

Top students of Classes X and XII exams to spend a day with DC/SSP in Punjab

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The Department of School Education has launched a first-of-its-kind initiative, “Ek Din, DC/SSP de Sang”, to celebrate academic excellence and instil leadership aspirations among students of government schools in Punjab.

Under the initiative, top-performing students of Classes X and XII examinations from each district would be provided an opportunity to “spend one full day with their respective Deputy Commissioner (DC) or Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP)” to offer them meaningful exposure to real-world governance, discipline, and public service, a government statement said.

This initiative, conceptualised under the leadership of Administrative Secretary Anindita Mitra, aims to bridge the gap between merit and opportunity by empowering children from humble and rural backgrounds to envision themselves in positions of leadership. The programme will include participation in the morning routines of officers, which will provide exposure to administrative and policing functions, observation of departmental meetings, and interactive mentoring sessions, the statement said.

A total of six meritorious students — three each from Classes X and XII — will be selected from every district, with emphasis on gender balance and rural-urban diversity. The students will be divided into two groups — one to spend the day with the Deputy Commissioner and the other with the Senior Superintendent of Police.

During the day, students will observe real-time administrative and policing activities such as grievance redressal sessions, cyber cell operations, planning meetings, field visits to development projects or de-addiction centres, and other relevant engagements. A joint lunch with the officers will also be organised, offering the students an open platform to share their aspirations and receive career guidance.

After the programme, students will get a Certificate of Participation, a motivational book or diary, and a group photograph with the officer. A detailed feedback and mentoring session will be held to reflect on their experience.

The district administration will facilitate logistical arrangements, including transportation and meals. Female officers or mentors will accompany girl students where required, and prior parental consent will be obtained for all participants.

To document the initiative’s impact, each district will create a short write-up with student reflections, which will be compiled into a “District Merit Booklet”. Schools will also invite participating students to share their experiences with peers, thereby fostering a culture of aspiration and ambition across the student body.