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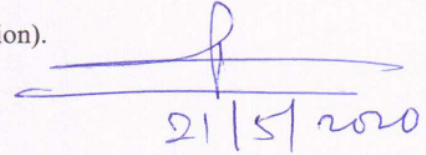Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 21st May, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme - Activities to be conducted by Institutions under D/o Higher Education in digital format in view of COVID-19 reg.**

Secretary (HE) convened a meeting of Secretaries of all Ministries participating in EBSB. It was decided in the meeting that keeping in view the COVID 19 situation, all Ministries much compulsorily organize activities in digital format. The list of activities to be conducted by Institutions under D/o Higher Education in digital format as part of EBSB in view of COVID 19 is enclosed.

2.   All the concerned Bureau Heads are, therefore, requested to ask Institutions under their administrative control to plan and hold activities as per Annexure. It may also be ensured that the same is uploaded on the EBSB Portal on a regular basis. The log in id for updating has already been provided to Nodal Officials of all Institutes.

3.   This issues with the approval of Secretary (Higher Education).

Encl.: As above

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(Pandey Pradeep Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

1.	Sh. Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary
2.	Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar, JS (IISER)
3.	Sh. Madan Mohan, ADG (Statistics)
4.	Sh. Madhu Ranjan Kumar, JS (DL &Admn)
5.	Smt. Kamini Chauhan Ratan, JS (HE)
6.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, JS (Mgt. & ICR)
7.	Sh. G.C.Hosur, JS (CU)
8.	Chairperson, AICTE with the request to issue necessary directions to AICTE approved Institutions
9.	Secretary, UGC with the request to issue necessary directions to UGC recognized Institutions
10.	National Project Coordinator, RUSA with the request to issue necessary directions to RUSA funded Institutions

Copy to: 1.   Heads of all Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions
              2.   PSO to Secretary (HE)

<u>ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED BY INSTITUTIONS UNDER D/O HIGHER EDUCATION IN DIGITAL FORMAT AS PART OF EBSB IN VIEW OF COVID-19</u>

1. **Webinars**
- Every HE institution must do at least one webinar every month with an institution in the paired State/ UT.
- The topic can be of varied nature - anything of National importance/ importance to the two states/ academic.

2. **EBSB Club/ EBSB Day**
- EBSB Clubs in the institution must observe EBSB day once a month.
- Club members can teach each other songs / dance/ cuisine of their paired state. If there is a person from the paired state in the EBSB club, he/ she can teach the others. If not, selected members can be assigned the task of learning a song/ dish/ anything else from available internet resources and teach the others.
- EBSB Clubs from institutions in paired States/ UTs can also interact online, teaching each other similar things. For e.g. EBSB Club from an HE institution in Maharashtra can interact online with an EBSB Club in an HE in Odisha.

3. **Language Learning and Language Quiz**
- We are sharing 100 sentences in 21 different languages. All students in HE institutions should be encouraged to learn the language of their paired states from these.
- There are also many language learning Apps available from which students can learn the language of their paired state.
- Every institution must conduct an online language quiz for students every month. This can be done through any of the available online platforms. A date and time can be assigned for the quiz. Institutions can give digital certificates to all students who get 80 % or above.

4. **WhatsApp / Skype Buddies Project**
- All HE Institutions have been paired with some HE Institution in the paired state. Each institution, through their EBSB Nodal officials, must ensure formation of at least 10 WhatsApp Buddies/ Skype Buddies from among students of the paired institutions.
- While forming pairs, mutual areas of interest should be kept in mind.
- Each pair of buddies should interact regularly with each other
- The pairs should be encouraged to take up fun joint projects – for e.g. writing a story jointly / translating songs / stories of each other's language / creating fusion music/ fusion folk art / dance - anything that can be done digitally and stored digitally. The list is only indicative.
- The joint projects can be uploaded on MyGov portal. The interesting ones will be shortlisted for prize/ certificate.