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CIRCULAR

No. DE.23(399)/Sch.Br./ 1076 - 79

Dated: 23/10/11

Sub: Circular about holding an essay competition for 8th - 10th std on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti

Please find enclosed herewith a letter with circular received from National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI) Hyderabad on the above cited subject.

All the Heads of schools are directed to inform about this competition to willing students of class 8th to 10th.

Encl:- As above

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Copy to:-

1. PS to Secretary(Education)
2. PS to Director(Education)
4. All RDEs
5. All DDEs(District)/EOs
6. OS(IT) to please paste it on the website
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( MRS. KUM KUM LAMBA )
ADE (SCHOOL)

( DR. A.K. SAXENA )
DEO (SCHOOL)
To,
The Additional Director
Primary School Education Department
New Delhi

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Respected Sir/Madam

The National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), under Ministry of HRD, Government of India, was established in 1995 with the objective of promoting rural higher education in a comprehensive manner by providing support to various rural institutes. The mandate of the NCRI also states that its plans, policies and programmes should be based on Gandhian ideas therefore it gives special importance to the promotion of Nai Talim.

The National Policy on Education (1992) states that free and compulsory education must be provided to all children below 14 years of age across the country. Gandhi's philosophy of education has several aspects and facets which are relevant in the present context. To identify these tenets and evaluate the understanding of its core value by the people we are planning to hold an essay writing competition for school children of class 8\textsuperscript{th} to 10\textsuperscript{th} across the country.

We seek your help and co-operation in this regard and hence request you to circulate information about this competition amongst all the schools coming under your department.

Circular is enclosed herewith.

Thanking you.

(Baldeep Kaur)
APO, Nai Talim Centre
NCRI
Circular

Nal Talim was formulated by Mahatma Gandhi which can be translated as ‘Basic Education for all’. Nal Talim is an educational system which endeavours to achieve a harmonious development of the head, heart and hand based on sound moral principles. It developed out of Gandhiji’s experimentation in Tolstoy and Phoenix Farm in South Africa. One of the core ideas of Nal Talim is that education is child centric, correlated to the ‘swabhava’ of the child so that the child is not burdened with the idea of learning and education. The three pillars of Gandhiji’s teaching were focus on the lifelong education, social character and holistic process.

The topic for the essay competition is mentioned below:

“That the Nal Talim is my precious gift to this nation”- Mahatma Gandhi: Elaborate

The competition is open from 2nd October 2011. The best judged entries will be presented with an award during 2nd Nal Talim Convention in Patna. A compilation of the best entries received may be published at the discretion of NCRI.

Essay Competition guidelines:

- Essays should be handwritten.
- Essays can be in regional / national or English languages.
- The essay should not exceed 1000 words.
- Student’s name, class and the name of the school have to be mentioned.
- All entries should reach us on or before 20th Oct 2011.

All essays must be submitted by the school on behalf of the students, along with a covering letter on school letterhead.

Essays submitted without a covering letter on the school letterhead will be disqualified.

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