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To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,
In Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: - Regarding Plantation of tree Campaign-2022.
Memo;

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. RCS / Plantation / Programme / 015-2022-478 dated: 29-07-2022 received from the Secretary Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Society Shimla-2 on the subject cited above.

In this context, it has been decided in the meeting held on with all the Deputy Commissioners under the chairmanship of Sh.Rajindra Vishvanath Arora, Hon'ble Governor Himachal Pradesh that the programme of establishment of Herbal / AYUSH Gardens in 200 Schools which are selected for setting up for Herbal / AYUSH Garden under the programme pathshala Ayush vatika will be launched on 6th August 2022. The plantation drive, will be held on the same day in all 200 schools which are selected for setting up Herbal / AYUSH Garden.

In this regard, You are therefore, directed to issued necessary directions to the Principals / Headmasters of the concerned selected schools of your district to make necessary arrangements for plantation on 06-08-2022 as per directions / steps issued in the above said minutes of meeting, under intimation to the quarters concerned as well as to this Directorate within stipulated period.

Treat it as Most Urgent and Time Bound Matter.

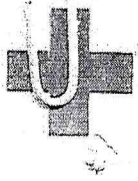
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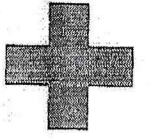
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Copy for information to:-

- 1 The Secretary Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Society Shimla-2 w.r.t. his/her letter no. referred above.
- 2 The Superintendent (IT/Cell) Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh is hereby requested to upload the same on departmental website.
- 3 Guard File.

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विषय: वृक्षारोपण अभियान-2022

महोदय,

हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य रेडक्रॉस शिमला द्वारा दिनांक 26-07-2022 को माननीय राज्यपाल महोदय श्री राजेंद्र विश्वनाथ आर्लेकर की अध्यक्षता में हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य रेडक्रॉस द्वारा किए जाने वाले वृक्षारोपण अभियान से सम्बंधित बैठक, जो कि "आभासी माध्यम" द्वारा प्रातः 11:30 बजे राजभवन में संपन्न हुई, जिसमें श्रीमती (डॉ०) साधना ठाकुर जी, अध्यक्ष, अस्पताल कल्याण अनुभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य रेडक्रॉस एवं सभी जिलों के माननीय जिलाधीश सम्मिलित हुए, की कार्यवाही की प्रति सूचनार्थ एवं आगामी कार्यवाही हेतु आपको इस पत्र के माध्यम से भेजी जा रही है।

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Minutes of the video-conferencing meeting held on 26-07-22 with all the Deputy Commissioners held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajendera Vishvanath Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor Himachal Pradesh.

The meeting started with the message of Hon'ble Governor wherein he exhorted all the District and Sub-district level officers to enthusiastically take part in the Haryaliutsav. While underlining the spirit of utsav, he underscored that the current year was year of Azdi ka Amrit Mahotsav and that increasing green cover will be the biggest service to the nation and the environment. He also emphasized that this was not a departmental task rather it was a societal task and thus, asked all the participants to take measures for involvement of all sections of the society in this plantation drive while taking specific steps for protection and care of the plants thus planted. He desired that proper record of the plants planted and who will take care of protection and growth of the same be maintained so that the plantation drives do not just get reduced to numbers. After discussion, following decisions were taken:

1. Haryali Utsav:

- (i) As our gratitude to mother nature two plantation drives will be launched ,first the **Haryali Utsav** where in collaboration with the forest department, plantation is to be done while ensuring involvement of local community, especially women and the youth, the Red Cross volunteers. The date for this programme is 4th August 2022. As a precursor to this event, on 3rd August when Hon'ble Governor reaches Thunag, he will have interaction with local panchayat representatives, orchardists,. The prime focus area will be motivating the community to take individual steps for fighting climate change. This will be done through enhancement of green cover and through natural farming. This will be organised by Horticulture University Nauri and the concerned scientists will guide and clarify the doubts related to horticultural activities . Other districts may also organize similar motivating sessions as precursor to plantation programmes on 3rd or 4th August as is deemed proper by them.
- (ii) On 4th August, the plantation drive will be presided over by Hon'ble Governor. At the same time similar plantation drives will be held all over the state by involving the Red Cross volunteers in all district HQs and in Sub-divisions.

- (iii) The site for starting of the programme by Hon'ble Governor has been already chosen. In other districts and sub-divisions, the district and sub-district level officers, as the case may be, will identify suitable spots in consultation with the forest department officers. For the programme on 4th August, plants will be made available by Forest Department.
- (iv) The Deputy Commissioners will get the details of spots thus identified and the number of plants proposed to be planted there from the concerned Sub-divisional officers and will pass on this information to Governor's Secretariat in next 3 days .
- (v) Initial digging of required number of pits for plantation will be organised through Forest department's plantation funds and MGNREGA funds. In consultation with the Forest Department officials, detailed record of the plants planted and the arrangements for their protection and up-bringing along with the detail of the person responsible for the same will be made . It may also be examined whether this can be done out of MGNREGA funds for a defined time frame. In addition local forest officials, Panchayat representatives, Red Cross volunteers, Mahila Mandals and Yuvak Mandals may also be involved in protection of plants.
- (vi) Upto 50% of Red Cross funds collected by the district or sub-division within the current financial year may be utilised for the purpose of providing refreshments to the participants of this exercise. In addition the forest department funds for plantation may be used for this purpose.
- (vii) The performance of the concerned District/ subdivision in plantation and then protection of the plants will be measured by the district level committee on a set of reward points and the best 1st Second and third district will be suitably rewarded.

2. Pathshala Ayush Vatika.

This second component of the programme relates to implementation of budget announcement regarding establishment of herbal vaticas in identified 200 schools of the state under the programme **Pathshala Ayush Vatika**. It will be implemented in all the identified schools (except those schools which are closed due to vacations) on 6th of August. The objective of this programme is to inculcate amongst the young minds a concern for the environment, awareness about the traditional Ayurvedic knowledge and some sensitivity toward care and protection of the plants. This programme component will involve following steps:

- (i) The Education department has already identified schools in which this project will be implemented based on criteria like availability of land within

or just adjacent to school premises and availability of NSS and NCC volunteers. In each of these schools the Principal of the concerned school and one additional teacher of the school have been designated as nodal and assisting officer respectively. The contact details of these nodal officer and nodal person have been shared with the Department of Ayush and Forest department and the respective field personnel of both these departments will coordinate with these nodal persons.

- (ii) Before plantation, motivating sessions will be organised wherein the importance of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with reference to climate change and what can be the individual contribution for improving the green cover, will be discussed.
- (iii) After this, the Ayush Department and Forest department representatives will throw some light on the medicinal uses of the plants which are being planted and the methods of taking care of those plants. The Ayush and Forest department have agreed to provide plants in sufficient number for this purpose in view of the geographical and climatic conditions of the area. As per plan around 50% of total available plants (the percentage may change as per the spot situation and its requirement) will be planted in the identified school premises where the concerned school management will ensure upkeep and protection of the plants so planted by giving responsibility to individual students and keeping record of the same in a register to be maintained by the school nodal teacher.
- (iv) Remaining plants will be distributed amongst the students with clear instructions to plant them at home or some other place of their choice. After the plantation session is over the teachers / nodal officers may take periodical reports from the students about how the plants are progressing
- (v) The Education, Forest and Ayush department will issue necessary directions to its field agencies in this regard. For taking care of refreshments during the plantation sessions, the Ayush department may provide the necessary funds help and Education department also from its schemes like Mid-day meals, Eco-clubs etc
- (vi) The concerned school may also encourage students to plant more such herbals within school campus or at or near their homeplaces by making this a part of normal routine activity of students and this can be reviewed by the school authorities from time to time. (i) School children may also be motivated by the school authorities by resorting to other measures like collecting/ compiling information on common medicinal plants found

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in their respective areas. Based upon such performance reviews, the prizes can be also given to students. This plantation drive, will be held on the same day in all 200 schools in which Education Department has proposed to set up herbal vaticas.

Toward the end of the presentation, Hon'ble Governor also asked the participants to explore the possibility of using seed balls for plantation in difficult and inaccessible areas. These seed balls can become a source of income for the local self help groups and women and for this purpose if required, training on the method of making seed balls can be imparted to these self-help groups. These seed balls can be dropped at all inaccessible points and they will sprout into plants when favorable conditions arrive.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

(Rajesh Sharma, IAS)
Secretary to Governor,
Himachal Pradesh
&
General Secretary,
HP State Red Cross Society.