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### **Promotions soon to fill posts of principal: CM**

The promotion process to fill posts of principal in government schools in the state will be started soon. Chief Minister Harish Rawat stated this while inaugurating the annual conference of the Governmental Principals Association here on Tuesday.

Rawat said there was a lot of scope of innovation and improvement in the education sector in the state, particularly in government schools and colleges, and teachers and principals would play a significant role in the uplift of the standard of education.

The Chief Minister said principals act as promoters, guides and philosophers of the education sector and should come forward to support innovation in education. “Principals have an important responsibility to prepare the education sector to face contemporary challenges,” he added.

He said only 25 per cent of posts of principal were filled in the past two years and the government was trying to fill more posts soon.

He announced that principals would be able to recruit sweepers in schools at their own. The government was making efforts to fulfil all rightful demands of all employees, including teachers.

He said problems arise due to differences among various cadres but the Seventh Pay Commission would be implemented for state government employees soon. Any discrepancy in the Sixth Pay Commission would be considered after the implementation of the commission report, he added.

Rawat said the government was starting model schools and Rajiv Gandhi Abhinav Schools to improve education quality. There had been 4 per cent to 5 per cent improvement in the school results in the last one year.

He said Uttarakhand is a fastest growing state that promises ease of doing business and the education sector had to play a significant role.

Education Minister Mantri Parsad Naithani said there was a lot of problems facing the education system, which were being sorted out gradually. Teacher’s problems were being addressed while various programmes and schemes had been initiated to improve education quality with a proactive approach, he said.