduced in Assam in the year 2004-05 for Educational Development of the student community of the state. The main objective of the programme is to create awareness, provide exposure to various important places/Institutions etc of the State and outside the State as well as to impart knowledge, encouragement and to provide facilities to school students to visit historically and geographically important places and important Educational and Research Institutions of Assam and outside Assam. The participant students are selected from Class VIII to X from Government / provincialised schools of Assam.

The Government is very much concerned about the future of the students of the state who will be tomorrow's citizens. Therefore, to unearth the latent talents of the students from rural areas and to broaden their outlook and vision towards life by giving them the opportunity to visit more places, initiative has been taken up to take the students outside of their localities.

As such it has become necessary to revise the existing guidelines.

Gyanjyoti Programme inside the State

Two districts viz **Kamrup (M) & Jorhat** have been selected as nodal districts for implementation of the scheme inside the state.

Kamrup (M) district is opted as Nodal district for the following eighteen (18) districts viz

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| 1. Biswanath Chariali | 10. Jorhat |
| 2. Baksa | 11. Karbi Anglong |
| 3. Charaideo | 12. Lakhimpur |
| 4. Chirang | 13. Majuli |
| 5. Dhemaji | 14. Sonitpur |
| 6. Dibrugarh | 15. Sivasagar |
| 7. Dima hasao | 16. Tinsukia |
| 8. Golaghat | 17. Udalguri |
| 9. Hojai | 18. West Karbi Anglong |

Jorhat district is opted as Nodal district for the following fifteen (15) districts

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| 1. Barpeta | 9. Kamrup |
| 2. Bongaigaon | 10. Kokrajhar |
| 3. Cachar | 11. Karimganj |
| 4. Darrang | 12. Morigaon |
| 5. Dhubri | 13. Nalbari |
| 6. Goalpara | 14. Nagaon |
| 7. Hailakandi | 15. South Salmara |
| 8. Kamrup (M) | |

The city of Guwahati is enriched with various premier Educational, Cultural and Religious Institutions. Similarly, Jorhat district is also one of the major cities of Assam. Jorhat acts as a gateway to Upper Assam and to the neighbouring state of Nagaland. It was the last capital of the Ahom Kingdom and home to many historical monuments of Assamese culture. In the north, there is the river island, Majuli which is the principal place of pilgrimage of Vaishnavites since the age of the Ahom rulers.

Most of the students of rural areas of the State either might not be aware or may not get the chance of visiting these places. To give them exposure to all these, Gyanjyoti programme has covered almost all the important places of the districts of Kamrup (M) and Jorhat. The Deputy Commissioner Kamrup (M) will be the Nodal Officer of the Programme at Guwahati and the Deputy Commissioner Jorhat will be the Nodal Officer of the Programme at Jorhat. They will select the sites accordingly before starting the programme.

ELIGIBILITY

- A) The respective DCs will identify 100 nos of students of class VIII to X, from Govt/Provincialised schools in the district.
- B) From any school not more than 10 students to be selected
- C) The schools shall not be selected repeatedly for subsequent years.
- D) The school which is selected for the current year shall not be considered for atleast the next two years.
- E) DCs shall ensure the participation of 50% girl students to the extent possible.
- F) The selection of schools and students shall be transparent and participatory.
- G) A selection committee to select the schools chaired by DC/ DDC/ ADC (Education) and Inspector of Schools is the member secretary, SPO and two Senior Head Masters nominated by the DC be the members.
- H) The school authorities shall select the students through competitions among the students. The Head Masters should encourage all the students to participate in the competitions. The competitions held may be recorded and documented properly.
- I) The names of the selected students shall be informed to the office of the DC through the Inspector of Schools.
- J) The DCs shall inform the list of the participating students to the DC of the Nodal District.
- K) The DCs shall make arrangements to bring the students to the District headquarters on the day or on the previous day of the journey to Jorhat/ Guwahati.
- L) If the students are brought on the previous day proper accommodation facilities with food shall be made for the students.
- M) At least two teachers (one male and female) will be accompanying the students
- N) Dist Administration may also arrange to send an Executive Magistrate with the students. One food inspector and a medical team shall also accompany the students team with sufficient first aid and emergency medicines. The medical team shall not exceed three members including a doctor.
- O) Not more than two vehicles including the medical team vehicle shall be engaged.

P) The nodal district shall make arrangements for accommodation, food, and other basic facilities for the visiting students and accompanying team.

Q) As far as possible, Government accommodation is to be arranged and in case this is not available, accommodation of charity trusts/ NGOs may be arranged. Private and hotel accommodation will be chosen as the last resort only.

R) The students will be taken to the places of historical importance, educational institutions, Centres of excellence (such as IIT), Industrial sites, and Cultural and heritage sites, Museum etc.

S) A list may be prepared in advance showing a detailed tour program for two days may be prepared by the nodal District and is to be informed to the Participating Districts.

T) During the Program/ visit the students may be briefed about the importance of the places they are visiting, career guidance counselling and cultural programs shall be arranged. Quiz competitions/ debate / cultural/ sports competitions among the students may also be arranged.

U) Safety of all the visiting students shall be ensured by the nodal district. Necessary security forces shall accompany/escort the students team all the time. The District SP may be requested to coordinate in this regard.

V) After the program is over, the students shall be safely transported to their respective hometowns/ villages by the District authorities.

W) The Students for the outside state program shall be chosen through competition held among the students participating in the Gyanjyoti Program, within the State.

Y) Equal representation shall be given to the participating districts in the Outside the State program also.

For Outside the State Programme

- 1) The nodal agency for the program shall be ATDC and the Nodal District will be Kamrup Metro.
- 2) Arrangements shall be made by the DC Kamrup (Metro) to bring all the selected students to Guwahati from their respective districts within the cost of the project only.
- 3) The Students shall be taken to the national capital, i.e, New Delhi by train.

- 4) Only three tier AC is allowed for the purpose of the journey.
- 5) The Nodal Agency shall make arrangement in such a way that all students travel together in the same bogie.
- 6) A maximum of two Teachers (one male and one female) shall accompany the students.
- 7) The program shall be made for, preferably, not more than a week.
- 8) The students shall be taken to important places like Parliament, Rashtrapati Bhavan, Gandhiji Memorial, historical, archeological, cultural and educational institutions, etc.
- 9) The entire program may be properly documented with photographs and video clips. The same may be submitted to T& D Department for record.

Accounting procedure

- A separate Savings Bank account shall be opened in a nationalized/Apex Bank in the name of Chief Minister's Gyanjyoti Achoni.
- The account shall be operated jointly by the DC/DDC/ADC(authorized by the DC) and FAO of the nodal districts.
- All expenditure shall be made observing established official and financial procedures.
- Proper accounting shall be maintained in a separate cashbook. The Bills and vouchers shall be maintained properly.
- Utilisation Certificate shall be submitted by the nodal district immediately after the program.

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