

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

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To All the State Secretaries, State Associations of The Bharat Scouts and Guides,





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SUB: ACTIVITY PACKS FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CELEBRATION ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2024 – Reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings of Peace!

We are confident that with over ten years of successful International Day of Peace celebrations every 21st of September, most of you already have it in your annual calendar and have started planning for this year's celebration.

The Theme for the International Day of Peace 2024, "**Cultivating a Culture of Peace**" aligns with the 25th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace. This milestone underscores that peace is more than simply the absence of conflict; it requires an active and inclusive effort to foster dialogue, mutual understanding, and cooperative conflict resolution. The theme draws on the principle that "wars begin in the minds of men so it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed" (Constitution of UNESCO), highlighting the need to instill peace-mindedness in children and communities through both formal and informal education across countries and generations.

Under the umbrella of Messengers of Peace Initiative, for the last 10 years, **The International Day of Peace** is celebrated by Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers as a day of creating awareness, inspiring young people, and leaders to make it a commitment day for year round peace actions. We are proud to say that this day has been awaited by many as it engages young people in large numbers and creates the positive visibility for Scouting/Guiding.

Established in 1981, International Day of Peace is observed annually around the world every 21st of September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and ceasefire. Let us join hand together and celebrate the ensuing International Day of Peace on 21st September, 2024 in a befitting manner at all levels.

Goal for International Day of Peace 2024

Although activities may vary from State to State, our goal for this day is to involve **a large number of young people in peace actions/activities at all levels** with the objective of creating **massive awareness** on the roles they can play as global citizens leading to positive changes in their communities. As we are in the midpoint in the implement action of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the emphasis for this year centres around fostering peace and its pivotal role. The chosen theme, "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals," serves as a resounding call to action, highlighting our individual and collective responsibility to actively nurture peace. By fostering peace, we make significant contributions towards the attainment of the SDGs, ultimately fostering a culture of peace that transcends borders and benefits all individuals.

Guideline

Some suggested activities are **enclosed** with guideline to commemorate "International Day of Peace 2024'. State Associations can adapt based on their local needs and situations.

Involvement of State Associations:

Please nominate a suitable coordinator either MoP State/Local Coordinator to coordinate the activities of IDP-2024 and forward the contact details of assigned leaders to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, NHQ, New Delhi by 31st July 2024 so they can become part of our network.

Reports (Share your Peace Actions):

One can also create more activities as per possibilities to create visibility of the organization, virtually/in field action on Peace to create a better world.

You are also requested to share your Peace activities through social media using the **#bsgindia #IDP2024 #MOP #MoPIndia**

For further assistance or support from our end, please do not hesitate to write us to email id info@bsgindia.org

To ensure thorough documentation of all activities and analyze the impact of Scouts & Guides' contributions during the International Day of Peace (IDP) celebrations, two forms have been developed. The first form is designated for State Association to summarize all activities conducted nationwide during the IDP Celebration, whether at the unit or District or State level, and is exclusively for the MoP State Coordinator. The second form is intended for reporting each individual activity or event. The State Association can distribute this form to District and grassroots levels, enabling them to submit these reports to the state office.

A reporting proforma is attached. Please ensure that all project/s held in celebration of International Peace Day are well documented. This form should be uploaded in the given link <u>https://forms.gle/ewZp6xZswDwauabC9</u> The link will be closed on 05th October 2024 at 11:59 P.M.

Based on the reports received and the outcomes achieved, recognition will be given to the top three State and individual Scouts/Guides/Leaders for their impactful initiatives during the International Day celebrations.

Thanking you,

Yours in Scouting/Guiding,

(**Amar B. Chettri**) Jt. Director of Scouts (Prog. & Trg.)

Encl: 1. IDP2024 Guideline 2. IDP2024 Reporting Proforma

Copy to:-

- 1. All the NHQ Office Bearers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters.
- 2. Chairman/Secretary, Railway Scouts and Guides Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shahid Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi 110016.
- **4.** The Commissioner, Navadaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Institutional Area, B-15, Sector-62, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201309.
- 5. The Director, DAV
- 6. All the District Secretaries, District Association of Dammam, Riyadh, Muscat and Jamiat Youth Club.
- 7. All Assistant Directors, Bharat Scouts and Guides.