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All Heads of Institutions affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Bhasha Sangam – Celebrating the Linguistic Diversity of India

Bhasha Sangam, an initiative of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Dept. of School Education and Literacy, Govt. of India under *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat* programme is meant for schools and educational institutions to provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India. Through this programme we will be able to provide a simple but effective learning opportunity to our children to enhance linguistic tolerance and respect, and promote national integration. The booklet containing detailed guidelines is enclosed.

You may conduct the activities in the schools with lot of enthusiasm as per schedule and upload videos of the daily activities on Bhasha Sangam YouTube Channel as per procedure given in the booklet. The Department of School Education and Literacy, MHRD, Govt. of India will recognise and award the best schools, on the basis of the uploaded videos.

Let's us celebrate the unity in the linguistic diversity of our country.

(Dr.Joseph Emmanuel)
Director (Academics)

Encl: (i) Letter from MHRD F.No.11-26 /2018/-IS10(Coord)-E.E.1 dated 16/11/2018

(ii) A booklet with guidelines for celebration of Bhasha Sangam including 5 Sentences in 22 languages.

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

- The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
- 2. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
- 3. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017





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- 4. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim –737101
- 5. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar -791 111
- 6. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair 744101
- 7. Under Secretary (EE-I), MHRD, Govt. of India, Department of SE&L, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01
- 8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Island
- 9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini
- 10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
- 11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
- 12. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
- 13. All Heads of COEs of CBSE
- 14. All Joint Secretaries/ Deputy Secretaries/ Assistant Secretaries, CBSE
- 15. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic website
- 16. The Sr. Public Relations Officer, CBSE
- 17. PS to Chairperson, CBSE
- 18. SPS to Secretary, Controller of Examinations, Director (Information Technology), Director (CTET), Director (Edusat & Research), Director (Skill Education & Training), Director (Professional Exams), CBSE

Director (Academics)







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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
SHASTRI BHAWAN,

NEW DELHI - 110 115

Dated: 16.11.2018

F.No.11-26/2018/-IS10(Coord.)-EE.1

Dear Sir / Ka'am,

As you are aware, the programme "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB)" has been undertaken by Government of India to celebrate the spirit of national integration. In this regard, the Department of School Education and Literacy is initiating **Bhasha Sangam** – A Celebration of Linguistic Diversity which marks the appreciation of the unique symphony of languages of our country, from 20th November - 21st December 2018. In order to celebrate the unique characteristics of our country, Bhasha Sangam provides an opportunity to schools and educational institutions (BIETs, DIETs, CTEs/IASEs, SCERTs/SIEs, School Boards, Directorate of School Education etc.) to provide multilingual exposure to students in Indian languages. The purpose is to familiarize every child with simple dialogues in all the 22 languages under Schedule VIII of the constitution of India, enhance linguistic tolerance and promote national integration.

- 2. I am enclosing a booklet containing the guidelines for Bhasha Sangam. This contains five commonly used simple sentences in all the 22 languages. The sentences may be spoken and practised in the school assembly and in the classroom.
- 3. The suggested activities under Bhasha Sangam are as follows:
 - i) The 5 sentences pertaining to the language of the day should be read out e.g. Assamese on day 1, Bengali on day 2 etc., in the morning assembly, and students asked to repeat them. In case there is any student from that State, e.g. Assam on day 1, West Bengal on day 2 etc., studying in the school, then he/she or even all of them should preferably read out the sentences in the morning assembly.
 - Similarly, any teacher, parent, government servant or any other person from that State may be invited to read out the sentences.
 - ii) Senior students may be encouraged to create posters on these sentences, these can be put up all over the school.
 - iii) Teachers may address the students and converse with them in the language of the day, and encourage students to do the same.
 - iv) Students may be encouraged to share these sentences with their families at home.
 - v) The schools may carry out other activities related to this initiative.

- 4. The Department of School Education, MHRD will recognize and award the best schools, the best blocks, the best districts and the best States/UTs on the basis of uploaded / submitted photographs and videos, as per the instructions in the booklet.
- 5. It is requested that the programme may be implemented in the schools in your State / UT. Detailed guidelines regarding Bhasha Sangam have been prepared and are available in printed and digital book form with audio recording of the dialogues available on <u>epathshala.gov.in</u> and <u>mhrd.gov.in</u>. The guidelines may be made available to the schools latest by 19th November, 2018 as the initiative starts from 20th November.
- 6. For clarifications of any queries please contact Sh Ravi Katyal, Deputy Secretary, MHRD (Email: ravi.katyal@nic.in, Tel. No.011-23070837).

Yours Sincerely

(Maneesh Garg)

Encls:

A booklet with guidelines for celebration of Bhasha Sangam including 5 sentences in 22 languages.

To,

1. All State and UT Education Secretaries.

Copy to:

- 1. Chairperson, CBSE for further similar necessary action.
- 2. Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for further similar necessary action.
- 3. Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti for further similar necessary action.

(Maneesh Garg)