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25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Dear *Chief Secretary*,

The International Women's Day (IWD) 2020 is being observed on 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The theme for this year is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights" The Government under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development has proposed to observe the Day throughout the country alongwith a media and publicity campaign from 01<sup>st</sup> March to 07<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, in the run-up to the main event on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

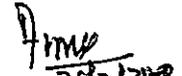
2. To take forward the momentum of empowerment of girls and women through education, the International Women's Day may also be observed in the Schools and Colleges with the following suggested activities.

- i) Girls to be designated as class monitor in all classes for the day in all schools.
- ii) The day's topic of instructions in different subjects should focus on women achievers. For example, in Social Studies subject, students may be taught about women freedom fighters in national movement (1857 to 1947), 15 women members of the Constituent Assembly; in Science, about women scientists and discoveries/contribution made by them and in language, literature by women writers and poets.
- iii) Special morning assembly: Talks on women achievers in different fields, role play, thought of the day, group song on women empowerment, award/recognition to the girls students who have performed well in different fields such as academics/ sports, dance, music, arts social service and other novel areas.
- iv) Invite women professionals such as those in armed forces, police, aircraft pilots, locomotive pilots, aerospace engineers, building & construction, scientist etc. to give talks in schools and interact with the students.
- v) In Higher Education Institutions and Universities, Gender Studies Cell and UGC to conduct seminars on gender bias and stereotyping, gender equality and women's rights.
- vi) Honoring women faculty members and staff.

- vii) Essay writing on prominent/inspirational women of the district where the school/college/institution is located.
  - viii) Special broadcast on International Women's Day in educational channels like Swayam Prabha on gender equality and women's empowerment through education.
  - ix) Banner on International Women's Day on all Government websites.
3. Since 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 is a Sunday, the activities of International Women's Day 2020 may be observed between 01<sup>st</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 on a day as decided by the State/UT.
  4. It may kindly be noted that the above activities may be integrated as part of the regular curricular activities/calendar without adversely affecting normal academic activities of the school/college/institution.
  5. I would be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter personally and instruct the concerned authorities, so that the International Women's Day is observed in a befitting manner.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Amit Khare)

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3. Chairman, NCTE
4. Director, NCERT
5. Chairman, NIOS
6. Commissioner, KVS
7. Commissioner, NVS
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