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

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SUB: CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD 2024



Girls' vision for the future....

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters!

International Day of the Girl (IDG) is an annual celebration held on October 11 to promote girls' empowerment and highlight the challenges girls face worldwide.

It is a special day to showcase how girls do not have to wait until they are grown up to make change in the world – they can do great things now!

Each year Girl Guides and Girl Scouts celebrate IDG and use it as an opportunity to learn how to be advocates and make the world a better place by speaking out on the issue they care about and taking action in their communities.

What is the theme for IDG 2024?

The 2024 International Day of the Girl theme is 'Girls' vision for the future'.

This year's theme conveys both the need for urgent action and persistent hope, driven by the power of girls' voices and vision for the future. Today's generation of girls is disproportionately affected by global crises of climate, conflict, poverty and pushback on hard won gains for human rights and gender equality. Too many girls are still denied their rights, restricting their choices and limiting their futures.

Yet, recent analysis shows that girls are not only courageous in the face of crisis, but hopeful for the future. Every day, they are taking action to realize a vision of a world in which all girls are protected, respected and empowered. But girls cannot realize this vision alone. They need allies who listen to and respond to their needs.

With the right support, resources and opportunities, the potential of the world's more than 1.1 billion girls is limitless. And when girls lead, the impact is immediate and wide reaching: families, communities and economies are all stronger, our future brighter.

It is time to listen to girls, to invest in proven solutions that will accelerate progress towards a future in which every girl can fulfil her potential.

Did you know? (As per United Nations Data)

- Nearly 1 in 5 girls are still not completing lower-secondary and nearly 4 in 10 girls are not completing upper-secondary school today.
- Around 90 per cent of adolescent girls and young women do not use the internet in low-income countries, while their male peers are twice as likely to be online.
- Globally, girls aged 5-14 spend 160 million more hours every day on unpaid care and domestic work than boys of the same age.
- Adolescent girls continue to account for 3 in 4 new HIV infections among adolescents.
- Nearly 1 in 4 married/partnered adolescent girls aged 15-19 have experienced physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner at least once in their lifetime.
- Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, 100 million girls were at risk of child marriage in the next decade. And now over the next ten years, up to 10 million more girls worldwide will be at risk of marrying as children because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the earliest days of Guiding and Scouting, Lord Baden Powell challenged us all to "Be Prepared", because he knew that when we build our physical, emotional and community strength, we can overcome obstacles and build a better world together!

All the State Associations are requested to conduct virtual/physical activities/ self – defence workshops, outdoor adventure activities, community safety activities, motivational online-offline meet with influencer/ entrepreneur women, painting competitions and different cultural programmes/competitions at all level and motivate more and more member to join and observe of International Day of Girl Child - 2024.

Brief reports with action photographs may kindly be forwarded to NHQ by 15th Oct. 2024 after the observation of the International Day of Girl Child 2024 at pro@bsgindia.org and girlprogramme@bsgindia.org with a copy of info@bsgindia.org, so that the report can be published in BSG NHQ monthly magazine and BSG social media sites for greater visibility of the movement.

Thanking you with regards,

Yours in Guiding,



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DY. DIRECTOR OF ADVENTURE PROGRAMME

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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. All the District Secretaries, District Association of Dammam, Riyadh, Muscat and Jamiat Youth Club.
6. All Assistant Director, Bharat Scouts and Guides for follow-up.