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Orientation Held for 102 New Higher Secondary Principals

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The Directorate of Higher Secondary Education (DHSE), Odisha, organized a one-day orientation programme for the principals of 102 newly upgraded higher secondary schools along with Additional District Education Officers (ADEOs) from 17 districts. The event was held at the Auditorium of Krushi Bhawan.

Gracing the occasion as guests were Smt. Subhashree Nanda, Additional Secretary, Department of School & Mass Education; Sri Mrunalkanti Dash, Chairman, Council of Higher Secondary Education; Sri Birendra Karakara, Director, Directorate of Secondary Education; Smt. Niyati Patnaik, Director, Directorate of Higher Secondary Education; Sri Ramesh Chandra Sethi, Additional Director, Regional Directorate; and Smt. Sasmita Mali, Joint Director, DHSE.

In her welcome address, DHSE Director Smt. Patnaik highlighted the objectives of the orientation and extended greetings to all participants. Director of Secondary Education, Sri Karakara, shared his experiences with the principals and emphasized the need to learn from the insights of principals of previously upgraded schools. CHSE Chairman, Sri Dash, underlined the importance of quality teaching, while Additional Secretary Smt. Nanda stressed the significance of skill-based education, urging that students be groomed in line with the National Education Policy 2020 to make them employable and self-reliant. Joint Director Smt. Sasmita Mali conducted the programme, while Deputy Director Sri Madhusudan Mallik gave vote of thanks.

The technical sessions included discussions on e-Admission 2025–26 through the SAMS portal and fee structures for upgraded higher secondary schools. This was followed by sessions on career counselling, webinars, scholarship matters, and deliberations on Samagra Shiksha, school administration, and management. The final session focused on self-defence training programmes and split-up curriculum planning.



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