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Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh

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To

- 1. All the Principal Government / Sanskrit Colleges. Himachal Pradesh
- 2. All the Deputy Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh

Subject:-

Regarding permission to conduct Musical Storytelling Sessions on Contemporary Social issues at Educational Institutions.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter/ representation on dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024 received from Mr. Anant Dayal, Educator, PO Rakkar, Tehsil Dharamshala Rakar (379) District Kangra, H.P. 176057 on the subject cited above.

In this context, necessary permission is hereby accorded in favour of Mr. Anant Dayal Educator to conduct Musical Storytelling Sessions on Contemporary Social issues such as environment conservation, gender sensitivity, social development Swachhta & Drug abuse in all the Government Schools & Colleges with the following condition:-

- 1. The academic calendar may not be disturbed and consent of the concerned Deputy Director and Head of institution be obtained before starting the said programme as per their convenience so that regular studies of the students may not be disturbed.
- 2. School discipline should be maintained during the above said programme.

October, 2024

Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh

Endst.No. Even dated Shimla-171001 the Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. Mr. Anant Dayal, Educator, PO Rakkar, Tehsil Dharamshala Rakar (379) District Kangra, H.P. 176057w.r.t. his /her letter referred above.

The Principals of GSSSs & Headmaster of GHSS.

The Technical Officer (Computer/IT Cell), Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh with the request to upload the same on Departmental web site.

4. Guard file.

Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh

Date: 03/10/2024

To The Director of Higher Education, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

**Subject:** Permission to Conduct Musical Storytelling Sessions on Contemporary Social Issues at Educational Institutes under your Purview

Respected Sir,

I am Anant Dayal, an educator based in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. I use music and drama to address contemporary social issues such as <u>environmental conservation</u>, <u>gender sensitivity</u>, <u>and social development</u>. My work contributes to the holistic development of young minds (please see my brief resume attached as Annexure 1).

The Government of Himachal Pradesh's commitment to providing a holistic, inclusive, quality, and equitable education aligns well with the goals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2023. Both emphasize integrating environmental and art education and promoting gender sensitivity to foster awareness, reduce disparities, and encourage sustainability and empowerment in schools.

I have been conducting **30-minute musical storytelling sessions** across the country, particularly in Himachal Pradesh. Over the past 15 months, I have conducted **114 such sessions across 7 states, including 86 institutions in Himachal Pradesh**, encompassing 40 government schools and 4 government colleges (see Annexure II). These sessions have been well-documented, and have received positive feedback from both teachers and students (see Annexure III, & the following links)

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50rhD2QsWs Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/majnuladku/

I respectfully **request your permission to conduct similar sessions** in additional government schools and colleges across the state of Himachal Pradesh. **A formal letter from your side** addressed to the heads of these institutions would greatly facilitate our efforts. Please note that these sessions are **voluntary and free of charge** on my behalf, requiring roughly 30 minutes of the institution's time.

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Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your positive response.

Best regards,

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# **Anant Dayal**

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## Current Projects in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh

- Regularly conducting musical storytelling sessions on contemporary social issues at various schools, colleges, cultural spaces & institutions across the region
- Providing workshops and training in theatre, speech and music to institutions, as well as to individual students, amateur and professional performers
- Trustee of DRIFT TRUST, which organizes theatre festivals, workshops, outreach programs and cultural activities
- Member of the Organizing Committee for Dharamshala-McLeodganj Pride Walk. to provide a safe and supportive platform for the LGBTQIA+ community

## A few noteworthy Past Projects

- Show Running Director of the Bollywood Stage Musical Zangoora, at Kingdom of Dreams. Gurgaon for over 700 shows. (April 2012 – November 2013)
- Co-Founder and Head of Performance Arts Department at Eastwind Academy for Advanced Music & Performance, Gurgaon (2019-2022)
- Drama Director at One World College of Music, Gurgaon (2013-2019)
- Accredited Instructor in Speech & Drama, Musical Theatre & Performance Arts for Trinity College London at their New Delhi centre (2008-2016)
- Visiting Theatre Instructor, performer & workshop facilitator at several leading educational institutions in Delhi NCR such as Ashoka University, Sri Ram College of Commerce (Dramatics Society), Eloquence School of Speech & Drama, Bluebells School, The Magic Tree House, Anubhav Learning Centre (2008-present day)
- Toured with international theatre productions such as Shivani Pasrich's 'Draupadi' directed by Tina Johnson in New York, and ELAN Wales' Woyzeck directed by Dr. Firenza Guidi
- Staged several music & theatre productions at prestigious festivals and venues across the country, including Old World Theatre Festival, Udaipur Tales, Kukdukoo Fest, Lost & Found Festival, to name a few.