



# Comply with safety norms in 15 days, city schools told

## Violation Of Order Can Lead To 3-Month Imprisonment

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**Gurgaon:** In the next 15 days, all private schools in the city will have to implement at least the basic safety guidelines and submit a self-certification to the district administration.

Deputy commissioner Vinay Pratap Singh on Tuesday issued an order to this effect under Section 144 of CrPc that makes it legally binding on the schools, amid increasing concerns over the safety of children in schools in the wake of the killing of seven-year-old Pradhyumn Thakur in Ryan International School in Bhondsi earlier this month.

For the time being, the district administration wants all the private schools to adhere to at least eight basic safety norms—as mandated by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Haryana School Education Act—within the next fortnight.

These include formation

### TO-DO LIST FOR SCHOOLS

**1** Form a school safety committee that includes two parent representatives



**2** Valid fire safety certificate with all fire safety equipment in working condition



**3** Separate toilets for non-teaching staff

**4** Install CCTV cameras inside the school

**5** Female attendants a must near toilets for schoolchildren



**6** Ramps and special toilets for students with special needs

**7** CCTV cameras and GPS, along with female attendants, in all school buses



**8** Police verification of all non-teaching staff

of school safety committee that will include two parent representatives, procurement of valid fire safety certificate and fire-fighting equipment in working condition, separate toilets for non-teaching staff, sufficient number of CCTV cameras on the campus and presence of female attendants at toilets of small children.

Schools have also been asked to ensure that there are ramps and special toilets for

children with special needs, GPS and CCTV cameras and female attendants in school buses, and police verification of non-teaching staff.

“There is a sense of panic and tension among the parents due to the incident that happened at Ryan International School, Bhondsi, and hence it is important that safety points in schools in Gurugram are taken on priority basis and these arrangements

are to be made by the schools so that the hesitation of the parents can be sorted out,” reads the order.

After the expiry of the deadline, the district education department will conduct a safety audit of each school to verify their self-declaration. The district education officer is the enforcing authority and any violation of the deputy commissioner’s order is punishable under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code that carries a prison term of three months.

Earlier this month, the district administration had held a seminar at the Mini Secretariat that was attended by representatives of over 300 private schools in the city. There also, Singh had asked the school authorities to implement safety guidelines, including installation of CCTV cameras, and keeping an ambulance and a trained nurse on the campus to deal with any medical emergency.



# Couselling at Ryan for parents, kids

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**Gurgaon:** The district administration on Tuesday conducted a counselling session at Ryan International School, Bhondsi on Tuesday to restore confidence among students, and most importantly their parents after the murder of Pradhyumn Thakur on the school premises.

The session by Dr Shweta Sharma, clinical psychologist in Gurgaon's Columbia Asia Hospital, was attended by 21 parents.

"During the session, Dr Sharma alerted us about the various abuses a child faces in his/her day-to-day life.



Parents interact with Dr Shweta Sharma at the workshop

We were advised to talk to our children on a regular basis and have a clear perception of what's going on in our child's mind. We were also asked to stop our child from knowing the grave deta-

ils of Pradhyumn's murder," said Shipra Dave, whose daughter was Pradhyumn's classmate.

Dr Shweta Sharma, when approached, said, "The detailed coverage of Pradhyumn's

murder by television channels has impacted the parents severely. We have asked them not to seek transfer certificates as that would have adverse effects on their children academic performance. We tried to solve as many issues as we could through this session."

Meanwhile, Amul Garg, a Class 9 student, said, "Since the reopening of the school on Monday, the principal is personally overseeing students entering and exiting the school. Moreover, we are being given instructions regularly and our teachers have asked us not to go near the new building."



# हर निजी स्कूल को देना होगा बच्चों की सुरक्षा का प्रमाणपत्र

जागरण संवाददाता, गुरुग्राम: साइबर सिटी के सभी निजी स्कूलों के प्रबंधन को अपने यहां पढ़ने वाले बच्चों की सुरक्षा का प्रमाणपत्र देना होगा। ऐसा करने के लिए उन्हें 15 दिनों का समय दिया गया है। यह आदेश जिलाधीश विनय प्रताप सिंह ने मंगलवार को धारा 144 के तहत दिया है।

जिलाधीश ने अपने आदेश में स्कूल प्रबंधन से सुरक्षा के आठ बिंदुओं पर यह प्रमाणपत्र देने को कहा है। स्कूलों को यह भी आदेश दिया गया है कि वह अपने स्कूल में सुरक्षा कमेटी का गठन करें जिसमें बच्चों के अभिभावकों में से 2 प्रतिनिधि भी शामिल होंगे। स्कूल प्रबंधन को अपने यहां फायर सेप्टी इन्विपमेंट की चालू हालत में रखने के साथ-साथ



आठ सितंबर को भोंडसी स्थित रेयान स्कूल में छात्र प्रवृत्तन की कर दी गई थी हत्या

फायर सेप्टी सर्टिफिकेट भी लेना होगा। इसके अलावा, नॉन टीचिंग स्टाफ के लिए अलग से टॉयलेट की व्यवस्था करनी होगी। स्कूल परिसर में पर्याप्त संख्या में व जरूरी स्थानों पर सीसीटीवी कैमरे भी लगवाने को कहा गया है। छोटे बच्चों के लिए शौचालयों में एक महिला अटेंडेंट रखने का निर्देश दिया गया है।

इसके अलावा शारीरिक रूप से अक्षम बच्चों के लिए विशेष शौचालय की भी स्कूलों में अलग से व्यवस्था करानी होगी और रैंप भी बनवाना होगा जिससे ऐसे विद्यार्थियों को आने-जाने में परेशानी नहीं हो। जारी आदेश के अनुसार स्कूल बसों में सीसीटीवी कैमरों के साथ-साथ जीपीएस सिस्टम भी होना चाहिए। उनकी मॉनिटरिंग के लिए महिला अटेंडेंट की नियुक्ति अनिवार्य है। नॉन टीचिंग स्टाफ के लिए पुलिस वेरिफिकेशन होना भी अनिवार्य है। स्कूल प्रबंधन को इन सभी बिंदुओं पर जिला प्रशासन को प्रमाण पत्र देना होगा। इन आदेशों की अवहेलना करने वालों के खिलाफ भारतीय दंड संहिता की धारा 188 के तहत कार्रवाई की जाएगी।