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To,
The Heads of all recognised Secondary &
Higher Secondary Schools within the
jurisdiction of this Board.

Sub:- Observance of "**Human Rights Education and Training**" for one complete month
from **11 November (National Education Day) to 10 December (Human Rights Day)**.

Sir/Madam,

1. As you are aware, the National Human Rights Commission set up under the protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993, is working for promotion and protection of Human Rights of the people of this country. The Commission has been taking several initiatives to promote Human Rights Education at the School and also at University level.
2. As a sequel to this endeavour the Commission had organised a National Conference on Human Rights Education at Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi on 14th December 2012.
3. As per the recommendations of the National Conference on Human Rights Education, human rights education should be an integral part of the Right to Education and there is a need to widen the scope of promoting human rights education at the School level. It should be so designed that it provides the child with life skills and also strengthens the capacity of the child whereby s/he is able to enjoy the full range of human rights and in the process promote a culture which is infused by appropriate human rights values.
4. It is also not sufficient to introduce a stand-alone chapter on human rights or give information about human rights in small sections in any one of the textbooks like social studies or civics.
5. There is need to teach human rights education at all levels of the School system. Only then, human rights education would lead to promotion of rights based education in the Schools. This would ensure respecting the human rights of all.

6. In the light of above recommendations, some of the following suggestive activities may be taken at the school level.

- Human Rights Education Cell (HREC) comprising of minimum five members with representation from teaching staff, non teaching staff and from the students may be constituted. The Co-ordinator of the HREC will be the Head of the Institution. The HREC will take up all the matters pertaining to human rights education at the school level.
- Visiting slots may be kept separately for students, teachers and parents by the Head of the Institution or HREC.
- Activities like holding of mock courts on violation on human rights, mock Parliament sessions and enacting out other real-life situation in schools should be arranged regularly to allow children to participate in them actively.
- Other interesting activity could be working on projects in the neighbourhood and community.
- Sensitization and training programmes on human rights education through pre and in-service training could be arranged for teachers/non teaching staff along with school administrators, school management committees and other staff. Such training programmes should impart the necessary knowledge, understanding, skills and competencies to facilitate the learning and practice of human rights in schools.
- The Sensitization programme on human rights should aim to provide guidelines/list of do's & don'ts on key components of human rights issues like ' No corporal punishment, eve – teasing, ragging' etc. All these must be displayed at prominent place on School notice Board.
- The best practises of human rights are to be shared at the Schools/Super School complex level. Such best activities may be awarded and credits may be given to the students in assignments/projects.
- **One complete month from 11 November (National Education day) to 10 December (Human Rights day) should be observed for human rights education and training by all schools.**

- Any other activities or projects or schemes of incentives may be developed to motivate students so that they become responsible citizens of this nation.
- The initiatives taken by the school shall be reported to Joint Secretary (Acad) in the Academic Section of this Office.

All the Head of the Institutions are hereby informed to make all efforts to promote human rights education at the school level so as to provide a platform for systematic improvement and promote citizenship and value education along with social and emotional development of the child.

(Bhagirath G. Shetye)
Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Director,
Directorate of Education,
Porvorim Goa----- for information.
2. The Director,
State Council of Educational Research & Training,
Porvorim Goa.----- With a request to conduct sensitization and training to teachers/non teaching staff and all other stakeholders on Human Rights Education in Schools.
3. The Under Secretary (Home),
Department of Home (General),
Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa.----- With reference to letter No.GBSHSE/ACAD/HR/2014/1181,
dated 19/06/2014.