## Government of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

Subject:- Admissions to Nursery/Balvatika- determination of minimum age thereof.

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The department has received many representations regarding fixation of a deadline for calculation of the minimum prescribed age for the children seeking admission in Nursery/Balvatika given the restoration of the November/December academic calendar in Kashmir Division and winter zones of Jammu Division.

The issue has been examined viz-a-viz the provisions of National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020), which stipulates that a child entering Nursery/Balvatika/ Pre-school/ Anganwadi should be above 3 years of age.

With the restoration of November-December academic session in Kashmir Division and winter zones of Jammu Division, it has become imperative to fix a deadline for calculating the minimum age of a child, compliant with the provisions of National Education Policy-2020.

In light of the above, the date for reckoning the minimum age of the child shall be 30th November of the year in which admission is sought/granted in Kashmir Division and winter zones of Jammu Division of the School Education Department, for admission in Nursery / Balvatika / Pre School/Anganwadi.

Accordingly all the educational institutions working in Kashmir Division and winter zones of Jammu Division are directed to adhere strictly to these guidelines to ensure hassle free admission process.

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