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

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SUB: OBSERVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY – "DIGNITY, FREEDOM, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL" ON 10^{TH} DECEMBER, 2024.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters!

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day in 1948. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human Rights Day promotes equality, peace, justice, and the protection of human rights.

Human Rights are the basic rights we have been given to ensure our safety and protection. They are universal, which means they apply to everyone without exception, regardless of race, sex, gender, age or nationality.

Human Rights Day makes it easy for people to remember the importance of human rights. It's a day that recognizes the struggles and sacrifices of those who fought for the rights that we all enjoy now.

Theme for 2024: This year's theme is "Empowering Voices: Advocating for Equality and Justice." It emphasizes the importance of listening to marginalized voices and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to advocate for their rights.

The National Human Rights Commission - NHRC, India has continually working to ensure the protection of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. Through its numerous programs and activities, the Commission has also made significant contributions to mainstreaming a human rights-centred approach in government policies and programs, as well as increasing human rights knowledge and sensitization among public officials and civil society.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides being the largest uniformed educational movement appeal all adult leaders to join hands in observing of "Human Right Day" and invite all Cubs/Bulbuls/Scout/Guide/Raver/Rangers and inspire them on this auspicious occasion.

Some, suggested activities are given hereunder:-

- **Awareness Campaign:** Launch of an internal campaign highlighting the significance of human rights and the specific issues faced by vulnerable groups.
- **Workshops:** Interactive workshops aimed at educating staff and community members about human rights and how to be effective advocates.
- Organize a workshop on self-advocacy: Self-advocacy workshops often center

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on empowering people with disabilities, but they can help anyone understand their rights and how to best advocate for themselves. Discrimination targets people based on their age, race, gender, sexuality, and more. A self-advocacy workshop, which can include role-playing activities, lectures, discussions, and so on, helps people understand the law and their human rights. They also help build communication skills, emotional resilience, and more.

- Social Media Campaign: We encourage everyone to participate by sharing messages, stories, and resources on social media platforms using the hashtag #EmpoweringVoices.
- **Participation:** We invite all staff to actively participate in these activities. Your involvement is crucial in promoting a culture of respect and understanding within our organization and the wider community.

Let us come together to honour Human Rights Day and reaffirm our dedication to equality, justice, and dignity for all. Together, we can make a difference.

All the State Associations are requested to send the brief report with action photographs may kindly be forwarded to pro@bsgindia.org and girlprogramme@bsgindia.org with a copy of info@bsgindia.org, by 15 becember 2024, so that the report can be published in BSG NHQ monthly magazine and BSG social media sites for the greater visibility of the movement.

Thanking you,

Yours in Guiding,

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Copy to:-

- 1. All the NHQ Office Bearers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters.
- 2. Chairman/Secretary, Railway Scout and Guide 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 Director, Bharat Scouts and Guides for follow-up.

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