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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Government of Sikkim will release a souvenir on the occasion of celebration of National Education Day on 11th November, 2013 and co-hosting of 40th Jawahar Lal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition (JNNSMEE) at Gangtok from 11th to 16th November, 2013.

Since 2008, the Government of India has been observing 11th November, the birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a great freedom fighter, eminent educationist and the first Union Minister of Education, as National Education Day throughout the country to commemorate the birthday of this great son of India by recalling his contribution to the cause of education.

It is indeed a double honour that the National Education Day celebrations are coinciding with the 40th Jawahar Lal Nehru National Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition for Children – 2013. There could be no better fusion of celebrations that epitomizes two giant thought-leaders of this great country than having an exhibition that promotes scientific temper and enthuses the young generation on the day the nation re-dedicates itself to the cause of education. Both these towering figures have vastly contributed to the transformation and development of modern India.

I am confident that the outstanding and brilliant children participating in the event would immensely benefit with the new exposures during the exhibition.

I extend my warmest greetings to the officers and the staff of Government of Sikkim and the NCERT as also all students and teachers and wish the programme all success.

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