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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy
(School-3)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 28th January, 2016

To

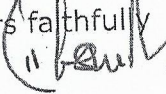
1. The Chairman, CBSE
2. The Chairman, NIOS
3. The Director, CTSA
4. The Chief Executive Officer and Secretary
Council for Indian School Certificate Examination
Pragati House, 3rd Floor, 47-48, Nehru Place,
New Delhi- 110019

Subject: Celebration of Matribhasha Diwas (Mother Tongue Day) on 21.02.2016-reg.

Sir

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the D.O. letter No. 8-55/2015/L-II dated 15th January, 2016 received from the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, which is self explanatory.

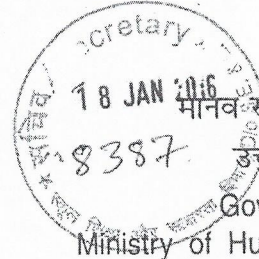
You are, also requested to take action and action taken report for celebration of Matra Bhasha Diwas on 21.02.2016. May be furnished to this Ministry early.

Yours faithfully


(Kundan Nath)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl. As above

विनय शील ओबरोय, भा.प्र.से.
VINAY SHEEL OBEROI, I.A.S
सचिव
SECRETARY



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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
D.O. No. 8-55/2015/L-II
15th January, 2016

Dear Subhash,

UNESCO has declared 21st February every year as International Mother Language Day to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and better awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

It has been decided to **celebrate Matribhasha Diwas on 21.2.2016** to promote the use of **mother tongues** and to achieve the following objectives:-

- Highlight the linguistic diversity of our country;
- Encourage usage, not only of the respective mother tongue but other Indian languages as well.

To understand and draw attention to the diversity of cultures in India and the consequent forums of literature, craft, performing arts, scripts and other forms of creative expression.

To encourage the learning of languages other than one's own mother tongue.

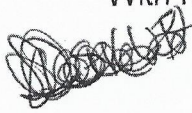
I shall be grateful if you could issue directions to the concerned institutions (like CBSE, KVS, NVS etc) to organize some activities in their schools preferably in at least two languages, possibly more. Some of the following activities may be considered:-

Elocution, Debating, Singing, Essay writing competitions, painting Competitions, Music and dramatic performances, Exhibitions, Online resources and activities as well as events exploring the cognitive, economic, social and cultural activities of multilingual society, Exhibitions depicting linguistic and diverse wealth of India.

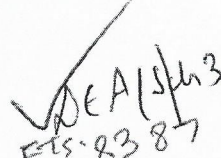
I am sure, the Department and Institutions can think of many more possibilities.

With regards,

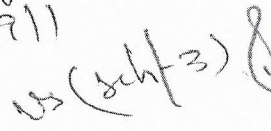
Yours sincerely,


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