

## **State offers employment platform for students of government colleges**

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Sources said the move was taken after Surjit Singh Rakhra, Minister of Higher Education, Languages and Water Sanitation, Punjab, was flooded with complaints that the pass-out students of government colleges had to search for jobs, whereas the students of private colleges were getting more job opportunities through the frequently organised job fairs.

Sources added that the educated and unemployed youth were increasingly getting addicted to substance abuse which was causing a lot of embarrassment for the ruling regime.

Recently, Rakhra had conducted a meeting, wherein it was decided to conduct job fairs in colleges, said the sources.

The job mela which will commence from June 13 at SCD Government College, Ludhiana and LLR Government College Dhudike, Moga, is being organised under the aegis of the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) run by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development (MHRD).

As many as 13 finishing schools have been set in the state where the students are undergoing personality development courses.

“The government is organising a ‘job mela’ on the college campus from June 13. All undergraduate (final year) students and postgraduate students have been intimated through SMS and other modes of communication about the job mela. Besides, posters have also been put up outside the colleges. Eligible students must fill a registration form in their respective departments,” said SCD Government College Principal Dharam Singh. All major companies are expected to visit the college during the job mela.

“We expect our students will make the most of this job fair and would be able to meet the demand of various sectors,” said Dharam Singh. He said soft skill development, including personality grooming, confidence building, etiquette enhancement and English speaking, among others, were being taught by experts of finishing schools.

The principal said the government was running the finishing schools in collaboration with the Institute of Technology and Future Trends (ITFT).

A college professor, requesting anonymity, said, “While private institutes regularly organise job fairs and placement drives, the colleges run by the government remain involved in imparting education. It was witnessed that after completing graduation and post-graduation, many students were rendered unemployed which was further driving them to addiction. This job mela will provide them a platform where they would stand a chance of getting a job.”