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All Heads of Schools
affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Celebrating *Matribhasha Diwas (Mother Tongue Day)* on 21st February 2015

Dear Principal,

Mother Tongue, Mother Tongue, Mother Tongue, all the way/ Let's celebrate the Mother Tongue Day!

UNESCO has declared 21st February every year as **International Mother Language Day** to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and create fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world so as to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. It has been decided to celebrate ***Matribhasha Diwas*** on **21.02.2015** to promote the use of Mother Tongues and to achieve the following objectives:

- To sensitize people about the need of greater use of Mother Tongue and other Indian Languages for development and progress of the Nation
- To impart communication skills and proficiency in Mother Tongue and other Indian Languages amongst English-medium students
- To support translations from other languages into Mother Tongue
- To give fillip to " Knowledge Creation" in Indian languages
- To popularize adaptation of latest technologies for Indian languages
- To encourage people to learn one more Indian language

CBSE proposes to celebrate ***Matribhasha Diwas (Mother Tongue Day)*** on **21st February 2015** in the schools affiliated to the Board.

What to promote?

- **Indian Languages / Mother Tongue of students** may be promoted during the day-long activities.

What to refer?

- The artefacts symbolic of the Indian Languages / Mother Tongue of students may be referred for this purpose.
- **These artefacts may include the Literature /Songs/Translations in Indian languages/ Mother Tongue of students.**

What to do?

Schools may organize the following activities to achieve the above six objectives:

A. Organising **Language Festival** in school:

- i. Song recitation competitions wherein group songs from different Mother Tongues/ different Indian Languages are sung.
- ii. Various other competitions like Elocution/Debate/ Creative Writing etc may be held.
- iii.
 - a) G.K. competitions on Indian Mother Tongues may be organised.
 - b) Pure language use (speaking or writing in Mother Tongue without using any word from any foreign/ other language) may be encouraged.
 - c) Translation of any literary passage from some other language to Mother Tongue.
- iv. Elocution on modern subjects in Mother Tongue may be organised.
- v. Exhibition of Posters/ Charts/ information on language diversity of India and its rich heritage may be held.
- vi. Different booths where different Indian Languages are introduced by students/ teachers/ others or a few spoken sentences are taught to give a flavour of that language may be taken up.
- vii. Various language games in Mother Tongues/ Indian Languages may be initiated among classes/ houses/schools.
- viii. Any creative programme/ idea to encourage use of mother tongues.

B. Encouraging everyone to learn a few sentences of a new Indian Language (unknown to her/him) on the *Matribhasha Diwas*(*Mother Tongue Day*).

It may be noted that the following **issues may be highlighted** during the conduct of the activities mentioned above:

- i. Importance of Mother Tongue
- ii. The need to acquire all four language skills- Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing- in her/his Mother Tongue, especially communication skills/mastery of Mother Tongue
- iii. Preservation and promotion of all Indian Languages
- iv. Attitude of appreciating and learning other Indian Languages
- v. Advantages of learning other Indian Languages

In addition to the activities suggested, **year-long activities/ programmes may be launched/ initiated** to implement the six objectives given above.

A report of the activities, as per the **Annexure 1**, along with short audio/ video clippings/ photographs (not exceeding 5 MB) may be **mailed to the respective Regional Offices** latest by **2nd March 2015**. The Regional Offices shall compile them in an e-report and send them to the e-mail cbseoutreach@gmail.com.

For any query you may contact **Dr. Praggya M Singh, Joint Director** at **011-23215130** or write an e-mail at praggyasingh.cbse@gmail.com

Looking forward for your active participation!

S/d-
(Dr.Sadhana Parashar)
Director (Academics, Research, Training and Innovation)

Distribution:-

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

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3. *The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.*
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5. *The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.*
6. *The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791 111*
7. *The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair - 744101.*
8. *The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, JungleGhat, P.O.744103, A&N Islands.*
9. *The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3 Rohini, Delhi-110085.*
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.*
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Director (Academics, Research, Training and Innovation)

**Format of e-Report for Activities Conducted to Celebrate *Matribhasha Diwas* on
21st February 2015**

1. Name of the School _____

2. Address(with state) _____

3. Contact no. _____ E-mail ID: _____

4. Details:

State	Name &Address of the School	Contact No. of the school	Total number of students	Total number of Girls in school	Total number of Boys in school	Location(Urban/ Rural)	Mother Tongue(s) used by school for the activities	Activity Conducted

5. Write up on the Activities conducted in the schools

(More pages may be added .Please paste/ attach Audio/Video Clippings/Photographs to support point no. 5. Above)

6. Year-long Programme/ Activity launched: _____