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To:

The Incharge / Headmaster / Principal
Govt. / Govt. Aided / Private Unaided Secondary &
Higher Secondary Schools affiliated to Goa Board of
Secondary & Hr.Sec. Education, CBSE , NVS , KVS & NIOS

Sub: Rashtriya Ekta Divas (National Unity Day) on 31st October

Rashtriya Ekta Divas (National Unity Day) Is observed every year on 31st October to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel birth anniversary. it is 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 unit, integrity and security of the country.

To observe the National Unity Day this year, you are hereby requested to encourage the students to participate the following activities.

1. National level story writing competition

- National level story writing competition on the theme “**The contribution of paired State in India’s Struggle for Freedom**” from 31st Oct. 2021 to 30th Nov. 2021 at My Gov Platform.
- The said competition will be bi-lingual and open for students of classes 6th to 12th.
- The detailed guidelines including terms and conditions for the story writing competition are placed at Annexure-I
- Participation certificate will given to all the participants.
- Top 75 entries will be given certificate for best performance.
- Top 10 best entries will be selected from the State will be selected for National Level.

2. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Barath Utsav

Observance of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Barath Utsav in all the schools on any suitable dates of this week or in coming week for class 1st to 12th students where in

- Students will themselves research and in project/activity based learning mode prepare a Unity Pledge based on their understanding of the Indian Constitution.
- Students may be encouraged to take the Unity Pledge, circulated by MHA during the morning assembly in their own language and in the language of the paired State.

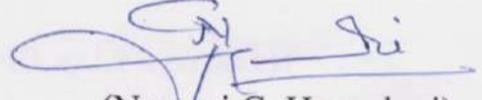
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- c) Students of the senior classes (class 9-12) may showcase (online / offline) their projects on the culture, customs, dress, agriculture, climate and topography which they may have completed as a part of circular activity.

You are hereby requested to encourage students from your school to participate in the aforesaid competition.

I look forward to your expeditious action.

Yours faithfully,



(Nagaraj G. Honnekeri)
Director SCERT – Goa

Encl:

1. Annexure- I
2. Unity Pledge

Copy to:

- 1) The Director, Directorate of Education, Porvorim
- 2) The S.P.D., Goa Samagra Shiksha, Porvorim, Goa
- 3) The Secretary, Goa Board of Sec. & Hr. Sec. Education, Porvorim
- 4) The Dy. Director of Education, R.M.S.A., Porvorim, Goa
- 5) ADEI's of all 12 Talukas to inform the schools in their jurisdiction.
- 6) BRCs – Goa Samagra Shiksha of all 12 talukas for information.
- 7) Office file
- 8) Guard file

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 करूँगा और अपने देशवासियों के बीच यह संदेश फैलाने का भी भरसक प्रयत्न करूँगा। 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.

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 31st 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 6th to 12th

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 6th to 12th 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: 31st October, 2021

Date of culmination: 30th November, 2021

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

7. Mode of Submission: -

The entries for Story Writing Competition shall be submitted at the website- 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.

- ✓ 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. 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.

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.
