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कार्यालय आदेश / OFFICE ORDER

WHEREAS Covid 2019 Pandemic was the trigger point for teachers to take up their academic endeavors through **WhatsApp** & other social media mediums and used to send class notes, home notes and even the question papers too shared and got answer sheets for evaluation and in some instances, teachers have completed their evaluation too just looking into WhatsApp.

*In one of the studies conducted on **100 students of Agra City**, it was found that, "WhatsApp is a medium of making communication easier and faster thereby by enhancing effective flow of information, idea sharing and connecting people easier. However, WhatsApp found to have a profound negative impact on youth and adversely affecting their education, and behavior, besides keep human away from humans in their routine lives. It messes up much of study time of students and spoils their spelling skills and speaking skills and above all make students inexpressive and not-fluent in making them clear to fellow human beings."*

SO, the extensive use of WhatsApp for academic efforts of the teachers has resulted into students getting addicted to and they stopped reading textual matter (NCERT/CBSE), to prepare notes and rather they spend their mid-night oil to complete notes sent by teachers. This is killing self-expressive skills of students and also students have stopped thinking and rather they are depending notes shared on WhatsApp.

WHEREAS parents of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been complaining **orally and in writing** as well explaining the **negative and ill-effects** of WhatsApp usage by teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas and requesting **to instruct Vidyalayas to do away with WhatsApp other social media mediums usage for academic work**. Indeed, usage of WhatsApp and other social media platforms in teaching learning / classroom-physical interactions of teacher-taught has emerged as "new normal" during pandemic period. As **practitioners** of classroom teaching you would agree, **pre-pandemic era** these social media platforms were never used nor indulged in such practices, yet we were **best and successful** in our efforts. It is pertinent to inform all the practitioner-teachers, the usage of social media platforms is seriously affecting physical and mental health of **all of us** and especially making us oblivious of dynamics of physical-classroom teaching and real life-human relations.

In view of the above and keeping in view **the ill impact of use of WhatsApp** & other social media platform by the teachers, it is decided **to do away with the practice of usage of WhatsApp by the subject / class teachers and no teacher should either create WhatsApp**, Instagram, telegram or any kind of social media platform to scaffold their academic endeavors which directly or indirectly engage the students resulting loss of study time for students besides resulting as complaint against Vidyalaya. It is our responsibility to ensure good physical and mental health of our students so that future generation will always remain healthy. Hence it is strongly advised to teachers **to desist from sending class work**

notes, Home-work notes and any other allied academic information to students' mobile phones besides **deleting the WhatsApp groups, Telegram Groups or any other social medial platform** they are connected with students

IT IS THEREFORE, the Principals of all KVs across Hyderabad Region are advised to **promptly monitor and make sure the above is complied with by your teachers as well as students.** However, Principal as admin can have **one official WhatsApp group connecting with all the parents of the school but not with students** and communicate any kind of official information that pertains to parents and students through this official WhatsApp group.

Prompt action and reporting of compliance is appreciated.


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