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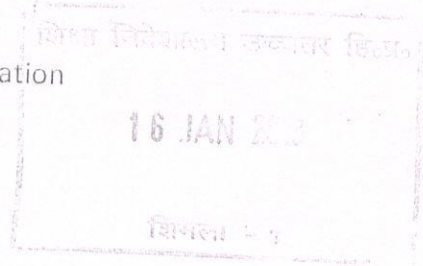
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Dated: Shimla-171001 the January, 2018

To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh.



Subject: - Regarding Deen Dayal Sparsh yojna.
Memo:

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of D.O. letter no. EDN46-59/2017-Phil dated: 13/11/2017 received from Mr. Manoj Sinha, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for communications and Minister of State for Railways Government of India on the subject cited above.

In this connection, you are hereby directed to circulate the same amongst all the educational institutions under your control.

(Dr. Uma Verma)
Joint Director of Higher Education (C-II)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla

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Office of the Deputy Director of Higher Education
Una (H.P.)

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Forwarded to all the Principals/Headmasters in G.S.S./G.H.S/
Govt. Recognized Schools of Una Distt. for information and necessary
action.

Deputy Director of Higher Education
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संचार राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
एवं
रेल राज्य मंत्री, भारत सरकार
Minister of State (Independent Charge)
for Communications
and
Minister of State for Railways
Government of India

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D.O. No.46-59/2017-Phil

Dear Chief Ministers/Members of Parliament

I am glad to inform that a philately scholarship scheme "Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana" has been launched by Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications on 03rd November, 2017 for the students of class VI to IX. Students having good academic record and pursuing philately as a hobby will be awarded scholarship on the basis of "Philately Quiz & Philately Project" to be conducted in States/UTs Postal Circles.

"Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana" (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) aims at encouraging the hobby of stamp collection among young generation. A postage stamp illustrates and reflects a lot about the socio economic political reality of the period in which the stamp is issued or the theme on which it is issued. Philately educates by expanding knowledge about interesting details of politics, history, prominent personalities, national and international events, geography, flora and fauna, agriculture, science, monuments, soldiers, warriors, scientists, modes of transport etc. through means of Commemorative Postage Stamps. The scheme intends to promote philately among children at a young age in a sustainable manner that can reinforce and supplement the academic curriculum in addition to providing a hobby that can help them relax and de-stress.

In addition, it is expected that through the world of stamps, children would be motivated towards the art of letter writing which is a beautiful way of expression, cultivating in them the skills of organising, structuring and conveying their thoughts.

I request you to support this initiative and educate people about it in your respective States/UTs and Constituencies.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Manoj Sinha
(MANOJ SINHA)

To;

All Chief Ministers/Members of Parliament

Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby)

Philately is the collection and study of Postage stamps. It also entails the collection, appreciation and research activities on stamps and other related philatelic products. The hobby of collecting Stamps includes seeking, locating, acquiring, organizing, cataloguing, displaying, storing, and maintaining the stamps or related products on thematic areas. Stamp collection as a hobby has lot of educational benefits as it teaches a lot about the socio economic political reality of the period in which the stamp is issued or the theme on which it is issued. Maintaining a collection can be a relaxing activity that counteracts the stress of life, while providing a purposeful pursuit which prevents boredom. The hobby leads to social connect between people with similar interests and the development of new friendships. Collecting also hones the memory skills by working on the need of the human brain to catalogue and organize information and give meaning to ones actions.

Reinforcing the efforts aimed towards increasing the reach of Philately, the Department of Posts is launching a Scholarship Scheme called Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana to award children in the class category of Standard VI to IX. Under the Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby or Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana it is proposed to award annual scholarships to those students who have good academic record and also pursue Philately as a hobby. The objective of the scholarship is to *"Promote Philately among children at a young age in a sustainable manner that can reinforce and supplement the academic curriculum in addition to providing a hobby that can help them relax and de-stress"*.

Details of the Scheme

Under the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana, it is proposed to:

- Award \$20 scholarships to students at PAN India level for pursuing Philately as a hobby.
- Every Postal Circle will give maximum of 40 scholarships to 10 students each from Standard VI, VII, VIII & IX.
- The scholarship amount will be disbursed quarterly to regular students studying in class VI-IX in recognized schools.
- Scholarship will be provided to students who satisfy the eligibility condition and qualify in the selection procedure.
- The amount of Scholarship is to be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month.
- Selections to the scholarship would be for one year and there would be no bar on an already selected student applying for the scholarship next year provided he/she fulfils other criterion.
- Every prospective school which participates in the competition would be assigned a Philately Mentor to be chosen from amongst the renowned Philatelist.