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ABVP submits suggestions of students & youth to Prime Minister to tackle second wave of Covid-19

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) submitted a memorandum of suggestions to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to better combat the second wave of Covid-19. ABVP has addressed various issues related to education and youth in this letter, so that efforts to bring normalcy and to ease the difficulties of people can be expedited.

ABVP urged the PM to engage the 8 lakh practitioners of BAMS and BHMS under the AYUSH Ministry, 2 lakh recently graduated students of these fields, final year students of MBBS, BSc Nursing and Paramedical should be immediately attached with medical services to provide for the lack of healthcare workers in hospitals. Vaccination centres be started in Colleges and Universities for next three months with institute heads managing them.

Alongside, ABVP demanded that given the severity of situation, all national level examinations should be postponed till June. Considering the situation, the Pandemic has posed, a high-level committee should be formed to assess the quality of education and address the issues that academic world is facing.

For this year, semester system should be converted into annual system, Aanganbadi Centres operated by Women and Children development ministry should be opened according to the student numbers. Those centres where the number is below 20 can be opened immediately. Since Mid-day meal scheme is not functioning, the money should be given to students in the form of scholarship.

ABVP National General Secretary, Sushri Nidhi Tripathi said, "Second wave of Covid-19 has affected Health and Education sector like the first wave. After extensive dialogues with students and teachers we have sent 19 suggestions regarding education, health and competitive exams to Prime Minister. We hope Union Government will consider these suggestions and implement these for the relief of our student and medical fraternity."

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