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Respected Madam,

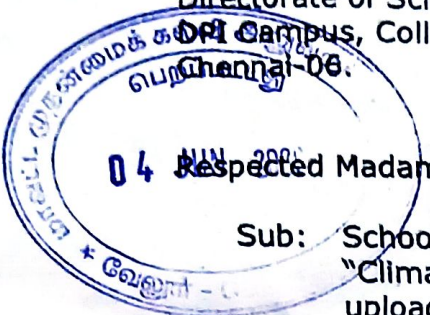
Sub: School Education -World Environment day - 5th June - Theme
"Climate Change" -Various activities conducted by schools to be
uploaded in Eco Clubs for Mission Life Portal - Reg

Ref: From the Joint Secretary (Coord & Media), Government of India,
Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy,
Letter. No: D.O.No8-8/2026-MEC, dated. 27.05.2026.

World Environment Day is observed every year on **5th June** across the globe to promote awareness and action for environmental protection. The theme for World Environment Day 2026 is "**Climate Change**". The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has been implementing various activities under Eco Clubs for Mission LIFE with the objective of sensitizing students to ecological concerns inculcating among them environmentally responsible attitudes and behavior.

As per the reference letter cited , the Department of School Education and Literacy propose "**Green Summer Camps**" to be organised under the aegis of Eco Clubs for Mission LIFE from **5th to 30th June 2026**. Green Summer Camps are environmentally focused programs that combine sustainability education with outdoor activities especially nature experiences. The Green Summer Camps may be devoted to the seven themes of Mission LIFE, namely: Adopt Healthy Lifestyle; Adopt Sustainable Food Systems; Reduce E-Waste; Reduce Waste; Save Energy; Save Water; and Say No to Single Use Plastic. Adequate number of days may be devoted to each of the seven themes. A list of suggestive activities based on these themes is enclosed for reference and necessary action.

Schools may upload the activities undertaken during this period on the Eco Clubs for Mission LIFE portal (<https://ecoclubs.education.gov.in/>). Students and teachers may also be encouraged to take the Mission LIFE Pledge through the



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dedicated portal. This period may be effectively utilized to make concerted efforts for saturation of all remaining schools with Eco Clubs for Mission LIFE and uploading of the duly filled notifications on the designated portal.

All the Chief Educational Officers are instructed to take necessary action in this regard for effective implementation and wide dissemination of the above activities among all schools.



Joint Director (NSS)

Enclosure:

1. List of activities to be conducted
2. Reference letter

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Suggestive activities for Schools

☞ Adopt Healthy Lifestyle

- Take Mission LiFE Pledge.
- Organize nature walks for students to nearby ecosystems, biodiversity parks, thereby learning about environmental conservation practices.

Metric: Number of Nature walks organised

☞ Adopt Sustainable Food Systems

- Involve students to create, revive and manage kitchen gardens in the school premises.
- Use compost created from the school's wet waste for the kitchen gardens, thereby avoiding chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
- Organise exciting competitions like millet fancy dress to show students lifelong health benefits and environmental advantages of incorporating these super grains into their diet.

Metric: Number of kitchen gardens created, amount of organic produce generated(kg)

☞ Reduce E-waste

- Conduct e-waste collection drives/ awareness sessions related to disposal and reuse of electronic waste and set up e-waste collection point in school to drop off old electronic gadgets.
- School authorities may collaborate with authorized e-waste collectors for safe disposal of collected items and maintain record of the collected e-waste.
- Schools may set up educational booths to show impact of e-waste on our planet as part of this activity.

Metric: amount of e-waste collected and handed over to the authorised dealer (number/kg)

☞ Reduce Waste

- Organise cleanliness drives involving students and community to inculcate responsibility towards environment.
- Teach waste segregation for appropriate waste disposal.
- Install two-bin system in all classrooms - for wet and dry waste.
- Construct compost pits in schools to encourage waste segregation and use compost generated in the kitchen garden of the school.

- Organise recycled waste art contests in schools to promote 3Rs i.e reduce, reuse and recycling of waste.

Metric: number of compost pits constructed, amount of organic waste generated.

✦ Save Energy

- Encourage students to carry out energy saving activities like switching off tube-lights, bulbs, electronic gadgets when not in use.
- Conduct energy audit in schools.
- Create posters, banners and other visual materials and paste on the school notice board to raise awareness about the importance of energy conservation.

Metric: reduction in electricity bills in school, units of solar power generated (in case solar panel installed in school)

✦ Save Water

- Involve students in tabulating water wastage in school (water audits)
 - Check for leaks in flush systems, faucets and water pipes and report to Eco Club for Mission LiFE teacher incharge.
- Students along with their teachers can collect water from storage systems and carry out practicals related to testing water purity.
- Organise water awareness sessions/conservation rally along with the community. Grandparents of the students may be called in the schools, where they can share water conservation practices adopted in the past and how students can be made more active towards saving water.

Metric: number of leaks detected, reduction in water consumption over a week.

✦ Say No to Single Use Plastic

- Organise Plastic audits in the school premises.
- Generate awareness regarding hazardous impact of single use plastic on our planet through activities eg. poster making, debates, slogan writing, essay writing etc.
- Awareness campaigns to mobilize community for adapting ecofriendly habits like use of jute bags, saying no to single use plastic, buying local and nature friendly goods and so on.
- Find out eco-friendly substitutes eg. replacing plastic tiffin boxes with steel tiffin boxes.

Metric: amount of single use plastic collected, no. of plastic tiffin boxes replaced with steel tiffin boxes.

Eco Club for Mission LIFE incharge teacher to collate all the activity details and upload on the portal <https://ecoclubs.education.gov.in>