

Dear Sir,

As you aware, that UNESCO's General Conference has proclaimed 21<sup>st</sup> February as the **International Mother Language Day** every year since February, 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. Languages are the most powerful instrument for preserving and developing our heritage. The celebration of the day promotes the dissemination of mother tongues and serves to spread awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions and inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

We are holding a one-day Conference on Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2010 on the occasion of '**International Mother Language Day**'. **Hon'ble Prime Minister** would be inaugurating the Conference and **Hon'ble Minister for Minority Affairs** would preside over the Conference at **Hall No. 6, Vigyan Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi - 110011**. We are also inviting Secretaries of all Union Ministries/Departments; Census Commissioner & Registrar General of India; Chairperson/Directors from UGC, NCERT, SCERTs, CIIL-Mysore, Tribal Research Institutes; Secretaries of Department of Education/ Nodal Officers from the States/UTs.

We seek your cooperation and participation in Conference. A tentative programme is enclosed.

Kindly intimate your acceptance and the names of persons participating in the Conference:

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We look forward to your valuable cooperation in making this august Conference successful.

Yours Sincerely,

Encl: As above.

  
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