GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054

No.DE.23(399)/Sch.Br./2026/485 Dated: 04.11.2026

CIRCULAR

Sub:- Sensitization of Students Against the Burning of Firecrackers During Festive Season.

Please find enclosed the judgement dated 29.10.2026 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No. 728/2015 titled Arjun Gopal Vs Ors with Suo Moto WPC No. 15/2026 regarding burning of firecrackers and air quality management during the festive season.

The salient essential features of the above judgement are as under:

1. All schools shall take adequate measures to sensitize students regarding the impact of environmental pollution, particularly during festival times.

2. Students shall be made aware of the harmful effects of bursting firecrackers on the environment and health of all living beings.

3. There shall not be any bursting of fireworks within a 300-metre radius of hospitals, nursing homes, primary and district health centres, old-age homes and any notified silence zones. These areas will be declared as 'No-Cracker Zones'.

Therefore, in order to safeguard public health and preserve environmental integrity and in pursuance of directions received from Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide above mentioned judgement, all the Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Recognized Private Schools under the Directorate of Education are hereby directed to undertake the following measures with immediate effect:

a) **Conduct 'Special Assemblies' on 5th & 6th November, 2026 to sensitize the students on the impact of pollution, especially during the festival times.** Firecrackers cause air and noise pollution and generate solid waste. The timings of the Special Assembly shall be-

Type of School	**Timings of Special Assembly**
Morning Shift	7:30 AM
General Shift	8:00 AM
Evening Shift	1:00 PM

b) Educate students during assemblies and classroom sessions on the hazardous environmental and health impacts of burning firecrackers.

c) Motivate students to **'Say No to Firecrackers'** and instead adopt safer, sustainable alternatives such as lighting earthen lamps (diyas), candles and electric decorative lights.

d) Sensitize the students that there shall not be any bursting of fireworks within a 300-metre radius of hospitals, nursing homes, primary and district health centres, old-age homes and any notified silence zones.

e) Instruct teachers to actively guide students toward adopting green, eco-friendly practice to keep their surroundings clean and pollution-free during the festive season.

f) Schools shall organise appropriate activities such as poster-making, slogan-writing, essay-writing, debates, drawing competitions and other creative activities to encourage students to become ambassadors of environmental protection and spread awareness in their families and communities.

All Heads of Schools must ensure strict compliance with these directives to promote a healthier and cleaner environment.

Further, all the DDE (Districts) are requested to submit an ATR by 9th November, 2026 along with 10 time-stamped photos and 5 videos regarding execution of the above guidelines. The ATR shall be submitted to School Branch **at email-schoolbranchactivities@gmail.com.** The photos and videos should also be uploaded at the link given below:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CP5Ed45fKpiT42icmkIIIqXGcjz_ZSPy?usp=sharing

This issues with prior approval of Director (Education).

Encl: As above.

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All the Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Recognized Private Schools of Directorate of Education through DEL-E.

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Copy to:-

1. Secretary to Hon'ble CM.
2. Secretary to Hon'ble MoE.
3. PA to Pr. Secretary (Education).
4. PPS to Director (Education).
5. All RDEs & DDEs (Districts/ Zones) to ensure compliance please.
6. DDE (ASB/PSB) for necessary action please.
7. OS (IT) to please upload it on the website.
8. Guard File.

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