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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Office of the District Magistrate, Jammu
Wazarat Road, Jammu-180001, (J&K)-India

Principals/Head Masters/Head Mistresses All Government and Private Public Schools (Affiliated to JKBOSE/CBSE) Jammu District.

Subject: - Order under section 144 of CrPC for closure of all Schools in Jammu district up to the primary level - regarding

- 1. Whereas the prevailing health situation (due to COVID-19) in several countries of the world has given rise to serious concerns in India as well; and
- 2. Whereas, COVID-19 has a pattern of transmission at a rapid rate in case prescribed preventive protocols, like avoiding mass gatherings etc., are not strictly followed; and
- 3. Whereas, it is felt that children, particularly up to the Primary School level, should not be sent to schools to avoid mass gatherings; and
- 4. Whereas, section 144 of CrPC empowers the undersigned to issue certain directions/orders in urgent case of nuisances of apprehended danger when it is considered that such direction is likely to prevent danger to human life, health or safety.
- 5. As such, for the reasons mentioned above, it is hereby ordered that all Government and Private schools up to the Primary level shall close

- with immediate effect. Administering of exams shall also not be a reason for making students up to primary level to attend the schools.
- 6. This order shall remain in effect till 31st March, 2020. Since, it is not possible to serve this order individually, it shall be circulated in Print, electronic and social media for information of all concerned.
- 7. Any violation of this order shall invite action under Indian Penal Code.

By order of the District Magistrate, Jammu

(Sushma Chauhan) IAS District Magistrate Iammu

Sullina Chanden

No: DCJ/PS/2019-2020/927-929

Dated: 07/03/2020

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