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Press Release

Delhi Deputy CM & the Delhi Health Minister inaugurate 'School Health Clinic' project

BSES Discoms partner the ambitious project

- **Delhi Government's School Health Clinics (SHC) will focus on physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of the school children**
- **The initiative has been launched in 20 Delhi Government schools**

New Delhi: BSES'CSR programs maintain a symbiotic relationship with the community. They continue to reach-out to the needy in the national capital.

Delhi Government has launched an ambitious School Health Clinic (SHC) project in Government schools. Initially covering 20 Delhi Government schools, the SHC project was inaugurated at the Sarvodya Kanya Vidyalaya in Moti Bagh(South Delhi) today by the Delhi's Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Manish Sisodia and Delhi's Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare Minister Mr Satyendar Jain. Senior BSES officials were also present on the occasion.

Complimenting the efforts of the Delhi government , BSES discoms have been playing an active role in improving the quality of life including education in Delhi under CSR initiatives 'Sparsh' and 'Suraksha'. Continuing with the close partnership with the Delhi Government in this endeavour, BSES discoms are supporting SHCs in South, West, East and Central Delhi.

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Health is not merely the absence of any disease or an infirmity, but a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. Holistic healthcare of children, one of the most vulnerable sections of our society, needs equal focus on physical as well as mental health. These SHCs will do just that, look after the overall wellbeing of a student.

These school health clinics are a new project along the lines of the Mohalla Clinics, but will be used exclusively by the students of that school, and will be operational during school hours. These will operate from porta cabins installed in the school premises or from a separate room in the school building.

Along with providing routine checkups, administer first aid, conduct OPD, the School Health Clinic's (SHC) will also focus on the emotional wellbeing of the students, address issues related to their mental health, and offer counselling. This has become extremely important in the wake of Covid which has impacted students.

SHCs will have separate compartments for physical health screening, OPD consultation, medicine dispensing and individual counselling sessions (both individual and group). A SHC unit, spread over 600 square feet, will operate for the entire duration of the school shift. In double shift schools, two separate sets of staff will work for the entire duration from the same SHC.

Each school health clinic will be staffed with one 'School Health Clinic Assistant' or nurse, one psychologist, and one multi task worker. One doctor will be available for every five clinics, and will visit each centre once a week.

The aim of the SHC is to screen 100% of the children in each school for primary health within three months. Deviant cases recognised during the screening will be provided with treatment for the identified ailment by a qualified doctor. They will also keep a track of the entire journey of a student from diagnosis to treatment at higher centers.

Speaking at the launch of the initiative, a BSES spokesperson said, "Covid-19 has thrown-up unprecedented challenges, not just in India, but globally. Though the government and the authorities are doing a lot in the fight against Covid-19, but these efforts have to be supplemented by the resources of the corporate sector. Being a responsible corporate citizen, BSES discoms are augmenting the efforts of the governments to improve the quality of live in the National Capital."

"We are delighted to partner this ambitious project as it transcends education and health domains, both of which are focus areas of BSES CSR programs. Previously, BSES discom have provided 850 E Tablets for the use of Delhi Government's school students", **added the spokesperson.**

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