



# केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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CBSE/DIR(ACAD)/2021

Date: October 29, 2021  
Circular No. Acad-108/2021

All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) – reg.

Dear Principals

As you are aware, 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)' is observed every year on 31<sup>st</sup> October to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel' birth anniversary. It not only commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of national integration of independent India, but also re-affirms the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand threats to the unity, integrity and security of the country. In view of the ongoing initiative of the Government of India for celebrating 75 years of India's independence under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, National Unity Day this year will follow the same theme.

In keeping with the tradition, schools are requested to celebrate the National Unity Day this year in a befitting manner. Schools may encourage the students to participate in the following activities:

1. **National level Story Writing competition** on the theme '*The contribution of paired State/ UT in India's Struggle for Freedom*' from **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at **MyGov platform**. The competition will be bi-lingual and open for students of classes 6 to 12. The detailed guidelines including terms and conditions for the Story Writing Competition are at Annexure – 1. The URL of the activity is: <https://innovateindia.mygov.in/story-writing-competition/>
2. Observance of **Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Utsav** in all schools on any suitable date of this week or in the coming week for students of classes 1 to 12 across the county; wherein
  - a. Students will themselves research and in project/activity-based learning mode prepare a Unity Pledge based on their understanding of the Indian Constitution.
  - b. Students and Teachers may be encouraged to take unity pledge, as circulated by MHA (copy enclosed) during the morning assembly in their own language and in the language of the paired States/UTs. **Please submit a report of the pledge taking ceremony at the link <https://forms.gle/YbDo6sVDXUDbyYfW8> on or before 01.11.2021.**
  - c. Students of senior classes (classes 9-12) may showcase (online/offline) their projects on the culture, customs, dress, agriculture, climate and topography which they may have completed as part of the curricular activity.

Schools are required to submit a report of the celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas at the link <https://forms.gle/KEemRxx9JEkidu2DA> on or before 05.11.2020.

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel  
Director (Academics)

Encl.: As stated above



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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:

- 1 The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, A - Wing, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi, 110001
- 2 The Joint Secretary (BR/CER/Sainik Schools), Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 108 (I), South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 3 The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS), N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005.
- 4 The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-16
- 5 The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
- 6 The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
- 7 The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160017
- 8 The Director (Exam. & Scholarship), HRDD Department, Gangtok, Govt. of Sikkim, Sikkim -737101
- 9 The Director of Secondary Education, Department of Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar - 791111. Mob: 08794812121
- 10 The Director (Education), Directorate of Education VIP Road, Port Blair, A&N Island - 744103
- 11 The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector -3, Rohini, Delhi
- 12 The Additional Director General of Army Education, A -Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
- 13 The Director AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDR Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
- 14 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
- 15 All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ Assistant Secretary/SPS / Analyst, CBSE
- 16 All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
- 17 In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website



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### राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस शपथ

मैं सत्यनिष्ठा से शपथ लेता हूँ कि मैं राष्ट्र की एकता, अखंडता और सुरक्षा को बनाए रखने के लिए स्वयं को समर्पित करूंगा और अपने देशवासियों के बीच यह संदेश फैलाने का भी भरसक प्रयत्न करूंगा। मैं यह शपथ अपने देश की एकता की भावना से ले रहा हूँ जिसे सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की दूरदर्शिता एवं कार्यों द्वारा संभव बनाया जा सका। मैं अपने देश की आंतरिक सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अपना योगदान करने का भी सत्यनिष्ठा से संकल्प करता हूँ।

### RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge that I dedicate myself to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among my fellow countrymen. I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country.



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### Annexure-I

#### Ek Bharat Shreshtra Bharat

#### “Story Writing Competition on the occasion of National Unity Day”

#### 1. Introduction

Rashtriya Ekta Divas (National Unity Day) is observed every year on 31<sup>st</sup> October to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary. It not only commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of national integration of independent India, but also re-affirms the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand threats to the unity, integrity and security of the country. National Unity Day this year will follow the theme of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Accordingly, a national level Story Writing competition on the theme – “the contribution of paired State/Union Territory (UT) in India's Struggle for Freedom” is being launched by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India. The competition aims to explore students' creative instincts and encourage them to write about the contributions of their paired states to India's struggle for freedom in accordance with the EBSB matrix.

#### 2. Themes for Story Writing Competition: -

“The contribution of paired State/Union Territory (UT) in India's Struggle for Freedom”

#### 3. Activities: -

The Story Writing Competition at the National level will be under the following categories: -

- 1) Story on the contribution of paired State/UT in India's development since Azadi
- 2) Story on the life of scientists from the paired State/UT
- 3) Contribution of women from paired State/UT since Azadi
- 4) Story on the life of sportsperson, practitioners of performing arts from paired State/UT
- 5) How will I contribute to the progress of my country.
- 6) Story on the life of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: his contribution to national integration

**Eligibility to participate:** Students enrolled in Grade 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>



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Category I - Class 6th to 8th

Category II - Class 9th to 12th

Word Limit: Within 600 words

#### 4. Participation Guidelines: -

- The Story writing competition is open for students of classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> studying in State Boards' schools and schools under Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).
- Story should be submitted in readable font of Hindi/English
- Font size should be 12 for English and 14 for Hindi
- Line spacing should be 1.15 only
- Font Style should be Times New Roman in English and Unicode (Devanagiri) in Hindi
- The pairing matrix of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat campaign must be followed. The matrix is available at <https://ekbharat.gov.in/Pages/About/ImplementationStrategy>
- Stories on students' own State/UT shall not be considered
- The final evaluation of entries will be done by persons authorized by NCERT.

#### 5. Language: -

All the Stories must be written in English or Hindi. However, the participants may translate the title of their story in the language of their paired State/UT.

#### 6. Important dates: -

Date of commencement: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021

Date of culmination: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Note: In any case, no entries will be accepted after the timeline.

#### 7. Mode of Submission: -



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The entries for Story Writing Competition shall be submitted at the website- [www.MyGov.in](http://www.MyGov.in)

**Note:** No other means except the above shall be allowed.

- ✓ The entries will be categorized state wise and sent to the States/UTs for initial filtration.
- ✓ The evaluation of entries at state level shall be done by the SCERTs.
- ✓ Each States/UTs/Autonomous bodies shall select the 10 best entries of the States/UTs and send to NCERT by 15.12.2021
- ✓ NCERT will select the best three entries for national level certification/recognition by 30.12.2021

### 8. Awards & Recognition: -

- ✓ The three best entries will be awarded by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India with attractive prize and certificate.
- ✓ The top 75 entries will be given certificates for best performance.
- ✓ The participation certificates will be given to all the participants.
- ✓ The winners will be announced through Ministry of Education's official twitter handle.

### 9. Evaluation criteria:

Stories will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

- i. **Content and understanding of the theme: 50% weightage.**
  - ✓ Participants, while developing their writings should keep in mind that they are writing a factual and historical text on the given themes, in a creative manner.
  - ✓ The facts, figures, characters and the experience should be original and presented in such a way that they relate to or originate from the event, persons, experience and practice.
  - ✓ Stories should be written based on facts and not as just an imaginative essay of events.
  - ✓ Accordingly, 50% of the marking would be on the contents i.e. Ideas, presentation and characterization.
- ii. **Accuracy: 25% weightage.**
  - ✓ Accuracy is the correct and appropriate use of language in the Stories.



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- ✓ Stories and its events, characters, ideas and themes could be presented in any way and means, but language of the Stories need to be correct and appropriate.
- ✓ 25% of the assessment will be on the correct / apt use of language.

### iii. Fluency:25%weightage.

- ✓ Fluency is one's ability to write with natural flow, style and rhythm. Use of vocabulary, phrases (use of idioms, proverbs as appropriate to the writings) adapting to the narration and style (narrative technique).
- ✓ Therefore, 25% of the weightage would be given to style and presentation of the writings on the suggested themes.

### 10. Terms and Conditions: -

- The competition is open to all citizens of India only.
- All entries must be submitted on [www.MyGov.in](http://www.MyGov.in). Entries submitted through any other medium/mode would not be considered for evaluation.
- A participant can send one entry only. In case it is found that any participant has submitted more than one entry, all entries will be considered as invalid.
- The participant must be the same person who has written the story.
- The entry should be original. Copied entries will not be considered under the contest.
- Please note that the creative entries must be original and should not violate any provisions of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957.
- Anyone found infringing on others copyright would be disqualified from the competition. Government of India does not bear any responsibility for copyright violations or infringements of intellectual property carried out by the participants.
- Mention of the author name /emails etc. anywhere in the body of the creative entry will lead to disqualification
- Participants are to make sure that their MyGov Profile is accurate and updated since Ministry of Education would be using this for further communication. This includes details such as name, photo, complete postal address, email ID and phone number. Entries with incomplete profiles would not be considered.
- Ministry of Education reserves the right to cancel or amend all or any part of the competition/or the Term and Conditions/Technical Parameters/ Evaluation Criteria.





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Any changes to the Terms and Conditions/Technical Parameters/Evaluation Criteria, or cancellation of the contest, will be updated/ posted on the Mygov Platform. It would be the responsibility of the participant to keep themselves informed of any changes in the Term& Conditions/Technical Parameters/ Evaluation Criteria stated for this Contest.

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