

"DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for gender equality"

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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, 8th March is globally observed as the International Women's Day (IWD) each year, to celebrate the achievements of women and mark a call to action for gender equality. This day also aims to draw attention to the issues faced by women and advocates for women emancipation. Education is a forerunner for empowering women and leads them to an informed and quality life.

2. To reinforce the significance of the day, especially for the girls and also the boys in the school, impactful events/programs may be organized in the week beginning on 1st of March, 2023 in the Schools and culminating on International Women's Day.

3. For this, some suggested activities are as under:

- I. The topic of instructions in different subjects may be focused on gender equality and rights of women. For example, stories on women empowerment may be narrated in the language classes, whereas in Social Studies, social issues regarding women and the eminent people who strived for equal rights for women may be discussed.
- II. Special morning assemblies themed on women empowerment may be organised, which may include 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.
- III. Such local women may be identified who have succeeded despite their struggles and their interaction with school children may be organised. Talks by women professionals such as but not limited to those in armed forces, police, aircraft pilots, locomotive pilots, aerospace engineers, building & construction, scientist etc. may also be organised.
- IV. The achievements of Women sports-persons throughout the year may be highlighted and girls should be encouraged to actively participate in sports.
- V. Women faculty members and staff may be felicitated for their significant contributions to school and society.
- VI. Banner on International Women's Day may be displayed on all Government websites.
- VII. Discussions at school level may be held with female students regarding any problems/issues being faced by them in or while commuting to school and corrective

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measures may be devised. Boys may also be encouraged to participate to bring in the concept of equality and mutual respect, from a young age.

IX. Create awareness on Menstrual health and Hygiene so that drop-out of girls at secondary/senior secondary level may be reduced.

4. I would deeply appreciate 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. The above may be done without substantially disturbing the regular school activities.

5. Further, the schedule of events/programmes/activities planned for celebration of International Women's Day and a report on the initiatives and activities undertaken may be shared with this Department and also on the website of State/UTs' Education Department or any Social Media handles.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

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