

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

PRESS RELEASE

Chandigarh.3 July,2020: In compliance with the orders of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, countrywide lockdown was enforced from 25.03.2020 under the provisions of Disaster Management Act 2005 to avoid spread of Corona Virus. All schools in UT Chandigarh were closed vide order dated 13.03.2020 and the schools are still closed in compliance with the orders/ guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. Various directions were issued from time to time by Chandigarh Administration and Education Department in public interest, keeping in view of the financial constraints/ hardships faced by the parents.

In view of present situation due to COVID-19 and the economical background of the parents of students studying in Govt. Schools of U.T., Chandigarh, Education Department Chandigarh Administration has decided to waive off Annual and Monthly funds of class 9th and 10th students studying in Govt. Schools for the first six months of academic session 2020-21 i.e. from April-2020 to September-2020 as one time measure. Around 24500 students of class 9th and 10th studying in Govt. Schools will be the beneficiary of this decision. Due to this decision Department will bear an expenditure of Rs.1.70 Crore.