

Subject: Report on Principals' Conference

Reference: DHE Letter No. EDN-H(8) 14/84-2012 (Principal Conference) dated 17th October 2023.

A Principals' Conference for Government Degree and Sanskrit Colleges was convened on the 21st of October 2023 at 09:00 a.m. This event took place in the conference hall located on the 6th floor of the Armsdale Building, H.P. Secretariat, Shimla-171002. The conference was chaired by the Honorable Education Minister, Shri. Rohit Thakur, and was graced by the presence of Chief Parliamentary Secretary Shri. Ashish Butel, Secretary of Education, Shri. Rakesh Kanwar (IAS), Director of Higher Education, Dr. Amarjit, and Additional Director, Dr. Harish Kumar (HAS). In attendance were Principals and Officiating Principals representing Government Degree and Sanskrit Colleges.

Key Discussion Points:

1. **Enhancement of College Libraries:** The conference emphasized the need for improvements in college libraries, aiming to make them more resourceful and conducive to learning.
2. **Promoting Self-Study in College Libraries:** Principals discussed strategies to encourage students to spend dedicated self-study hours in college libraries, fostering a culture of academic growth.
3. **Access to Wi-Fi and Computers:** It was proposed to provide Wi-Fi and computer facilities within the college premises, ensuring that students have access to modern educational tools.
4. **Individualized Development Plans:** The conference highlighted the importance of creating individualized development plans for each college, recognizing their unique needs and aspirations.

Furthermore, Dr. Pramod Patial, Principal of Government Degree College, Hamirpur, presented the NAAC report of Government Degree College Ponta Sahib. Notably, Government Degree College Ponta Sahib was the sole government college in Himachal Pradesh to be awarded the prestigious NAAC "A" accreditation.

This conference provided a platform for fruitful discussions and initiatives aimed at enhancing the educational infrastructure and quality within government colleges, ultimately benefiting students and the academic community at large.