From

Director Higher Education, Haryana, Shiksha Sadan, Sector-5, Panchkula.

To

The Principals of all Govt. Colleges in the State.

Memo No. 27/52-2019 Co. (1) Dated Panchkula, the 22.10.2019

Subject: Regarding Surajkund Literature Festival.

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

I have been directed to convey that the Government of Haryana has been continuously making tremendous efforts to improve the facilities for higher education ecosystem in the state. The state has achieved remarkable progress in its higher and technical education sector and is committed in its endeavor to further provide quality education to its students. The department has provided many reforms especially in the area of industry interventions, placements and startups which would help putting Haryana as Education Hub in North India. But the fruit of these reforms can actually be bore once the youth of Haryana gets quality education and that can only be achieved by not only best faculty but also by inculcating the knack of reading among them.

To address the issue it is felt to develop reading habit in young generation which include; improving communication, better ability to comprehend, improve knowledge and perspective, builds personality and somewhat pacify the mind. Department has already taken various initiatives in this direction which includes launch of foundation booklet- RISE, constitution of literary societies in colleges. To facilitate and inculcate the knack of reading books apart from academic books, a state level literary fest with a name of "**SurajkundLiteratureFestival**" will be held in the month of February 2020 for three days on the lines of Jaipur Lit Fest and Chandigarh Lit Fest so that students of Haryana can learn the different realms of life through books. The festival will mark the presence of world renowned authors and writers, local authors, with other dignitaries, students and general public.

Apropos of the Initiative, Colleges are requested to conduct literary competition in their respective colleges. Competitions like Poetry writing, Book reading, Book review, Writing Competitions etc. can be organized in the colleges and the winner of the competitions will get a chance to share dais with the eminent authors. These competitions may be organized by the month of November and college principals are requested to share the list of shortlisted candidates (Winners) to the directorate so that students can be felicitated at the Lit Fest.

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