



केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: P.N. Panicker National Reading Day, Week and Month 2023 Celebrations – reg.

Dear Principal

The National Education Policy 2020 has emphasized reading as a key skill for foundational learning. The critical role played by Public/ Schools/ Digital libraries towards this end is also highlighted. The P.N. Panicker Foundation has been a key contributor in this area. Honouring the father of the Library Movement, the late P.N. Panicker, 19th June is being celebrated as Reading Day and the following week as the Reading Week. Started as a Reading Day Celebration on 19th June 1996, it has become a mass movement to promote the culture of reading. On 19th June 2017, Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the 22nd National Level Reading Month Celebrations and gave a clarion call to propagate the message of 'Read and Grow' among all the citizens of the country by 2022.

The 28th National Reading Day will be celebrated on 19th June 2023, the following week as Reading Week and Reading Month will be celebrated from 19th June to 18th July 2023. A variety of events will be organized in hybrid mode in Schools/ Colleges/ Libraries by the P.N. Panicker Foundation. The details of these suggestive activities are available at Annexure I.

In view of above, you are requested to celebrate Reading Day, Reading Week and Reading Month by organizing activities as suggested by the P.N. Panicker Foundation or other activities. Students may also be encouraged to participate in the activities and competitions being organized by the Foundation. Further details are available at pnpanickerfoundation.org

With Best Wishes

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel
Director (Academics)

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 Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001



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5. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odhisha-751005
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9. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791 111
10. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair – 744101
11. The Director of School Education, Ladakh, Room No.101-102, Ground Floor, Council Secretariat, Kurbathang, Kargil - Ladakh
12. The Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, B block, Anjaneya Towers, VTPS Rd, Bhimaraju Gutta, Ibrahimpattanam, Andhra Pradesh – 521 456
13. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector -3, Rohini, Delhi
14. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A –Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
15. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRS Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
16. DS to Chairperson, CBSE
17. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE
18. 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
19. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ Under Secretary/ Assistant Secretary, CBSE
20. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
21. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website
22. In-Charge, Library
23. Record File

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Annexure I

Suggestive Activities to be Organized during the 28th Reading Day, Reading Week and Reading Month Celebrations

June 19th – 18th July 2023

- Organization of Seminars/ Symposia/ Workshops etc.
- Organization of Quiz, Elocution, Essay Writing Competitions
- Drawing and Painting Competition
- Recitation, Story-Telling Competition
- Promotion of Group Reading
- Practicing Digital Reading
- Organization of mass run with the slogan 'Reading for Empowerment'
- Organization of puppetry for reading based activities
- Street plays to inculcate reading habits
- Folk arts depicting reading for growth
- Magic shows highlighting reading for empowerment
- Training programmes to promote digital reading
- Skill development programmes for employability enhancement
- Interaction with authors
- Campaign with the slogan 'Donate a Book'
- Mini Marathon with the slogan 'Reading for Development'
- Setting up of Digital Libraries
- Taking Reading Pledge in school assemblies and *Panchayat Grama Sabhas*



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