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SHASTRI BHAVAN  
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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

D.O.No.8-5/2021/L-II

Dear Man,

As you are aware, 21<sup>st</sup> February, has been declared as **International Mother Language day** by the UNESCO in 1999. Every year, all the higher educational institutions/schools across the country are advised to organize various activities like Elocution, Debating, Singing, Essay Writing and Painting competitions, Music and Dramatic performances, Exhibitions etc. However, this year, the Matribhasha Diwas is being celebrated jointly by the Ministries of Education and Culture as Webinar from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 and the inaugural function will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2021 through virtual mode. Hon'ble Education Minister desires that all the students from all the Higher Educational institutions, JNU, AICTE, Kendriya Vidyalayas, CBSE, students under-NIOS should invariably participate in the function.

2. Accordingly, the inaugural function of the **Matribhasha Diwas will be conducted on 21.02.2021** between 11.00 AM and 12.00 Noon in which Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice President of India will be the Chief Guest of the occasion and Hon'ble Education Minister and Hon'ble Minister of State Culture and Tourism (I/C) and Minister of State for Education shall be Guest of Honor.

3. I shall therefore, take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the inaugural function of the Matribhasha Diwas and also to advice students in the Higher Educational Institutions/Schools etc to participate in the Webinar. The link to the Webinar is [webcast.gov.in/mhrd](http://webcast.gov.in/mhrd), [education.gov.in](http://education.gov.in) and [education.gov.in/hi](http://education.gov.in/hi).

With kind regards,

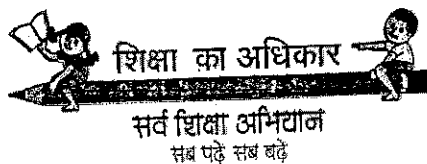
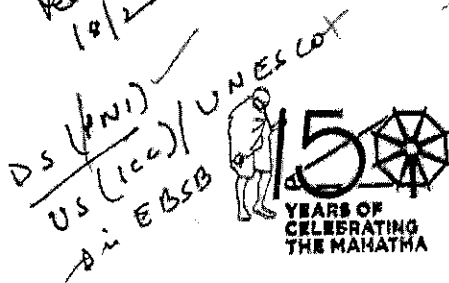
Yours sincerely,

*Sanjay*  
(Sanjay Kumar Sinha)

*Pls inform all officials and ask them to join online*  
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Government of India  
Ministry of Education  
Department of Higher Education  
Language Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: "Matribhasha Diwas" (Mother Language day) on 21.02.2021 – Celebration regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that UNESCO in 1999, declared 21<sup>st</sup> February of every year be celebrated as "International Mother Language day". Accordingly, the International Mother Language Day celebrations are held every year on this date by this Ministry in the name of "Matribhasha Diwas". The significance of this day is to promote dissemination of mother Language of all and create maximum awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity amongst the people speaking many languages.

2. However, "Matribhasha Diwas" is celebrated this year jointly by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture through virtual medium from 21.02.2021 to 23.02.2021 to promote and preserve Mother Language. It has been proposed that the inaugural function of the Matribhasha Diwas will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice President of India at 11.00 AM on 21.02.2021 in which Hon'ble Education Minister, Minister of State for Culture (I/C) and Minister of State for Education will participate as Guest of Honours.

3. It is requested that this may be conveyed to all the Higher Educational Institutions/Educational Institutions/Schools under your administrative control to advice the students to participate in the webinar without fail. The link to the webinar will be intimated separately.

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Copy also to: UGC/AICTE/NCERT/KVS/NVS/CBSE with a request to direct all the Universities under the control to participate in the Webinar function.