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Consider Safety and Future of Students while deciding Class XII Exams: ABVP

Memorandum regarding Examinations, Entrance Tests and Academic Sessions addressed to the Union Education Minister.

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad believes that both, Central Government as well as state governments, must consider the security and future of the students before holding the Class XII exams that are pending due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In view of the prevailing situation, novel modes of conducting the exams like short duration exam, open book examinations, exams for major subjects can be explored for conducting exams with physical distancing in coming July-August. A number of state governments are already adopting similar creative approaches.

ABVP is of the opinion that the Central Government as well as state governments should avoid hasty decisions and arrive at a decision only after giving sufficient thought to the safety and future of the students. Given the steady decline in the number of new COVID-19 cases, the pending examinations may be organized on a relatively shorter timescale in the months of July-August while observing the physical distancing norms and all other public health guidelines.

ABVP, in its memorandum of suggestions addressed to the Union Education Minister, has recommended the evaluation of final year students of various colleges and universities on the basis of reduced syllabi, increasing the number of centres for holding one-day entrance examinations for admission into reputed colleges and universities in the months of July-August, increasing the number of COVID-19 vaccination centres on university campuses, increasing the number of seats in various medical courses as well as starting the next academic session from the month of September or October, etc.

Nidhi Tripathi, National General Secretary, ABVP, said, "The evaluation of Class XII students acquires significance in light of the fact that admissions into various undergraduate programmes are based on the Merit List. The Central Government as well as state governments must decide judicially taking into account the safety, health and academic prospects of students so that students don't have to face problems in future."

(This Press Release has been issued from ABVP Central Office, Mumbai by Central Office Secretary Neeraj Choudharkar.)