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Sub: Celebration of Matribhasha Diwas.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has declared 21st February every year as International Mother Tongue Day to promote the dissemination of mother tongue and 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 21.02.2020 to promote the use of mother tongue. This day should be conducted in all the schools and at State/District level with 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 arts, scripts and other forms of creative expression.
- To encourage the learning of languages, other than one’s own mother tongue.

The list of suggestive activities to be taken up on the Matribhasha Diwas are as under.

- Constitution’s Preamble reading in Matribhasha
- Reading of the “Preamble” in Matribhasha
- Group/Folk Songs
- Essay Competition
- Debate
- Exhibition on Indian languages through display boards, posters etc.
- GK competition on Indian language Heritage
- Any other activities
In case the schools are closed on 21.02.2020 on account of examination, Mahashivratri etc., the same should be celebrated on 20.02.2020.

The details of the celebration of Matribhasha Diwas should be sent to this department by end of February 2020.

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