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Dear Ma'am/Sir,

The Department of School Education and Literacy, started the Inter School Band Competition in the year 2017 to inculcate the spirit of patriotism and unity among school students that comes with performing in a band. This year the Inter-School Band Competition is scheduled to be conducted in 6 zones across the country followed by a National Level Band Competition at New Delhi, scheduled prior to the Republic Day 2020 Celebrations.

2. You would appreciate that a school band uniquely encourages a feeling of oneness, belonging and a deep sense of pride in school children. The rhythm of a band instills a feeling of action, courage and patriotism in children and adults alike. A Competition of this kind will help rejuvenate and rekindle the spirit of various school bands in the schools throughout the country.

3. The Inter School Band Competition is to be organized at three levels viz. State, Zonal and National level. The competition will be open for all categories of schools. A separate competition shall be held for boys and girls teams.

4. Education Departments of the States and Union Territories will conduct Inter School Band Competitions within their respective States and UTs. The expenditure up to State Level Competition will be borne by the respective States and UTs.

5. The KVS/NVS will conduct their own competitions in the similar pattern at State and zonal and send 2 winning entries each i.e. one boys & one girls team for participation in the National Level Band Competition.

6. Best two winner band Teams at State Level Band Competition viz. one each of boys and girls, shall participate in the Zonal Level Band Competition. In case if a State/UT has not conducted State Level Band Competition, then that State and UT is not eligible to participate in the Zonal level Band Competition. At the Zonal Level, winning teams, one each from boys and girls categories, will be given cash prizes, trophy and certificates. Participation Certificate is also provided to all the participants of the band team including escort teacher and bandmaster. Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India will bear the expenditure relating to the organizing of the Zonal and National Level Inter School Band Competition



7. The proposed distribution of States and UTs into six zones across the country and the coordinating State for each zone is as under:-

S. No.	Zones	No. of State/UTs	Coordinating State at Zonal Level	State / UT
1	Central	05	Uttarakhand	Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh
2	Eastern	05	Jharkhand	Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Andaman & Nicobar Island
3	Western	06	Goa	Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Daman & Diu, and Dadra & N. Haveli
4	Southern	07	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Pudducherry, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep
5	Northern	06	Himachal Pradesh	Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Ladakh(UT)and Chandigarh
6	North East	08	Assam	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim
Total		37		

8. The Two Winner teams, one each of Boys and Girls from each Zone (Central Zone, Eastern Zone, Western Zone, Southern Zone, Northern Zone, North-East Zone), will compete at National level Band Competition which will be held at New Delhi.

9. The time schedule for holding the competition at State, Zonal and National level is as under:

Sl. No.	Activity	Date by which to be completed
1.	Registration of schools at State Level as per Annexure-I	05.11.2019
2.	State to complete State level Band competitions at State Level and forward names 2 winner teams ( one boys team and girls team ) to Coordinating State at Zonal Level and TSG Ed.CIL/MHRD by 20.11.2019	20.11.2019
3.	Zonal Level Band competitions (6 Zones) to be held and names of Zonal level winners forwarded to TSG EDCIL/MHRD by 05.12.2019. Zonal level	05.12.2019

	competitions dates ( separate date for each zone ) will be finalized by the zonal coordinating state and TSG Ed.CIL/MHRD	
4.	National Level Band competition (Exact date will be intimated to the zonal coordinating state/UTs, winning team states/UTs)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of December, 2019 (Tentatively).

10. You are requested to inform all Schools/local bodies in your respective State and UTs to participate in the competitions. Further you are also requested to nominate State/UT Nodal Officer to look after the State Level Band Competition, the name of the nodal officer, mobile with whatsapp number may sent to email [nationalbandcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:nationalbandcompetition@gmail.com) after receipt of the letter immediately for providing guidance and timely conduct of the Band Competition at State and Zonal Level as per the ISBC guidelines.

11. Guidelines of the Band competition are attached herewith as **Annexure X**. The same are available at <http://www.mhrd.gov.in> website. For further details you may contact, Sh. Ravi Katyal, DS(Samagra Shiksha). **011-23070837** or Shri K.Girija Shankar, Senior Consultant (CommunityMobilization) & National ISBC Coordinator, email: [nationalbandcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:nationalbandcompetition@gmail.com) or 011-23765605-12, ext-151, 09810956826.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

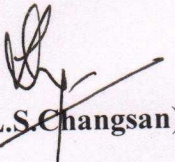
Sd/-  
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To Education Secretaries of all States and UTs

Copy to:

1. SPD s, Samagra Shiksha of all States and UTs for conduct of State level Band Competition
2. SPDs , Samagra Shiksha Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Assam for conduct of zonal level band competition .
3. Chairperson, CBSE with request to inform all schools to participate in the competition.
4. Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan with request to inform all schools to participate in the competition.
5. Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti with request to inform all schools to participate in the competition.
6. Deputy Director, National Bal Bhavan for making arrangements for Boarding & Lodging for the participants.

7. Shri K.Girija Shankar, Senior Consultant (Community Mobilization) & National ISBC coordinator to coordinate the ISBC activities and obtaining reports from States and Zonal Coordinating states .
8. PM (TSG)-Samagra Shiksha for necessary arrangements for the conduct of National level ISBC.
9. All the State Coordinator ,TSG-SS to obtain the details of the State Nodal officer Band Competition and ensure for the Conduct of State level Band Competition as per the ISBC guidelines & obtaining reports from States , further Winning teams of the States & Zonal should also participate in the Zonal and National Level Band Competition.

  
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