

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054

No. F. DE.23 (563)/Sch.Br./2017/06

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Sub: - Action Plan for Schools to Contribute to Improve Air Quality.

The following action plan is devised by Education Department in compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 12.09.2017, WPC No.728/2015 so as to reach out to children in all the schools through the school staff, volunteers and NGOs to sensitize and educate school children on the health hazards and ill-effects of breathing polluted air, including air that is polluted due to fireworks.

- All the celebration of festivals and other festive occasions should be celebrated during day time to avoid use of more energy and to prevent the environment from various pollutants used amply at night time. No crackers should be burnt during such occasions.
- The themes and topics for Zonal/Districts and State Level competitions should be related to good environment or pollution free environment.
- There should be special lectures in the school assembly on the health hazards emanating from poor quality air.
- The themes and topics for all the Science Exhibitions/Fairs should also be associated with environment for the budding Scientist to ponder over it.
- Frequent awareness session should also be held in a week before Dusshera and Diwali festivals to sensitize students towards consequences/health hazardous caused by burning of crackers.
- Various competitions such as Declamation, Debate, Drawing & Painting, Essays and Quiz Contest should also be organized on the topics associated with protection of environment from time to time.
- Greening campaign of the schools and surrounded area should be initiated and all the students should be involved in it so that each student may grow atleast one plant every year with the sole responsibility to nurture it.
- Eco-club of all the schools should be activated to deal with the issues related to reducing pollution and planting of more and more trees/plants.
- SMC/PTA Members should also be motivated and encouraged to help in generating awareness in the society about importance of good environment.
- The inspection schedule of the schools should also include the role of teachers in disseminating the information on pollution control, importance of quality air and sensitization of the students about good quality air and pollution free environment.

- All the schools should display on the Display Boards the consequences of polluted environment as well as necessity of healthy and good quality environment in the form of best drawings & paintings on the related themes or topics.
- All the schools should motivate their students to plant more and more trees and also to adopt them for their proper growth alongwith highlighting the importance of the trees for the future generation.
- Importance of conserving the environment, ill effects of pollution etc. may be encouraged as a theme for Annual Days.

All these programmes/activities are to be continued throughout the Academic Session.

This issues with prior approval of the Competent Authority.

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