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To Dated Shimla-1 the February, 2016

All the Priincipals/ Headmasters,  
Govt. Sr.Sec. / High Schools in,  
Himachal Pradesh

**Subject:- Regarding Celebration of Matribhasha Divas (Mother Tongue Day) on 21-02-2016.**

Memo,

This is with reference to letter No.EDN-B-Ga(17)11/2014-L dated 20-02-2016, received from the Additional Chief Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, on the subject cited above and it is informed that UNESCO has declared 21<sup>st</sup> February every year as International Mother Language Day to promote the dissemination of mother tongues, fuller awareness of linguistic, cultural traditions throughout the world also to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

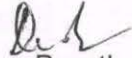
In this regard, it has been decided by the Government to celebrate Matribhasha Diwas on 21-02-2016 to promote the use of mother tongue. The tenor will be celebratory and it will be observed in the educational in all the educational institutions with the following objectives:-

- **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 India and the consequent forums of literature, craft, performing arts, scripts and other forms of creative expression.**
- **To encourage the learning of languages, other than one's own mother tongue.**
- **Elocution, Debating, Singing, Essay writing competitions, Painting competitions, Music and dramatic performances, Exhibitions, Online resources and activities as well as events exploring the cognitive, economic, social and cultural activities of multilingual society, Exhibitions depicting linguistic and diverse wealth of India (in two languages).**



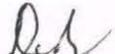
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Therefore, you are directed to take appropriate action in the matter accordingly and report regarding the activities undertaken may be sent to the office of Deputy Director of Higher Education of your Districts immediately.

  
(Dinkar Burathoki),  
Director of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. even dated Shimla-1 the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016  
Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2, w.r.t. above mentioned letter number & date.
2. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education in Himachal Pradesh, with the direction **to collect the activities report from the all the educational institutions under their control and consolidated report may be sent to this office immediately.**
3. The Superintendent (G-II), IT Cell, with the direction to upload the same on the departmental website.
4. Guard file.

  
Director of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh