From

Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Department of Higher Education, Chandigarh.

To

The Principals all Govt. Colleges in the State of Haryana

Memo No.- 1/23-2018 Co (2) Dated, Panchkula, the: 18.8.2018

Subject:- Regarding Raksha Bandhan - an occasion to celebrate Womanhood.

Kindly refer on the subject cited above

The State Govt. has been laying great emphasis on the safety of girls and women in the state. A number of initiatives and schemes have been launched by the state govt. to safeguard the interests of women in society.

In this regard, a campaign 'Ek Aur Sudhar' has been launched under which one reform is initiated every month for the welfare of citizen especially girls. The Department of Higher Education has also been putting great efforts on girls education and their safety in colleges by creating gender sensitization and also by providing there significant knowledge of their rights and laws.

In addition, girls are being trained to become self reliant and confident. The festival of Raksha Bandhan is approaching which is celebrated with full fervour and flavours across the country by all citizen. The festival is a symbol of protection, girls safety, faith and love. It has been decided to celebrate this Raksha Bandhan as an occasion to commemorate womanhood. A series of activities have been planned to celebrate Raksha Bandhan in colleges as a symbol of safety and protection of girls. List of activities starting with Aarambh on 23.08.2018 till Swayam Siddha on 25.08.2018 is enclosed as annexure herewith for compliance. For organising Rallies/Marches, support from District administration and Women and Child Development Department may be solicited. I have been further directed to request you to send detailed action taken report to this office after 27th August 2018.

Deputy Director Coordination
for Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana
Higher Education Department Chandigarh.

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Dated, Panchkula, the 18/1/18

- A copy of the above is forwarded to all Deputy Commissioners with a request to facilitate organizing of Empowerment Marches/Rallies on 24th August, 2018.
- A copy is forwarded to Director, Sports and Youth Affair Department, Sec-3, Panchkula with a request to provide Coaches for regular Self Defence Training of girls in Government Colleges.

Deputy Director Coordination for Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana Higher Education Department Chandigarh.

Raksha Bandhan- an Occasion to celebrate Womanhood Programme for College Students (23rd August 2018-25th August 2018)

23rd August 2018 - Aarambh

- Slogan writing competitions on Women Safety and Empowerment.

 Best slogans should be uploaded on the websites of colleges. Ist, IInd and IIIrd prizes should be given to best slogans.
- Bindaas Bol- Open Forum on Gender Sensitization- Group Discussions on Gender Violence, Dignity and Safety of Women and Role of Women in National Development in the mentor-mentee groups. Discussions must be arranged on women safety issues among groups of boys and girls.

24th August 2018- Sashakt Naari- Sashakt Haryana

- Organizing Empowerment Marches/Rallies to create social awareness with the support of District Administration. Slogans written by students during slogan writing competition on 23rd August, 2018 should be used during the Empowerment Rallies.
- Special Assembly on Raksha Bandhan with key speakers/experts on the relevant topics, gender sensitization. Experts, speakers, college teachers and interested students should be involved to speak in the special assembly.

25th August 2018- Sankalp Sutra Bandhan

• Pledge to be administered by all students for girls safety. Pledge to be administered:

I pledge not to indulge any type of violence against girls in college or in society.

I pledge to take action against sexual violence against girls by choosing not to remain silent.

Instead, I will speak up for those in my neighborhood, family, work or college who are victims of abuse.

I will create a peaceful and safe environment for girls and women in my home, college and society.

By living this pledge, I am joining with others to end violence of any kind against women in my home, college and community.

- Signature Drive by all students on signature wall to be placed in the college alongwith written pledge.
- Tying of Sankalp Sutra to trees in the campus by students who took pledge. For this purpose a tree at a prominent place on the campus may be chosen and pictures of the same be uploaded on the portal

after tying sankalp sutra.

25th August 2018- Swayam Siddha

- Regular Self Defense Training (at least one month per semester) by coaches from Sports Department to make them Swayam Siddha to commence from 25th August, 2018.
- Distribution of Pepper Spray. Pepper Spray may be purchased as per prescribed procedure out of AF or Women Cell grants.

These programmes will be organized under the aegis of Women Cell in the colleges.