## Government of India Ministry of Human Resource Development Department of School Education (IS-10 Section)

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Dated: 1. November, 2018.

To,

The Secretary (School Education) of all States and UTs.

# Sub: "Quami Ekta Week" (National Integration Week) from 19th to 25th November, 2018 – Reg.

## Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that with a view to fostering and reinforcing the spirit of Communal Harmony, National Integration and Pride in our vibrant composite culture and nationhood, the **Quami Ekta Week (National Integration Week)** will be observed all over the country, this year also, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

2. This occasion provides us an opportunity to reaffirm our age old traditions and faith in the values of tolerance, co-existence and brotherhood in a multi-cultural and multi-religious society. The observation of the "Quami Ekta Week" will also help to highlight the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand actual and potential threats to the eclectic and secular fabric of our country, and nurture a spirit of communal harmony in its widest sense.

3. It is, therefore, requested that appropriate advice to all concerned may be given to organise the "Quami Ekta Week" in a befitting manner. The programmes may be given due publicity and organised in a manner that would include and involve participation of people from all walks of society, so that the message of Communal Harmony and National Integration could permeate every part of the State and the society. It is felt that this should be an occasion to articulate loudly and clearly, the sentiment that our nation will not countenance any forces that seek to divide our society or threaten our rich composite cultural ethos. A list indicating suggested programmes is enclosed.

4. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony organises a Communal Harmony Campaign coinciding with the "Qaumi Ekta Week" and observes the Communal Harmony Flag Day on 25<sup>th</sup> November, which needs wide publicity and support. It also provides financial assistance for relief and rehabilitation of children rendered orphan or destitute in communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence. These programmes may also be supported.

Yours sincerely

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# PROGRAMMES TO BE OBSERVED DURING QAUMI EKTA WEEK (NATIONAL INTEGRATION WEEK) FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018

## **19TH NOVEMBER (Monday)**

## NATIONAL INTEGRATION DAY

Meetings, symposia and seminars to emphasize the themes of secularism, anticommunalism and non-violence.

#### WELFARE OF MINORITIES DAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER (Tuesday)

Items of the 15 Point Programme may be emphasized. In riot prone towns, special fraternal processions may be taken out.

#### LINGUISTIC HARMONY DAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER (Wednesday)

Special literacy functions and Kavi Sammelans may be organised to enable people of each region to appreciate the linguistic heritage of other parts of India.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER (Thursday)

Meetings and rallies are organised to highlight programmes under various Government which help SCs/ STs and weaker sections with particular emphasis on the distribution of surplus land to landless labourers.

### **CULTURAL UNITY DAY** 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER (Friday)

Cultural functions are organised to present the India tradition of unity in diversity and for promoting cultural conservation and integration.

## WOMEN'S DAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER (Saturday)

The importance of women in Indian Society and their role in development of nation-building are highlighted.

### **CONSERVATION DAY** 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER (Sunday)

Meetings and functions are organised to emphasise the growing need for awareness and action to conserve the environment.

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## WEAKER SECTIONS DAY