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**Government of West Bengal**  
**Technical Education ,Training & Skill Development Department**  
**Establishment Branch**  
**B/7, Action Area-III, New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata-700160.**

Date:15/03/2020

From: Joint Secretary  
To the Govt. of West Bengal

To: 1) Director Technical Education & Training  
2) Director Industrial training,  
3) Director Vocational Education and Training  
4) CAO,WBSCT&VE&SD

Sub : Suspension of classes to combat spread of Novel Corona Virus(COVID-19).

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of Press release issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister ,Govt of West Bengal vide No.85-SSE/20 dated 14.03.2020 on the subject for your kind perusal.

Consequent upon the above mentioned press release all the Government, Government Sponsored and self financed Polytechnics, all Government ITI, PPP mode Government ITI and private ITI, schools running HS(vocational) Centers and Schools conducting short term vocational training ie, VTCs should be directed to take similar action for all such institutions.

I am directed to request you to kindly advise all educational institutions Polytechnics, ITIs,Council affiliated VTCs under your control accordingly.

I am directed to also request you to recommend similar action to all Pvt institutions like PPT ITIs under your control.

This may be treated as extremely urgent.

Encl:-As Stated.

**Joint Secretary**  
**To the Govt. of West Bengal**

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to :

1. Shri Bidyut Bhattacharyay, IAS, Additional Secretary of this Department.
2. Shri Randhir Kumar, IAS, Additional Secretary of this Department.
3. PS to Hon`ble M.I.C. of this Department .
4. Sr. PS to Principal Secretary of this Department .
5. Office copy

**Joint Secretary**  
**To the Govt. of West Bengal**

**Government of West Bengal****PRESS RELEASE FROM HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, WEST BENGAL**

In view of the evolving situation on the spread of Novel Corona virus (COVID - 19), the advisories issued by WHO, UN and Central Government and as a matter of abundant precaution to check its spread in the State of West Bengal, it has been decided that all Government, Government-aided, private educational institutions - Schools, Colleges, Universities, Madrasahs, SSK/MSK will remain closed from 16 March, 2020 to 31 March, 2020 in public interest. The internal examinations of these institutions will also remain suspended during the said duration.

However, the Board Examinations would be held as per schedule.

No. 85-SSE/20

Dated: 14.03.2020