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To,
All the State Secretaries
State Association of
The Bharat Scouts and Guides,
INDIAN UNION

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SUB: MONSOON MIRACLES: SEED BALLS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters.

In continuation of our efforts to address climate change and in alignment with the upcoming Van Mahotsav celebrations, the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters, encourages all State Associations and their stakeholders to actively participate in the preparation and use of seed balls at the district, local, and unit levels. This initiative aims to engage youth in meaningful activities that contribute to environmental conservation and climate change mitigation.

Why Seed Balls?

Seed balls are an effective and low-cost method to reforest degraded lands, combat soil erosion and promote biodiversity. They are easy to make and can be dispersed in areas where traditional planting methods are challenging. By involving our youth in this activity, we can instill a sense of responsibility towards nature and empower them to take concrete actions for a greener future.

How to Prepare Seed Balls:

Materials Needed:

- Seeds (preferably native species)
- Clay
- Compost or soil
- Water
- A mixing container

Steps to Prepare Seed Balls:

- ✓ **Collect Seeds:** Choose native seeds like Tulsi, Jamun, Amla, Behada, Neem, Mango etc. that are suitable for your local climate and soil conditions. Native species are more likely to thrive and support local ecosystems.
- ✓ **Prepare the Mixture:** In a mixing container, combine 1 part seeds, 3 parts compost or soil, and 5 parts clay. The compost provides nutrients, and the clay helps to bind the mixture together.
- ✓ **Add Water:** Slowly add water to the mixture until it has a dough-like consistency. Be careful not to add too much water; the mixture should be moist but not too wet.
- ✓ **Form the Seed Balls:** Take small amounts of the mixture and roll them into balls, approximately the size of a marble. Ensure that each ball contains at least one seed.
- ✓ **Dry the Seed balls:** Place the seed balls in a dry, shaded area for 24-48 hours, allowing them to harden. This step is important to prevent mold growth and ensure the seed balls are ready for dispersal.
- ✓ **Dispersal of Seed Balls:** Once the seed balls are prepared, they can be dispersed in areas that need reforestation or greening. Encourage the youth to take part in seed ball dispersal during Monsoon and beyond. This activity can be incorporated into tree plantation drives, nature walks, and other community events.

We request all State Associations to promote the preparation and use of seed balls through workshops, demonstrations, and hands-on activities at the district, local, and unit levels. Your cooperation in mobilizing resources and engaging local communities will be crucial to the success of this initiative. Share your good work through print and social media by using hashtags #BSGIndia #Seedballs #CLAP #Climatechange #UNICEF. Also, send the report to pro@bsgindia.org for publication in the BSG magazine and BSG news.

Together, we can empower our youth to be active participants in the fight against climate change and create a sustainable environment for future generations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Scouting,



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