

There is no alternative to hardwork : Chief Minister

**Families and teachers play a pivotal role
in success of meritorious students**

**State Government to roll out 'Khoob Padho,
Aagey Badho' drive between July 01-15**

Don't surrender in life but wage struggle and indulge in hard work

**Given equal opportunities, girls can
do exemplary work in all fields**

**State Government seriously mulling changes in Secondary Education
Board and replacing it with NCERT pattern of education**

State to get 166 Pt Teen Dayal Upadhyaya Modern Schools

**State government to provide education costs and hostel to 500
meritorious students from the Rani Laxmibai Fund in
the educational session of 2017-18**

**Chief Minister felicitates 147 meritorious students of three
boards including the UP Secondary Education Board
with the Rani Laxmibai Award**

**All students given cheques of Rs 1-1 lakh
each, a tablet and a certificate**

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**Chief Minister addresses meritorious students
at the felicitation ceremony**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has said that there is no alternative to hardwork and said that to succeed one has to struggle. He also said that any society can create a road map of success for future by encouraging the meritorious among them.

He also assured the students that the present state government is working to create conducive atmosphere for the youth in the state. He was today speaking at the felicitation ceremony held at the Lok Bhawan to honor merit holder students of the three boards. On this occasion, the chief minister

awarded 117 students holding the first ten positions in the UP Secondary Education Board's high school and intermediate exams, 19 top students of the class Xth and XIIth board of ISCE and 11 CBSE Board with the Rani Laxmi Bai award.

All students were given cheques worth Rs one lakh each, certificates and tablets. Parents of the meritorious students along with principals of seven institutions whose students topped also honored. On this occasion, the chief minister said soon after coming to power his government launched a drive to end copying in board exams. Apprehensions were there, he pointed out, that the results in UP would be akin to that of Bihar Board but different results drove home a point that students here had worked hard.

It was hence that the state government had decided to felicitate and honour meritorious students at this ceremony. He also underlined that hard work and dedication can take any one places. The chief minister also added that families and teachers played a pivotal role in the success of students and lauded the teacher fraternity for their role in lives of students. Yogi ji also assured good teachers and meritorious students of all possible support from the state government.

He also informed that the state government will be rolling out a 'Khoob Padho, Aagey Badho' drive between July 01-15, 2017 to ensure that no child is deprived of schooling and education. The state government will also provide uniform, socks, shoes, bag and books to all students till class VIII th.

Citing '*अयोग्यो पुरुषोनास्ति योजकः तत्र दुर्लभः*' सूत्र the chief minister explained that in a society no one can be incapable and if there is someone, it shows that the society is lacking guides. He also urged parents, teachers to identify the shortcomings in a child in the formative years so that they can be overcome and rectified in time. The chief minister also asked children not to rely on short cuts as there are none.

Life is not about running away but about courage, struggle and hard work, he emphasized. He expressed happiness that of the 147 students being felicitated today, 99 were girls. The chief minister specially mentioned about Ms Tejaswi Devi (High School topper), Intermediate topper Ms Priyanshi Tiwari, ISC (class XII) topper Ms Ayushi Srivastava and CBSE's class XII all-India topper Ms Raksha Gopal.

Deputy chief minister Dr Dinesh Sharma, in his address said that the state government was seriously mulling large scale changes in the education system and had decided that in the education calendar of varsities 220 days would be reserved for studies and 20 days for monitoring. The state government was also making efforts to minimize coaching system and seriously mulling changes in Secondary Education Board and replacing it with NCERT pattern of education, the deputy chief minister informed.

He also announced that 166 Pt Teen Dayal Upadhyaya modern schools would be opened in the state. Women Welfare minister Mrs Rita Bahuguna Joshi said meritorious students have a special day today and added that the state government will provide education fees and hostel facilities to 500 meritorious students under the Rani Laxmi Bai Fund in the educational session of 2017-18.

Also present at the event were MoS Secondary education Mr Sandeep Singh, additional chief secretary Secondary and Higher Education Mr Sanjay Agarwal, principal secretary (Information) Mr Avanish Kumar Awasthi, principal secretary (Women Welfare) Ms Renuka Kumar, teachers and other dignitaries.

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