

From

Director General Higher Education,
Haryana, Panchkula.

To

1. The Vice- Chancellors of all State and Private Universities,
2. The Principals of all Government Colleges,
3. The Principals of all Government Aided Colleges,
4. The Principals of all Self Financing Colleges.

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Dated 18th February, 2020.

Subject: Regarding Student Literature Festival in Colleges.

In recent years, it has been observed that most students are less keen on developing their reading habits. Still, to be able to stand on the same ground as other leading countries, this habit should be instilled in the students. Many stakeholders and teachers are concerned with the students declining reading habits. However, parents are unaware of this problem or choose to leave this problem for teachers to handle. It will not be out of queue to mention that books play an important role in shaping the lives of youth. Their career, their personality, their creativity and even their thinking enhances when different prospects are presented in front of them from motley of categories of art, culture and science. Unfortunately, it is observed that the students lack the interest in literature, books and even colleges lack in motivating students to develop reading and literature culture among students. The problem most students have that contributes to their poor performance in tests and examinations is lack of proper reading habits.

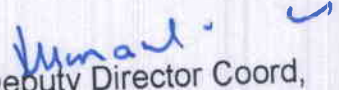
For an excellent performance, there is the need for the student to form good reading and study habits. At present, due to the influence of the social media, students do not show much interest in reading books; magazines and journals, among others. Even the examination malpractices may be traceable to the prevalent poor reading interests and habits among the wide spectrum of students. In addition, the by-products of scientific and technological inventions and innovations have also contributed greatly to the dwindling fortunes of the good practice of reading among majority of the students. Today, many students prefer to watch movies and other shows on the television, listening to audio-CDs, watching video-CDs, among others. Many parents and teachers complain about students of our generation who have not developed reading habits among themselves.

To address the issue, it is felt to develop reading habit in young generation which include; improving communication, better ability to comprehend, improve knowledge and perspective, builds personality and somewhat pacify the mind. Department has already taken various


initiatives in this direction which includes launch of foundation booklet- RISE and constitution of literary societies in colleges. It has been decided that to facilitate and inculcate the knack of reading books apart from academic books, literary fest may be held in some of the lead colleges so that students of Haryana can learn the different realms of life through books.

The Literature Festival will be an annual feature and will be organized in one of the lead colleges at district level. It will be different from the Lit Festivals that are happening in plethora nowadays as here the audience and participants will be our students who have an innate talent of expressing themselves through creative writing be it poetry or short story. For this year, it has been decided to organize Literature Festival at S. D. College, Panipat on 17th -18th March, 2020. There will be a book fair simultaneous to this book fair which will continue from 17th March till 22nd March. To make this event student centric, it has been decided that 2 entries each in story writing and poetry writing will be invited from all colleges and universities out of which our jury will shortlist 200 stories and 200 poems. These students along with their in-charges will be called for the literature fest for literary workshops and for interaction with the eminent authors. This event will be called Akhil Haryana Yuva Sahitya Mahotsav as students from all colleges and universities will be participating in it.

You are requested to send 2 entries each in story writing and poetry writing from your institution by 26th February, 2020 at yuvaliteraturefestival@gmail.com. Your support will make this event great success and it will have a far reaching impact on our students.


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A copy of the above is forwarded to Principal, S.D College, Panipat with a request for making all necessary arrangements.


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