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Subject: P.N. Panicker National Reading/Digital Reading Day-Month Celebrations 2026.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

Kindly find enclosed a letter from P.N. Panicker Foundation regarding P.N. Panicker National Reading/Digital Reading Day-Month Celebrations 2026.

All Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are requested to organize the P.N. Panicker National Reading/Digital Reading Day-Month Celebrations, 2026 and encourage students and faculty members for active participation.

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सेवा में,

सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।



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Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan
Hon'ble Union Minister for Education
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Dear Sir,

P.N. Panicker Foundation is the national civil society organization established in 1995, are spearheading the national movement of reading and development. In this respect the activities of the Foundation is supported by NITI Aayog, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Information Technology, Ministry of Education etc. This flagship programme of the Foundation is to inculcate reading habit and thereby fostering book mindedness among children and underprivileged with the slogan 'Read and Grow' preached and practiced by P.N.Panicker, the father of library and literacy movement of Kerala.

Govt. of Kerala observes June 19 as the 'Day of Reading' to perpetuate the memory of P.N. Panicker who commenced reading movement in Kerala in 1945 and established 5263 libraries in all villages of the country. The functioning of libraries in the rural areas eventually led to the total literacy of the state in 1981. It was the work of P.N.Panicker, the frail khadi clad man who led the movement by travelling most of the time in foot even the tribal pockets of Kerala. Govt of Kerala constituted an autonomous Govt. body 'P.N. Panicker Vigyan Vikas Kendra' to perpetuate the profound memory of the legendary hero of library and literacy by declaring his annual remembrance day as DAY OF READING.

With the blessings of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modiji, the Reading Day celebrations had reached all the 28 States, 8 Union Territories and 19 foreign countries. It is estimated that during the previous years around 410 million population celebrated this day of reading with activities in schools, colleges, panchayats etc.

NITI used to write letters to all Chief Secretaries of the country to celebrate this one month long event in the country (June 19 to July 18) and directed District Collectors to follow it up. The copy of the letter issued by NITI Aayog is enclosed for your kind reference. Now NITI Aayog wants to issue letters through Ministry of Education to all Chief Secretaries of the country specifying the need of celebrating to Reading Day on 19th June.

With this context, we request, the Hon'ble Minister to issue letters to all Chief Secretaries of the state as well as all Departments of Ministry of Education to celebrate reading and related activities from June 19 to July 18 in a fitting manner as done in the past for the last 30 years to achieve inclusive education.

Yours Sincerely



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