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Subject: - Inclusion of History and Unique Culture Heritage of the North East in Curriculum of Courses in HEI's.

Respected Sir / Madam,

A Delegation of North Eastern students recently submitted a Memorandum to Honorable Prime Minister with regard to problems being faced by the students of North Eastern region studying in various institutions of the country. One of the demands covered in the said memorandum is the inclusion of the history and unique cultural heritage of the North East India in the national curriculum.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development had also constituted a Task Force to promote educational opportunities and welfare of students from North Eastern Region.

The Task Force, in its report has suggested:

- 1) Curriculum should be changed / modified to include following in the English literature section at the university level-
 - PG teaching course
 - Creative writing
 - Novels/ short stories from north east translated from different languages
 - Different writers can be associated in teaching for short course (writing in English) at different universities.
- 2) History of north east (pre-colonial upto independence) should be taught at school (elementary and secondary), graduate and post-graduate levels.
- 3) History of NE states (post independence) should be included in the syllabus.
- 4) Spending some time in the north east for students not from the North East so as to understand culture of north east and appreciate. Besides, regular cultural exchanges between institutions in the North East and other areas need to be built in to the higher education system in the universities (institutionalized).

- 5) Figures from the North East who participated in anti-colonial uprisings as well as freedom movement should be incorporated in university curriculum.

The university is requested to take steps, as it may deem appropriate, to implement the above recommendations.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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