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Dated: Shimla-171001, the 24 December, 2022

To

**All the Deputy Directors of Education,  
in Himachal Pradesh**

Subject: - Regarding Commemoration of 1<sup>st</sup> Veer Bal Diwas on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. 7-17/2022-(INS.S)-dated: 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 received from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New-Delhi through the Under Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 on the subject cited above.

In this connection, you are hereby directed to go through the contents given in the letter and circulate the letter amongst the Heads of Institutions under your control for taking further necessary action in the matter accordingly and send the action taken report to the Government of India as well as to this Directorate accordingly (Guidelines for Commemoration of first Veer Bal Diwas (26<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 is enclosed herewith).

**KINDLY TREAT IT AS MOST URGENT.**

Enclosures: 03 Pages.

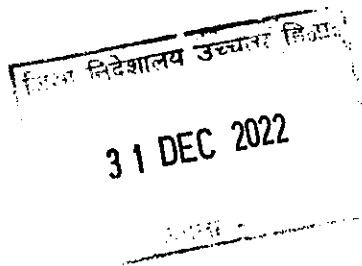
(Dr. Amarjeet K Sharma)  
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**Copy for information to:**

- 1 The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 refer to his/her letter No. EDN-B-B (12)-4/2019-dated: 23/12/2022.
- 2 The Technical Officer (Computer/IT Cell), Directorate of Higher Education to upload the Notification on Departmental website.
- 3 Guard file.

Director of Higher Education  
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**From**

The Principal Secretary (Education) to the,  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

**To**

The Director of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

**Dated: Shimla-171002**

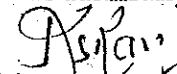
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**Subject: - Commemoration of 1<sup>st</sup> Veer Bal Diwas on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2022-reg.**

**Sir,**

I am directed to forward herewith a photocopy of letter No.7-17/2022-(INS.5) dated 13.12.2022 alongwith its enclosures, received from the Deputy Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, on the subject cited above and to request you to take further necessary action in the matter and send the action taken report to the Government of India as well as to this department accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Kultar Singh Rana)

Under Secretary (Education) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Ph.No.0177-2623293

**Encls As Above.**

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Government of India  
Ministry of Education  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

To,

1. Secretary (School Education) of States/UTs  
(As per list attached)
2. Heads of Autonomous Bodies, DoSE&L  
(As per list attached)

**Subject : Commemoration of 1<sup>st</sup> Veer Bal Diwas on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2022  
- reg.**

Sir/Madam,


I am directed to say that the Government of India vide Ministry of Home Affairs notification no. F.No. 17014/2/2022-IS-VII dated 09.01.2022 has decided to commemorate 26<sup>th</sup> December every year as "Veer Bal Diwas", to pay homage to the great valour and supreme sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, the younger sons of the tenth Sikh Guru Gobind Singh ji, on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 1705, at the tender age of 9 and 6 years respectively, in their quest for justice.

2. Accordingly, it is proposed to observe the Veer Bal Diwas in all schools throughout the country and guidelines are attached for kind reference. As it is likely that schools may be closed on 26<sup>th</sup> December due to winter break, some of the activities such as special morning assembly may be held on the last day of the school, and other activities in the first week once the schools reopen.

3. It is requested to take necessary action for commemoration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veer Bal Diwas in a befitting manner. An action taken report may kindly be furnished to this Department upon completion of the celebrations.

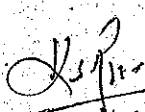
4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Vibhuti Narain Shukla)  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Encl : as above

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**GUIDELINES FOR COMMEMORATION OF FIRST VEER BAL DIWAS  
(26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022)**

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***Aim of Veer Bal Diwas:***

- To pay homage to the courage of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji, younger sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji, the tenth Guru of Sikhs

**Time period to mark commemoration**

- Date of Veer Bal Divas : 26<sup>th</sup> December , the date on which Sahibzadas attained martyrdom in 1705
- In case the schools are on winter break on the date of the Divas, some activities including Special Morning Assembly may be held on the last day of school and the other activities may be held in the week following re-opening of schools after winter break.

**Target Stakeholders**

- Students of Classes 1-12, with special focus on primary and middle school

In order to commemorate first Veer Bal Diwas on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and to facilitate participation of students, a few suggestive *low/zero - cost, high visibility activities* are given below which can be undertaken by schools as per their suitability.

**Objectives of Suggestive Activities**

- To create awareness about the sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji, younger sons of Shri Guru Gobind Singh ji, the tenth Guru of Sikhs.
- To enable students to acquire the qualities of sacrifice, courage, steadfastness, confidence, mindfulness, and others as exhibited by the Sahibzadas

**Suggestive Activities**

1. Awareness Generation Activities
2. Literary Activities
3. Art Activities
4. Ongoing Activities to imbibe the qualities exhibited by Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji in the students

**1. Awareness Generation Activities:**

Awareness about the sacrifice and courage of the Sahibzadas can be created using any of the following means:

- a. Showcasing of animated movie on Sahibzadas '**Chaar Sahibzaade**' (available in Punjabi, Hindi and English)
- b. Narrating the Story of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji to the students addressing the themes of sacrifice, courage, respect and responsibility
- c. Reading of Comic Books on Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji
- d. Inviting Experts in the area to deliver talks
- e. Conducting Special Morning Assembly wherein the students can be informed about the lives of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji

## 2. Literary Activities:

Once the students are aware about the courage and sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji, students may be asked to:

- a. Write an essay
- b. Recite or write a Poem on their sacrifice, courage, and other values learnt from their lives
- c. Identify similar acts of courage and narrate it to other students in the class
- d. Create a map of major events in their lives
- e. Create a story board on major events in their lives
- f. Write an inspiring short story about an imaginary character who stood courageously against all challenges and adversities
- g. Express their admiration and gratitude towards Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji through a 1 minute talk
- h. Attempt motivating word games
- i. Identify and write about the values which they learnt from the lives of the Sahibzadas and how they can incorporate them in their own lives
- j. Talk or write about the difficult situation(s) they may come across and what they would do when faced with such situations and why.

Quiz can also be conducted.

## 3. Art Activities:

Art activities may also be organised for the students once they are quite aware about Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji. Students may be asked /guided to:

- a. Create a wall of appreciation on which they can hang **Thank You Cards** made by them to express their gratitude towards the sacrifice done by the

Sahibzadas. The cards can be addressed to Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji.

- b. Make Promise Cards wherein they can make a promise to the Sahibzadas
- c. Make Sahibzadas Themed New Year Calendar (as the new year will be around)

**Culmination of Activities**

The occasion may be used to honour the brave act exhibited by any of the student(s) of the school.

**4. Ongoing Activities to imbibe the qualities exhibited by Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji in the students**

Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji exhibited confidence, steadfastness and courage in the face of tyranny. They were also able to speak up and stand tall against all odds. In order to make our children confident enough so that they can express themselves and ask questions, speak fearlessly in front of other people/large audience; they can be engaged in such activities in which they are interested and feel confident.

Apart from above qualities, Sahibzadas exhibited the qualities of respecting your parents, standing by your faith, being brave and fearless. Schools can devise such activities which can be integrated across the other curricular activities and which focus on imbibing these qualities in our children.

*Please note: A brief note or write up on the life of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji can be provided for the ready reference of the stakeholders.*

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