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D.O. No. 1-5/2023-DIGED/-Part(2)

Date: 27th September, 2024

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, the National Digital Library for Children and Adolescents is an initiative by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India. Its goal is to provide access to high quality non academic books across various geographies, languages, genres and educational levels.

National Book Trust (NBT), India (under Ministry of Education, Government of India), with its vast experience of promoting books and reading in the country is implementing the **Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya** initiative.

The application is available on Android and iOS platforms and serves as a digital toolkit for students, librarians, and teachers. It offers thousands of general reading materials, such as age-appropriate stories, biographies, classics, science fiction, novels, etc. It also includes features such as digital reading clubs and interactive sessions to easily monitor students' progress. All these contents are available to users **free of charge**.

In order to unlock the creativity of the youth through penmanship, we are conducting an Amrit Kaal story-writing competition for students of standards 9 to 12 which aims to provide an opportunity for the students to craft stories that reflect hope, innovation and transformation for India.

The contest will be open from 5th October 2024 to 12th October 2024. The registration will be done on the app from 30.09.2024 to 4.10.2024. In this regard, a banner with information is enclosed which may be displayed on your website and social media platforms and prominent places in school.

In this regard, we request you to kindly circulate the information to the students of all the schools under your jurisdiction in order to make the event a success and maximise participation.

For this purpose, a dedicated helpline number **+91 – 93197 03004** and email address rashtriyaepustakalaya@gmail.com has also been set up to address any queries.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Archana Sharma Awasthi)

Enclosure: Banner

To:

1. Commissioner, KVS
2. Chairman, CBSE
3. Commissioner, NVS
4. *Chairperson NIOS*
5. Pr Secretary Education, All states
6. SPD Samagra Shisha, All States/UTs

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