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Respected Ma'am / Sir,

As you are aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his speech on 15th August 2021 at Red Fort, had declared 14th August to be observed as "*Partition Horrors Remembrance Day*". The Partition Horrors Remembrance Day has been envisaged to bring to light the agony, suffering and pain of millions of people who were the sufferers of partition. It is to remind the country of the largest displacement of the human population, which also claimed the lives of a large number of people.

2. Every year programmes like exhibitions and other activities are organised in schools of the country on and around 14th August.

3. This year, to portray sufferings of the partition affected people, a play has been curated by the National School of Drama (NSD). The script of the play is designed to educate and raise awareness among students about the events of Partition, the impact it had on millions of lives, and the importance of remembering this chapter of our history.

The link to download the script of the play is as under: -

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Eakk7hIRSOKIAMkHuytDKuAj4lg-lbHA>

The script is indicative and can be adapted or modified as per the suitability and creative requirements of individual schools.

4. To ensure wider outreach and dissemination of the message, it is requested to share this script with all schools under your jurisdiction and to upload the script and link of the play on your official website for easy access and reference by schools. A copy each of the scripts in English and Hindi is enclosed. You may also like to translate the script of the play into other languages through SCERT of your State.

5. As we had requested last year, mounting of an exhibition on "*Partition Horrors Remembrance Day*", jointly curated by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) may also be considered by schools in your jurisdiction. The exhibition is available for

download at <https://amritmahotsav.nic.in/partition-horror-remembrance-day.htm>. The SOP for mounting the exhibition is also enclosed. It is reiterated that considering the sensitivity of the issue, it may kindly be ensured that the exhibition is showcased with the sobriety and solemnness that it deserves. It should be especially ensured that the sentiments of any section of the society are not to be hurt. The SOP may be strictly adhered to. The State Government may like to consider mounting the exhibition in one prominent school of each district which students from nearby schools may also visit. The display of the exhibition may be accompanied by small programmes like discussions, debates, etc. to be organized by the head of the relevant institution. Local media may be invited to witness and cover the same.

6. I would deeply appreciate if follow up action taken in the matter is conveyed to the Department at ee1.section-edu@gov.in.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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9/8/24

(Dr. Amarpreet Duggal)

[Encl: As above]

**Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary, School Education:
All States and UTs**

Copy to NIC, DoSEL for uploading the link in the website of MoE.

PARTITION HORRORS REMEBERENCE DAY
14 AUGUST

Important Instructions for the Exhibition

1. This exhibition should be displayed at the important public places like banks, post offices, Govt buildings, educational institutions, community halls, petrol pumps, shopping malls etc. Enough efforts should be made so that that maximum people can see the exhibition
2. This exhibition can be printed on sun-board and be placed on easels
The size can be 2.5' x 4'
3. This exhibition can also be shown through digital media
4. There can be a brief function at the beginning of the exhibition
5. Freedom Fighters, prominent senior citizens or public representatives be requested to inaugurate this exhibition
6. Patriotic songs be played during the inaugural ceremony
7. In the beginning there can be a brief introduction about the purpose of the exhibition
8. Media be invited to the exhibition
9. Persons who have suffered the tragedy of partition should be invited to the exhibition
10. The inaugural ceremony should end with the National Anthem
11. Exhibition should be displayed for a definite duration
12. Enough arrangements be made for security of the exhibition
13. Enough efforts be made so that more and more people can come and see the exhibition
14. The exhibition is organised to remember the tragedy and agony of the partition so the sensitivity of this exhibition be remembered. It should also be ensured that no section of the society gets hurts by any act during the exhibition.
