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No.DE.23(399)/Sch.Br./2025/820

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Sub: Strengthening the bonds within generation & family and nurture the values of "Ageing with Dignity" and "Ageing with Place" through key initiatives at school- reg.

Please find enclosed herewith the DO letter- D.O.No.AG-15039/38/2024-Sr.C-I dated 5th August, 2025 of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India regarding the subject cited above.

Accordingly, all the Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Private Recognized Schools of DoE are hereby directed to organize the activities and programs in schools as mentioned in the DO letter.

This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: As above

(Dr. Sudhakar Gaikwad) DIE (School)

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Heads of all Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Private Recognized Schools of DoE through DEL-E.

Copy to:-

- 1. Secretary to Hon'ble CM.
- 2. Secretary to Hon'ble MoE.
- 3. PA to Secretary (Education).
- 4. PA to Director (Education).
- 5. All DDEs (Districts/Zones) to ensure compliance.
- 6. OS (IT) to please upload it on the website.
- 7. DDE (ASB/PSB) for necessary action.
- 8. Guard File.

OSD (School)

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भारत सरकार सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता विभाग शास्त्री भवन, नई दिल्ली—110 115 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 115

D.O. No. AG-15039/38/2024-Sr.C-I

Dated, the 05th August, 2025

Dear All,

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, through its Senior Citizens Division, is committed to fostering a dignified, inclusive, and emotionally fulfilling environment for the elderly across India. One of our emerging focus areas is **intergenerational bonding**, particularly through school-based initiatives that nurture relationships between the three generations, grandparents, parents & children.

- 2. India stands at the unique juncture of being a young nation, with over half of its population under the age of 25. However, as we move forward on our developmental trajectory, we must recognize that a significant percentage of our population will soon comprise of senior citizens. The shift in demographics over the coming decades will result in senior citizens forming a significant share of our society. This reality underscores the importance of fostering a culture of respect, empathy, and care for the elderly among our younger generations.
- 3. Schools play a pivotal role in shaping the character and values of children. The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is proposing a range of activities to help inculcate values of respect and gratitude towards senior citizens among students from an early age. These initiatives will foster respect and care for senior citizen by school children. This will lead to inter-generational bonding and empathy. No Activity, No Bag Day "is a school initiative part of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. We deeply appreciate the commitment shown by the schools toward holistic child development and community engagement. We believe that schools can be a key partner in piloting and celebrating the legacy, wisdom, and values that our senior citizens offer to younger generations.

Key Initiatives for Schools:

i. Schools may host quarterly Grandparents' Teacher Meet like Parents Teacher Meet with activities like storytelling and games to connect generations. The aim is to co-create engaging activities such as Creative &Artistic, Culinary& Healthy Eating, Physical & Outdoor Activities, Quiz Shows &Games, STEAM Activities and more—designed to deepen empathy, respect, and connection between generations.

ii. Schools can also hold pledge-taking ceremonies for students, teachers, and staff to pledge respect for senior citizens, with these pledges displayed prominently in the school as a reminder.(Pledge enclosed). The QR code of the pledge is also enclosed. This QR code can be placed in schools where the students / staff / teachers / parents can scan and take the Pledge. The certificate can be downloaded from their respective mobile / email id.

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iii. As part of morning assemblies or language classes, students may be encouraged to recite poems or shlokas that highlight the importance of respecting and honoring elders. These can be drawn from India's rich cultural heritage, resonating deeply with students.

iv. Schools may introduce regular sessions where students and senior citizens from the community interact through various activities, such as sharing stories, discussing history, or learning about traditional crafts. This will help students develop an appreciation for the

experiences and knowledge that senior citizens possess.

v. Encouraging students to engage in community service with senior citizens fosters intergenerational solidarity, mutual respect, and understanding. Schools may collaborate with local communities to create mentorship programs where seniors guide students in arts, culture, and vocational skills. This initiative benefits both generations by giving students valuable insights and providing seniors with purpose and connection.

- 4. These activities will help nurture a culture of empathy, understanding, and respect for the elderly, while also strengthening family and community bonds. By participating in these initiatives, students will develop life skills that go beyond academic success, fostering a sense of responsibility and compassion towards all members of society.
- 5. It is imperative that we begin these efforts at a young age, as values instilled in childhood often last a lifetime. Schools, as primary institutions of learning and character development, are best positioned to lead this cultural shift. By involving students in these activities, we can ensure that future generations grow up with a deep sense of respect and care for the elderly, fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society.
- 6. It is requested that events/activities being planned by your Department may be sent to Sh. Shubham Bhardwaj, US(Sr.C) [Mb.-9899870221; Email- shubham.bhardwaj12@nic.in]. It is also requested to nominate a nodal officer of your Department for this purpose.
- 7. I look forward to your support to the initiative of strengthening the bonds within generation & family and nurture the values of "Ageing with Dignity" and "Ageing in Place".

With warm regards.

(MONALÍ P. DHAKATÉ)

Enc: As above

Pr. Secretaries of School Education Department (All States/UTs)