

Govt schools to house youth & eco clubs for students' welfare

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Jaipur: State education department has issued orders for the formation of youth and eco clubs in government-run schools for the overall development of children.

Under these clubs, five houses will be formed in each school in which students will perform group activities. The names of these houses are – Jal, Agni, Vayu, Prithvi and Akash. The houses will be formed in all the primary and secondary government schools and the principal will be the head of these clubs.

School education commissioner Pradeep Borad said that these groups and houses would help in developing a positive environment for school students. "In private schools, having different houses has always been a trend. In government schools, they will be helpful in introducing students with different subjects and activities," said Borad.

As per the guidelines for the clubs, teachers will be in charge of the houses. However, if in any school the number of teachers is fewer than the houses, a teacher can be

CREATIVITY QUOTIENT

- > Youth and eco clubs in every government school
- > Youth clubs activities – drama, yoga, debate, music, art and cultural activities
- > Eco Club activities – awareness of environment conservation, painting, essay writing, swacchta awareness etc
- > Under these clubs five houses will be formed – Jal, Vayu, Akash, Agni and Prithvi
- > A board will be installed in front of every school stating – 'Youth and Eco Club, Smagra Shiksha Rajasthan'
- > In every class, students will be divided into five houses
- > Competitions will be organised between different houses

BUDGET

For 52,539 primary schools
₹4,636.35L

For 14,102 secondary Schools
₹3525.50 lakh

given charge of more than one house. In front of every government school, a board will be installed where it will be mentioned "Youth and Eco Club, Smagra Shiksha Rajast-

han."

The guidelines also mention that students will participate in competitions or activities related to that particular house. For example, students

from Vayu (Air) house will participate in activities on this topic. Activities will include – poster-making, theatre, letter writing and essay writing.

There will be competitions organised between different houses in the schools and the best performing student will be honoured at Bal Sabha. However, it has been specifically mentioned that houses will not have any seniority status and will be equal.

Teachers' association in Rajasthan criticised the formation of houses. Vipin Sharma, president of Rajasthan Primary and Secondary Teachers' Association said, "There are schools without any building, infrastructure and utilities. How will this house system be possible? It is just an eyewash. The government should first focus on the basic necessities instead of this."

Borad said that there was no need of opening the clubs in separate rooms in schools. "The teachers just have to organise the activities in the school and there will be no extra burden on teachers for it," he added.