

MS. Rina Ray, IAS, Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of India presiding over the Press Conference organized by the Education Department, UT, Chandigarh at Hotel Mountview, Sector-10, Chandigarh on Friday



Chandigarh, September 28, 2018: Chandigarh, 28th September, 2018: Ms.Rina Ray, IAS, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD, Govt. of India today visited few schools of Chandigarh and interacted with the officials of Educations Department. During the visit Ms. Ray reviewed the infrastructure,

teaching techniques, energy conservation through solar panels, cluster kitchens setup for making mid day meals & interacted with the principals, teachers & students of GMSSS 16, GGMSSS 18, GMHS 43, GMSSS 47 and GMHS KHAJERI.

The purpose of the visit was to ascertain the best practices followed by Chandigarh in terms of School Education & apply those in school of other cities to make them better.

During the visit Ms. Rina Ray informed that Chandigarh has been selected as the only U.T by the Government of India to participate in the PISA 2021 which is conducted on an International level.

PISA stands for Programme for International Student Assessment, which is a worldwide study by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD) in member and non-member nations that initiated in the year 2000 and is repeated after every three years. The exam is conducted to evaluate educational system worldwide by measuring 15- year-old school pupil's scholastic performance on Science, Mathematics and Reading.

Preparedness for PISA involves an action plan constituted by the Department of School Education, UT Chandigarh which would involve applying knowledge gained in new ways, analysing concepts into parts & relation with each other, evaluating judgements based on the process taught, creating processes in an innovative way, special coaching classes for slow learners for improving learning outcomes, effective and regular mentoring and monitoring. Approx. 21000 students of 15-years age of Hindi and English medium schools will be prepared by the Education Department to participate in the preliminary selection organized by PISA.