



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
School Education Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject: Admission to Nursery/Balvatika/Pre School/Anganwadi-
determination of minimum age thereof.

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It has come to the notice of the Department that a number of representations have been received seeking clarity on the determination of the minimum age for admission of children into Nursery/Balvatika/Pre School/Anganwadi, particularly in the context of the provisions laid down in the National Education Policy (NEP) – 2020.

The matter has been carefully examined with reference to the NEP-2020, which prescribes that a child seeking admission into Nursery/Balvatika/Pre School/Anganwadi should have completed the age of **three years**. However, keeping in view the ongoing transitional phase of policy implementation, certain relaxations had been extended over the past two academic sessions. These relaxations allowed children marginally short of the prescribed age to be admitted to Class 1st.

In view of the above and considering the requirement to accommodate students enrolled in Nursery in Academic session **2022-23** who are due for admission into Class 1st in the academic session **2025-26**, it has been decided that a **one-time relaxation** shall be granted up to **30th September, 2025**, for reckoning the minimum age for admission to Class 1st. This relaxation shall apply to **all educational institutions functioning in the Jammu Division, excluding the winter zones**.

Accordingly, the minimum age for admission to Class 1st for the academic session 2025-26 shall be reckoned as on **30th September, 2025** (excluding winter zones of Jammu Division). All concerned educational institutions are hereby directed to strictly adhere to these instructions to ensure a smooth and hassle-free admission process.

It is further clarified that with effect from the academic session **2026-27 onwards**, the minimum age for admission to **Nursery/Balvatika/Pre-School/Anganwadi** shall be reckoned as on **31st March** of the concerned academic year, in accordance with the provisions of the NEP-2020 and no further relaxation shall be granted. This too shall be applicable to all institutions **excluding the winter zones of the Jammu Division.**

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