BRIEF NOTE

Workshop on “OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY”

The Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), New Delhi organises a variety of in-service training programmes to enable teachers from different regions to share knowledge of their culture with others and create a sense of appreciation for the diversity and richness of India’s Heritage. These programmes provide teachers teaching various disciplines, an opportunity to interact with one another, so that their approach to education may be inter-related and the teacher-learning process less compartmentalized and may provide students with an enriching educational experience.

The accelerated pace of development in our country has brought forth changes both in the physical environment and cultural patterns on an unprecedented scale. With the result, the familiar surroundings and the related cultural identities are being lost. It must be realized that what is lost today, due to ignorance, lack of awareness or concern or thoughtless planning cannot be recovered, be it a plant species or a historical monument.

Over the centuries, India’s rich and ornate culture has either been forgotten or covered with the dust of time, misinterpreted due to a lack of authentic information. In an age when our inherent links with the environment and nature are endangered while the value of peaceful co-existence and goodwill are severely tested time and again, it is important to recreate the joy of celebrating life and it’s rich beauty together irrespective of differences of sex, age, religious beliefs, social and financial status as well as regional or linguistic preferences.

It cannot be gainsaid that it is the school where foundations for national unity, patriotism, social harmony and secularism can be firmly laid. It is here that the dynamic concept of unity and diversity can be ingrained in the young minds so as to become a part of mental set.

The Workshop on “Our Cultural Diversity” concentrates to describe how schools can help in promoting national integration among the students have their objectives of national integration can be made a part and parcel of their general ethos. The workshop is also, an initiative of CCRT, to generate awareness and enhance understanding of ethnic flavor of rich culture of North-Eastern region of our country.

The teachers are invited in this Workshop to take up the task of sensitizing school students to their role as future guardians of the rich natural and cultural resources of our country.

The Main Objectives of the Workshop are as follows:

- To create awareness towards our rich natural & cultural heritage;
- To make teachers understand the role of schools in conservation of natural and cultural heritage;
- To study simple techniques by which students can be involved in looking after historical monuments and other natural and cultural property of their region;
- To develop a practical plan of action that may inspire students to undertake projects to conserve heritage of India and to be responsible citizens;
- To develop an understanding of possible solutions to local conservation issues with respect to heritage;
- To provide an opportunity to teachers from various parts of the country to stay together and interact with each other and with local students, fostering a spirit of national integration.

The workshop consists of lectures/lecture demonstrations, slide presentations, conservation activities, project work, study of monuments and museums etc. The sessions on learning puppetry, creative expressions and learning traditional crafts are organized. There are sessions on preparation of educational aids and games, work-sheets and activity-sheets. Educational visits to places of historical, natural and cultural importance will also organize.

A few CCRT educational publications with Audio-CD’s are gifted to the school through participating teacher after successful completion of the said Workshop.

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The following points may please be noted while deputing the teachers for the Workshop on “Our Cultural Diversity”

1. The deputed teachers should be below the age of 52 years. (It is essential to give proof of Date of Birth at the time of Registration.)

2. The Workshop is for in-service Govt./Govt. aided school teachers teaching classes I to XII and subjects like Languages, History, Geography, Civics Sociology, Economics, Commerce, Mathematics Science, Music and not Physical Education, Drawing, Arts, SUPW/WE/Painting.

3. Headmaster/Headmistress and Principal of school may not be deputed for participation in the Workshop.

4. Those teachers, who have already attended Workshop on “Our Cultural Diversity” organized by the CCRT as per your record, should not be deputed again for the same Workshop.

5. No Contractual or Temporary Teachers like Shiksha-Karmi, Shiksha-Bandhu, Shiksha-Mtr, Education Friend, Teacher Facilitator, Sanvidha Shikshak, etc. should be deputed.

6. The lectures will be delivered in English/Hindi for the benefit of the teachers participating from all parts of the country. Therefore working knowledge of English is essential.

7. As the working hours will be long and the Workshop will be held in a camp atmosphere, teachers should be in good health.

8. Only one teacher can be deputed for participation from one school at a time for the Workshop.

9. The deputed teachers may be asked not to bring any escort/family member with them under any circumstances.

10. Your deputation order will be treated as a final order and the CCRT will not issue any selection letter to individuals. However, any relevant query by the deputed teachers will be answered, for which our letter reference number and date must be quoted.

For registration on the first day of the Workshop and for payment of TA/DA on the last day of the Workshop, the deputed teachers must bring the following certificates on separate sheets of paper:

(i) Date of Birth Certificate  
(ii) Relieving Certificate from the School  
(iii) Basic Pay Certificate  
(iv) Two passport size photographs  
(v) Tickets/Ticket Nos. (Original of the onward journey performed and photocopy of the return journey). To and fro tickets of the entitled class and by shortest route should be purchased for the journey.

As this will be a good opportunity for deputed teachers from different States/UT to stay together, interact with each other and share a common platform, the deputed teachers may be asked to bring the text books of the subjects which they teach along with the books prescribed in social sciences in their State/UT.

The participating teachers will also be given an opportunity to present their regional cultural programme, hence the deputed teachers may also be requested to bring costumes, repertoire of folk songs, dances and other important items of cultural value which they would like to share with their colleagues from other States/UT during the Workshop.

Since it is difficult to get the confirmed return reservation in a short time, we would like to suggest that the deputed teachers make their “return reservation” from their headquarter beforehand.