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વિષય :- ઓળખાયેલ સિંગલ યુઝ પ્લાસ્ટીકના નાશ અંગે.

સંદર્ભ:- ૧. શિક્ષણ વિભાગનો તા.૧૩/૦૯/૨૦૨૧નો પત્ર ક્ર.પરચ-૧૨૨૦૨૧-૩૩૬-વ.૨
૨. ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ કમિશ્નરશ્રીની કચેરીનો પત્ર ક્રમાંક NSS/Single Use Plastic/2021/4670-4748 તા.૧૭/૦૯/૨૦૨૧

ઉપરોક્ત વિષય અને સંદર્ભ પરત્વે જણાવવાનું કે શિક્ષણ વિભાગનો પત્ર તથા ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ કમિશ્નરશ્રીની કચેરીનો પત્ર અન્વયે શ્રી ગોવિંદ ગુરૂ યુનિવર્સિટી, એન.એસ.એસ. સંલગ્ન તમામ કોલેજોના આચાર્યશ્રીઓ/ પ્રોગ્રામ ઓફીસરોને જણાવવાનું કે ઓળખાયેલ સિંગલ યુઝ પ્લાસ્ટીકના નાશ અંગે ભારત સરકારના શિક્ષણ મંત્રાલય દ્વારા બહાર પાડવામાં આવેલ સૂચનો અન્વયે જરૂરી કાર્યવાહી હાથ ધરવા જણાવામાં આવે છે.

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ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ કમિશનરશ્રીની કચેરી

એન.એસ.એસ. શાખા, બ્લોક નં.૧૨/૨, બીજો માળ, ડૉ. જીવરાજ મહેતા ભવન,
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જા.ક. :-NSS/SingleUsePlastic/2021/ 4670-4748 તા.17/09/2021

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વિષય :- ઓળખાયેલ સિંગલ યુઝ પ્લાસ્ટિકના નાશ અંગે
સંદર્ભ :- શિક્ષણ વિભાગનો તા.૧૩/૦૯/૨૦૨૧નો પત્ર ક્ર.પરચ-૧૨૨૦૨૧-૩૩૬-વ.૨

ઉપરોક્ત વિષય પરત્વે જણાવવાનું કે, શિક્ષણ વિભાગનો સંદર્ભદર્શિત પત્ર તથા તે સાથેના ભારત સરકારના શિક્ષણ મંત્રાલયના તા.૨૭/૦૮/૨૦૨૧ના પત્રની નકલ સામેલ રાખી જણાવવાનું કે, ઓળખાયેલ સિંગલ યુઝ પ્લાસ્ટિકનો નાશ અંગે ભારત સરકારના શિક્ષણ મંત્રાલય દ્વારા બહાર પાડવામાં આવેલ સૂચનો અન્વયે જરૂરી કાર્યવાહી હાથ ધરવા જણાવામાં આવે છે.

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(૨) નિયામકશ્રી,પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણની કચેરી,બ્લોક નં ૧૨, ડો.જીવરાજ મહેતા ભવન,ગાંધીનગર

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(૬) સ્ટેટ પ્રોજેકટ ડાયરેકટરશ્રી, સર્વ શિક્ષા અભિયાન,સેકટર નં ૧૭ ગાંધીનગર

(૭) સચિવશ્રી, માધ્યમિક અને ઉચ્ચ માધ્યમિક શિક્ષણ બોર્ડ,સેક્ટર નં ૧૦બી, ગાંધીનગર

(૮) નિયામકશ્રી, એન.સી.સી. હનુમાન કેમ્પ, કેન્ટોનમેન્ટ એરીયા,અમદાવાદ.

વિષયઃ- Elimination of identified Single Use Plastics- regarding.

શ્રીમાન,

ઉપર્યુક્ત વિષય પરત્વેના ભારત સરકારના શિક્ષણ મંત્રાલયના તા.૨૭/૦૮/૨૦૨૧ના પત્ર ક્રમાંક No.F.27-14/2019-IS-9ની નકલ બિડાણ સાથે મોકલી આપતાં જણાવવાનું કે, ઓળખાયેલ સિંગલ યુઝ પ્લાસ્ટિકનો નાશ અંગે ભારત સરકારના શિક્ષણ મંત્રાલય દ્વારા બહાર પાડવામાં આવેલ સૂચનો અન્વયે જરૂરી કાર્યવાહી હાથ ધરવા વિનંતી છે.

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(ભગવતસિંહ ગોહિલ)

સેકશન અધિકારી

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IMMEDIATE

No.F. 27-14/2019-IS-9
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
IS-9 Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 27th August, 2021

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To

The Principal Secretary/ Secretary (School Education) of all States/UTs.

Sub: Elimination of identified Single-Use Plastics - regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to Hon'ble Prime Minister's address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 73rd Independence Day. In his speech, Hon'ble PM has urged the nation to make India free from single-use plastic.

2. In this regard, this Department's letter of even number dated 21st August 2019 (copy enclosed) may also be referred to. As we know, single-use plastic drastically impacts the environment in a harmful way. Single-use plastic after usage mostly dumped on the land-fill sites chokes the water supply and drainage system and damages the environment due to its non-biodegradability.

3. It is stressed that the national strategy for addressing the environmental concerns emerging out of plastic waste involves the strategy of 6R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Redesign and Remanufacture) based on the principle of circular economy. Strong public movement for mitigation of plastic pollution has to be created through the involvement of educational institutions (schools), NCC, NSS, Scouts, Youth Clubs, etc.

4. Some activities are suggested for elimination of single use plastic in schools as per **Annexure –I**. Also, a copy each of the **Standard Guidelines for Single-Use Plastic** and **Action Items** forwarded by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Hazardous Substances Management Division) is enclosed at **Annexures-II and III** respectively, to facilitate development of an action plan for elimination of single use plastic in schools and educational institutes.

5. This Department vide its letter dated 12th August 2021 (copy at **Annexure-IV**), has requested all States/UTs to include activities for banning/ elimination of Single Use Plastic in schools in Swachhata Pakhwada 2021 from 1st September to 15th September 2021, which may be observed in an earnest manner.

6. You are, therefore, requested to prepare an action plan and issue appropriate instructions to all schools in your State/UT under intimation to this Department to eliminate identified Single-Use Plastics, both within and around the school premises.

Yours faithfully,

Jawahar

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Encl. as above

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2. Commissioner, KVS
3. Commissioner, NVS
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5. Chairman, NIOS
6. Chairman, CISCE
7. Director, CTSA

Copy also to: Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Hazardous Substances Management Division) - for information.

2. NIC, MoE- for uploading the letter on Swachh Vidyalaya link of this Ministry's Website.

(Alok Jawahar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Annexure-I

Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy

Suggested activities for Elimination of Single Use Plastic in Schools

To create a strong movement for mitigation of plastic pollution in the schools & educational institutions the following suggested activities may be undertaken, taking into consideration the Covid-19 protocols laid down by the Government:-

1. Children may take pledge in the morning/ assembly that they will avoid the use of plastic products and work for elimination of single use plastics.

2. Create Awareness campaign about stopping use of Single Use Plastic and mitigation of plastic pollution, by students, teachers. School Management may also create awareness in association with villagers and local representatives by giving emphasis on 6R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Redesign and Remanufacture)

3. Children and teachers may take a bold stance by simply not using the plastic products like:
   - → All plastic carry bags,
   - → Bottles,
   - → Plastic cutlery including plates, cups/glass, straws, stirrers; and
   - → Cutlery
   - → Other decorative made of Styrofoam (Thermocol).

4. Schools may discourage to use plastic products like artificial flowers, banners, flags, flower pots, PET plastic water bottles, Plastic folders, trays etc. and any other plastic material for which an alternative exists.

5. Schools should inculcate in students a behaviour change for reducing the plastic usage.

6. Topics/chapters in school curriculum to discourage use of single-use plastics may have focused learning by students.

7. Schools may promote and practice source segregation.

8. Students can raise awareness about the negative effects of plastic for the environment and health.

9. The programs conducted by schools may focus on activities for reducing single-use plastics in school campuses

10. Schools may choose reusables for the canteen and school events.

11. The School Development Plan prepared by school Management Committee may have plan for mitigation of plastic pollution especially single- use plastics in school.

12. Students can share their successes for mitigation of plastic pollution to other students/schools, and reflect in their annual report.

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Standard Guidelines for Single-Use Plastic

Introduction

Plastic is a ubiquitous material. It is lightweight, hygienic and resistant. It can be moulded into different shapes and used in a wide range of applications. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) conducted a study in 60 major cities of India (2012), wherein it has been reported that 4059 Ton of Plastic Waste is generated each day from these cities. The fraction of plastic waste in total Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) ranges from 3.10% (Chandigarh) to 12.47% (Surat). Average plastic waste generation is around 6.92% of MSW. With extrapolation of per capita plastic waste generation, it is estimated that 9.46 million tons per annum of plastic waste is generated in India, which is approximately 25,940 T/day.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in order to tackle the menace of plastic waste had notified, the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (henceforth, Rules) in March 2016. The Rules make source segregation of various types of waste mandatory. The ambition is to follow a waste-to-wealth pathway via recovery, reuse and recycling. The Rules also introduce Extended Producer Responsibility, as an environment policy instrument, and assign the physical, financial and environmental responsibility to producers, brand owners and importers of plastic. Under the rubric of the Extended Producer Responsibility producers/ brand owners need to work with all stakeholders including local bodies, informal sector etc.

India was the global host of 2018 World Environment Day which took place on June 5, 2018. With "Beat Plastic Pollution" as the theme for this year's edition, the world came together to minimize plastic consumption and mitigate its impact on environment. Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced India's pledge to phase-out all Single-Use Plastic by 2022.

Apart from the regulations at the Central level, many State/UT Governments through their own notifications has imposed partial or full ban on use of plastic carry bags/single use plastic in their states.

15 (of total 29) States and 4 (of total 7) UTs have issued notifications/ orders introducing regulations pertaining to complete ban on plastic carry bags and/or other single-use plastic items. In addition, some States/UTs have introduced partial bans on carry bags or single-use items supplementing Plastic Waste Management Rules (PWMR), 2016 in some ways.

Single-Use Plastic

Single-use plastics, often also referred to as disposable plastics (use-and-throw items), are commonly used for plastic packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. These include, among other items, carry bags, food packaging, bottles, straws, containers, cups and cutlery.

Over the years, the amount of plastic entering oceans and seas has increased. Plastic Marine litter is harmful for marine ecosystem, biodiversity and potentially human

health. Widespread concern on the issue has necessitated the need for a strategic approach to management of plastic waste. The Single-use Plastic items represent majority of items found in plastic marine litter.

Under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 plastic carry bags (virgin or recycled) with thickness less than 50 micron and plastic sheet or like, which is not an integral part of multi-layered packaging and cover made of plastic sheet used for packaging, wrapping commodities, with thickness less than 50 micron are banned

State Governments have introduced regulations for management of plastic waste (or full/ partial ban on plastic carry bags) by two ways:

i. Introducing legislation on waste management: some states have introduced specific legislation on waste management. through such legislation, they have introduced rules on plastic carry bags

The states which have introduced legislation are:

i. Himachal Pradesh: H.P. Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 1995;
ii. Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh Jaiv Anaashya Apashishta (Niyantran) Adhiniyam, 2004;
iii. Maharashtra: Maharashtra Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 2006;
iv. Jammu & Kashmir: Jammu and Kashmir State Non-Biodegradable Material (Management Handling and Disposal) Act, 2007
v. Punjab: Punjab Plastic Carry Bags (Manufacture, Usage and Disposal) Control Act, 2005

ii. States have power under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 under Section 5 to issue directions. Some of the States which have issued directions under the same are: Haryana, Uttaranchal, Delhi, Rajasthan, U.P., Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura

Action items

The following sections map different set of actions taken by the State/ Urban Governments, public sector entities aimed at minimizing production and usage of single-use plastics.

Waste management system improvements

Bans of plastic carry bags and single-use plastics can effectively counter some of the challenges. However, better waste management systems, can achieve long-term impacts and address the overall problem of plastics in the environment.

i. States/UTs may invest heavily in improving source segregation of waste. Waste collection and transportation systems should be standardized, and best practices should be inculcated.
ii. Manual on Municipal Solid Waste Management – 2016, as prepared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA), which provide a management framework for "Integrated Solid Waste Management" as an approach and provide for a framework for ULBs to prepare a Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan in 7 simple steps, is the primary implementation source in this regard.
iii. States/UTs and ULBs may focus on improving last mile delivery of collection and transportation services. The focus should also be placed on improving collection and transportation infrastructure and ensuring segregated waste is collected.
iv. The States/ UTs shall endeavour to promote and encourage identification and use of plastic alternatives products.

Legal options for phasing out of Single-Use Plastic

State/ UT administrations intending to introduce a prohibitive action on single-use plastic products may identify a clear list of products that need to be targeted through this measure so that there is no ambiguity. The products may include:

(a) All plastic carry bags, with or without handles, irrespective of thickness and size,
(b) Plastic cutlery including plates, plastic cups/glass, straws, stirrers etc.; and
(c) Cutlery and other decorative made of Styrofoam (Thermocol).

Promotion of eco-friendly alternatives

State/UT Governments can play a key role in promoting eco-friendly alternatives in order to phase out single-use plastics progressively. Projects which support upscaling or recycling of single-use plastic items and promote small scale or micro enterprises, should be encouraged.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change through a central sector scheme titled 'Creation of Management Structure for Hazardous Substances provides financial assistance for innovative technologies and novel treatment options for different waste streams.

Social Awareness and public education

i Awareness/ Sensitization campaigns should be organized throughout the State/UT through TV/ Radio etc. to discourage the use of single-use plastic

ii All events organized by or sponsored by the Govt. shall be single-use plastic free

iii. Governments should try to invite eminent public personalities to serve as brand ambassadors or in any other capacity in the campaign to discourage the use of single-use plastic

iv. Attention should be focussed on creating awareness/ sensitization in hotspots of plastic usage including tourist spots, religious spots, beaches, pilgrimage sites, schools colleges etc

v. Particular attention should also be focussed on students and young adults to inculcate a behavioural change in plastic usage. Changes in school curriculum should be introduced to discourage use of single-use plastics, promote the use of plastic alternate materials and promote source segregation.

Action by Government offices

State/UT Governments and Government employees should serve as an ideal in the effort to combat single-use plastic. In this regard, following actions should be undertaken:

i. All Govt. offices/ sub-ordinate offices etc. all other offices under the administrative control shall be declared single-use plastic free by banning single-use plastic items/ disposable plastic items including
    i. All types of Plastic carry bags and
    ii. Plastic/ thermocol (polystyrene) disposable cutlery including cups/glass, bowls, glasses, forks, spoons, containers, straws etc. used for serving eatables/drinks.

ii. Further, all Govt. offices/ sub-ordinate offices etc. and all other offices under the administrative control shall discouraged to use plastic products including
    i. Artificial flowers, banners, flags, flower pots,
    ii. PET plastic water bottles
    iii. Plastic folders, trays etc. and
    iv. Any other plastic material for which an alternative exists.

iii. All Government offices/ sub-ordinate offices etc. shall promote and practice source segregation

iv. Public sector enterprises should be encouraged to promote such phase-out of single-use plastics

v. Private sector should also be encouraged to give up single-use plastic voluntarily

Extended Producer Responsibility

i. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, is currently formulating a national framework for implementing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) under Rule 9 of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. Under the proposed framework, modalities will be fixed for producers/ brand owners and importers of plastic products for implementing the EPR framework working in consonance with State Urban Development Departments/ Urban Local Bodies/ Central Pollution Control Board/ State Pollution Control Boards/ Committees and other stakeholders involved in the plastic value chain.

ii. Certain single-use plastic products including PET/PETE bottles used for packaging beverages including water, may not require prohibitive action and will come under the ambit of recycling/processing channels under EPR.

iii. With reference to Multi-layered Packaging, it is observed that replacement technologies are still not available to the manufacturers of products which use such packaging. Hence it may not be suitable to phase-out or prohibit the use of MLPs at this stage. MLP which is non-recyclable or non-energy recoverable and with no alternate use are required to be phased out (Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2018)

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Indicative Action Plan for Elimination of identified Single-Use Plastics

(concerned Central Ministries / Departments)

Ministry of Education (Department of School Education & Literacy and Department of Higher Education)

S. No.	Thematic Area/ Activity/Sub-Activity	Budget allocation (if needed) / source of budget	Nature of activity Continuous/short term/medium term/long term	Timeline	Responsible Department/Agency
1	**Action taken for reducing /elimination of single use plastic items in Government offices, attached /subordinate offices, PSUs/ organization**				
	Implementation of actions given in Standard Guidelines for single use plastic issued earlier by the Ministry (enclosed)				
2	**Awareness Generation towards elimination of identified single use plastic items**				
	Development of a public movement through awareness generation in school and college students				

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Dated 12th August, 2021

Respected Ma'am/Sir,

As you may be aware, this Department has been observing Swachhata Pakhwada every year since 2016 in all the schools of the country. With the exemplary support of the States & UTs and Autonomous organizations of Ministry of Education (MoE), Swachhata Pakhwada of this Department has become a successful mass movement with the annual participation of millions of children and other functionaries besides members of the community. Role of the schools in ushering in a Clean India has been recognized at the top most levels of the Government

2. As per the Calendar of Swachhata Pakhwada for the year 2021 circulated by Cabinet Secretariat and Ministry of Jal Shakti, (Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation), Government of India, **the Swachhata Pakhwada for this Department is scheduled from 1st– 15th September, 2021. This year, however is far from normal with most school campuses still closed due to the Covid 19 pandemic and transactions between teaching and student communities happening largely in virtual/one to one mode. At the same time, observance of Swachhta Pakhwada acquires added meaning this year as proper sanitation and hygiene are considered among the best defences against Covid 19. Hence, the focus will be on awareness regarding Covid 19, the safety protocols and Covid appropriate behaviour**

3. The Swachhata Pakhwada may be observed with focused participation of students, teachers and community (including SMC/ SMDC, Gram Panchayats/ ULBs etc) to promote Covid related preparedness among the school community in the immediate instance, as they gradually reopen, and to achieve cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene in schools in the long term. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, Swachhata Pakhwada 2021 activities may be

focused on three major precautionary practices, i.e. (i) Hand-washing with soap (ii) Use of Mask and (iii) Social Distancing; and on 3 Ts (Trace, Testing and Treat). To observe Swachhata Pakhwada in a befitting manner, the schools/ institutions may be advised to undertake the following suggested activities either physically or virtually, as the case may be, strictly keeping in view the Covid-19 protocols laid down by the Government: -

(i) Swachhata Shapath may be organised in all schools and educational institutions (in virtual mode/physical mode with social distancing).

(ii) Hold meeting (in small groups/ virtually) of SMCs/SMDCs/PTAs in the first week of the Pakhwada to highlight the importance of cleanliness & sanitation and Hand-washing, Use of Mask & Social Distancing; and to encourage and inspire them to continue with the good practices for hygiene and sanitation in school as well as home.

(iii) Teachers to inspect water and sanitary facilities in every school/ institution,do a quick assessment of Swachhta Action Plan (SAP) for present status, O&M (in view of the COVID-19 requirements) of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and make proposal/plan for repair and upkeep of the facilities, if required.

(iv) Competitions for COVID safe, clean and well-maintained premises and toilets in schools.

(v) Painting/Essay/Quiz/Slogan writing/model making competition for students on cleanliness and hygiene practices in school and COVID responsive behaviour in virtual mode.

(vi) Swachhata awareness messages to be posted on the website of the Organisation/schools/State School Education Department. Alternatively, photographs on Swachhata may be displayed in schools.

(vii) All teachers and school heads may complete the online training module provided on DIKSHA in English (https://diksha.gov.in/explore-course/course/do_31331887636784742411 7) and Hindi (https://diksha.gov.in/explore-course/course/do_3133188303402926081507 2) on WASH related precautions for School Reopening, if they have not done so yet.

4. The **following activities may also be undertaken by the teachers and administration of the schools** while adhering to COVID-19 preventive measures such as using masks, protective gear etc:

(i) E- Office and e-filing system may be encouraged and followed.

(ii) All kinds of waste material like sanitation waste, used and disposed masks, broken furniture, unusable equipment, defunct vehicles etc. should be completely removed from the premises of schools/ institutions and disposed off as per procedure.

(iii) Banning use of single use plastics within school premises.

(iv) Teachers and students in association with local representative should virtually (or in-person one to one contact with safety precautions) propagate the theme of the Pakhwada among family members, neighbors, citizens in nearby areas.

(v) Awareness about stopping use of Single Use Plastic and adhering to 3 R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) principles.

(vi) Daily cleaning and disinfection of frequently used surfaces.

5. Further, in order to give impetus to the Swachhata drive and create mass awareness, it is requested that the following activities may be undertaken at the State level:

(a) Audio visual programme/IEC material to be created to motivate students/ employees and others on Swachhata and water conservation.(IEC material shared by MoE on 6th November, 2020 for Corona Responsive Behaviour (CRB) can be displayed on walls of schools and appropriate sites/websites for visibility of teachers and students).

(b) Electronic banners may be created and uploaded on the departmental/ state web portals to highlight the observance of the Pakhwada. Publicity and awareness generation may be done through use of social media, as well as electronic and print media.

6. **Suggested Action plan for Swachhata Pakhwada, 2021 (1st – 15th September, 2021) is enclosed at Annexure.** You are accordingly requested to take necessary action and issue necessary instructions to district authorities, the schools/educational institutions, so as to ensure participation of students, teachers, parents, local people and representative etc., whole heartedly in the Swachhata Pakhwada during 1st – 15th September, 2021 and make the Swachhata Pakhwada successful.

7. You are requested to kindly intimate the number of schools and students participated in the Pakhwada, activity-wise in your State/UT/Organisation to this Department. Photographs, video, films etc. together with highlights of each day of the

Pakhwada may be uploaded on daily basis on the **Google tracker** (Data) and Google **drive** (Photos, Videos and Pictures).

8. The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.

9. It is requested that the Google Tracker may be updated DAILY by 8.00 PM from 30th August 2021 to 17th September, 2021 on daily-basis for the different activities so as to communicate the consolidated figure for States and UTs of day-wise participation in the activities to Ministry of Jal Shakti (Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation).

10. The best performing State/UTs/Organisations may be recognized based on their participation in the Swachhata Pakhwada.

11. It is reiterated that schools may be encouraged to continue the activities related to cleanliness and hygiene highlighted during Swachhata Pakhwada on a consistent and sustainable basis by integrating with regular routine throughout the year.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Maneesh Garg) 12/8/21

The Education Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries of all States/UTs.

Copy for similar action to:-

1. Chairperson, CBSE
2. Commissioner, KVS
3. Director, NCERT
4. Commissioner, NVS
5. Chairman, NIOS
6. Chairman, CISCE
7. Director, CTSA

With the request that they may take similar action and kindly upload details of Swachhata Pakhwada activities in organizations under their control on the Google tracker/drive.

Copy also to:-

1. PS to Shiksha Mantri
2. PPS to Secretary (SE&L)
3. Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation.
4. NIC cell – for uploading on the website.

Annexure

Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy

Suggested Action Plan for Swachhata Pakhwada (1-15 September, 2021)

1.9.2021 (Wednesday)

Swachhata Shapath Day

- Swachhata Shapath function may be organized wherein all students and teachers/staff may participate virtually/physically with social distancing. Children to speak about and take pledge for Swachhata (including COVID related preventive infection control measures related to mask, safe distancing, hand hygiene etc).
- Swachhata/COVID awareness message to be posted on the website of the Department/Organisations/Schools.
- Electronic banners may be created and uploaded on the departmental/state web portals to highlight the observance of the Swachhata Pakhwada. Publicity and awareness generation may be done through use of social media, as well as electronic and print media.
- **Upload the number of students who took Swachhata Shapath and the number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

2.9.2021 (Thursday)

Swachhata Awareness Day

- Hold virtual meeting of SMCs/SMDCs/PTAs to highlight the importance of cleanliness &sanitation and importance of Hand-washing, Use of Mask & Social Distancing among children, parents and teachers; 3 Ts; and to encourage and inspire them for hygiene and sanitation in school as well as home.
- Teachers to inspect sanitary facilities in each and every corner of school/ institution to do a quick assessment and make proposal/plan for upkeep of the facilities.
- COVID- 19 sensitive adaptation for WASH facilities (hand wash facility, daily cleaning and disinfection, toilet/ urinal use, water facility use, ventilation, waste management, O&M etc) may be discussed with the local representatives. This may include ensuring - adequate, clean and separate toilets for girls and boys, supplies like – soap, handwash and safe water, disinfectants, PPE for specific purpose, cleaning staff etc.
- A status check/review can be done for piped water supply connection in the school in view of special 100 days campaign under **Jal Jeevan mission**.

- A status check and augmentation plan with regard to water harvesting systems in the school may be taken up in view of the current **catch the rain** campaign till end November 2021
- Extensive cleaning/disinfection of toilets, kitchen, classrooms, fans, doors, windows, clearing bushes in the campus to be undertaken. The local community may be involved in these activities with the participation of SMCs/PTAs and local representatives, while adhering to COVID-19 prevention measures and involvement in restricted numbers.
- Weeding out/recording of the old files, records as per procedure.
- All kinds of waste material like broken furniture, unusable equipment, defunct vehicles etc. should be completely removed from the premises of schools/institutions.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

3.9.2021 (Friday)

Community Outreach Day

- Parenting Seminars (virtual/small groups) may be organised on the theme of Swachhata to promote cleanliness and COVID safe behavior among their children.
- Teachers and students in association with local representatives should propagate the theme of Swachhata Pakhwada, covid appropriate behaviour and vaccination among public in local areas.
- **Upload number of teachers participating in the community outreach activities on Google Tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google Drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

4.9.2021 and 5.9.2021 (Saturday – Sunday)

Green School Drive Days

- Students may develop imaginative slogans, posters and pamphlets on themes such as fighting Corona through Covid Appropriate Behaviour and vaccination, water conservation, eliminating single use plastic etc, which can be later displayed in school exhibitions and on village/ town walls/ school premises/ public.
- Educate students about conservation of water and empower them to protect the natural sources of water. Every student to save at least one litre of water per day, to encourage them towards judicious use and minimum wastage of water at home and school.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

6.9.2021 and 7.9.2021 (Monday & Tuesday)

Swachhata Participation Days

- Competitions can be held in districts/blocks/clusters for clean and well-maintained premises and toilets in schools, while observing all Covid protocols.
- Painting,Skit, Poem-making, slogan writing competitions on Swachhata.
- Letter/ Essay writing competition – "COVID-19 responsive school" theme (virtual)
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **Upload number of students who participated in Painting competition on tracker and scans of 3 top Essays, Slogan and Painting per district on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

8.9.2021 (Wednesday)

Hand Wash Day

- Create Awareness on the need for proper hand wash in daily life.
- Children should be taught proper method/steps/moments, timings of hand washing with soap before and after eating.
- Barrier free access to the drinking water and toilet facilities for Divyang students may be reviewed and ensured.
- Students may be taught about checking wastage of water.
- Water from hand washing unit to be channeled to school gardens.
- Children may be taught about the water borne diseases/diseases, safe handling of drinking water so that they practice proper hand and oral hygiene.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

9.9.2021 and 10.9.2021 (Thursday - Friday)

Personal Hygiene Days

- Audio visual programme to be undertaken to motivate students/employees and others for maintaining cleanliness.
- Students will learn about proper way of cutting and keeping nails clean, daily bathing with clean water, wearing clean cloths, no spitting in open, wearing shoes/ slippers etc. (also – wearing mask correctly, no hand shaking, respiratory hygiene, not sharing personal items or food with others, avoiding crowd in COVID-19 times).

- Students will be taught the hygienic manner of using toilets and drinking water facilities.
- Students may be made aware of the importance of brushing teeth twice a day and making it routine habit.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

11.9.2021 and 12.9.2021 (Saturday & Sunday)

Swachhata School Exhibition Days

- Photographs, paintings, cartoons, slogans etc. made by students on Swachhata activities/Covid response behaviors may be displayed in School/Education Department's website.
- State may document some of these exhibits.
- Making artifacts at home using local recycled-raw material for storage of waste i.e., artistic dustbins using local skills promoting their culture.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

13.9.2021 and 14.9.2021 (Monday &Tuesday)

Swachhata Action Plan Days

- SMC/SDMC to create awareness among students, parents and local people about the Swachhata Action Plan (with inclusion of COVID -19 related measures) of the school.
- Convene small group meeting of Bal Sansad/School Cabinet specially to discuss the Swachhata Pakhwada activities in the school.
- Encourage community members and students to make suggestions as to what new activities can be included under Swachhata Pakhwada and forward such suggestions to MoE
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**

15.9.2021 (Wednesday)

Prize Distribution Days

- Prize distribution for participation of children, teachers and parents in competitions viz. Painting, Essay, Debate, Quiz, Slogan, Inter-school and Crafting, model making etc. (physical ceremonies may be avoided, prizes may be announced virtually, digital certificates issued and handing over of prize items be deferred till normal school reopening)
- All Schools/educational institutions may sum up their activities and work undertaken during the Pakhwada and select best activity for forwarding to district/state authority for uploading on the website i.e. in public domain.
- **Upload number of schools participated on Google tracker and photos, videos and publicity material on Google drive.**
- **The details of Google Tracker and Drive will be intimated later.**