

Sahni to officials: Take steps to reduce dropout rate

Chief Secretary addresses 'Samadhan Online'

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CHIEF SECRETARY Rakesh Sahni, who addressed 'Samadhan Online' in place of the Chief Minister here on Tuesday, expressed concern over increasing absenteeism of teachers and students in schools.

He asked the collectors to initiate necessary steps to see that the dropout rate was minimised.

During video-conferencing with field officers on identified problems, Panna collector Dipali Rastogi apprised the chief secretary that absenteeism and drop out rate had increased in

Panna due to migration of people to other places in search of jobs. Only 31 per cent children in the district were going to schools, she added.

Rajya Shiksha Kendra commissioner Radheshyam Julaniya asked the Panna collector to verify the facts and take steps to increase attendance in schools.

The chief secretary also directed principal secretary, Health, M M Upadhyay to get one Mayuri admitted in the BAMS course in Bhopal. Mayuri was denied admission despite good marks.

She and her father had pleaded for justice. They also wanted

to know why admission was denied to her while others with lesser marks were admitted in the course.

The chief secretary asked Mayuri if she was keen on taking admission at other places but she insisted on Bhopal.

The case of one Harkanwar Bai Ojha of Guna was related to the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB).

Harkanwar Bai (70) is the widow of Nirpat Singh Ojha, an MPSEB line helper who died in 1984. She has not yet been paid Rs 2,000 from the Family Security Pension.

The chief secretary offered to pay her the money.