

Rajnath to launch SPC programme

The Home Ministry has asked schools to start a project on tolerance, moral values, patience and ethics among others. The programme, designed for students of Class VIII and IX, will not add to the workload of students and is aimed at making them “better citizens”, an official said.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh will launch the Student Police Cadet (SPC) programme on Saturday in Gurgaon.

“The programme seeks to build a bridge between the police and the larger community through school students by inculcating values and ethics in them through classes in school and outside. The programme neither has a prescribed text book nor is any exam envisaged. Only one class a month is proposed,” a statement by the Home Ministry said.

The programme that will be implemented first in government schools, seeks to cover issues like community policing, fight against social evils, safety of women and children, fight against corruption and disaster management.

A handbook has been prepared by the Bureau of Police Research and Development and NCERT. “There is greater emphasis on field demonstrations and hands-on learning of the functioning of the police,” the statement said.

The Centre has released Rs. 67 crore to the States for implementation of the programme.

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