



**CENTRE FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES AND TRAINING
NEW DELHI**

**BRIEF NOTE
WORKSHOP ON 'OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY'**

Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), New Delhi organizes 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 this age 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 its 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.

This workshop is of approximately 09 working days.

Objectives:

- To create awareness about ethnic & cultural diversity of India;
- To make teachers understand and appreciate the diverse cultural traditions and its manifestations in the form of various art forms like Literary Arts, Performing Arts & Visual Arts;
- To orient the teachers to develop the perspective for appreciation, love & respect for art and traditions of other communities;
- To document the rich tradition of ethnic communities with special reference to North Eastern India;
- To use diverse cultural traditions as a pedagogy for incorporating cultural components in classroom teaching learning process in line with NEP 2020;
- 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.

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.

CCRT Cultural Educational Kit is gifted to the school through participating teacher after successful completion of the said Workshop.
