

Title of the Practice: Celebrating Bhasha Divas (International Mother Language Day)

Objective: India is a country, where people of different language live together peacefully. Gurudev has said – “Nana Bhasha, Nana Mat, Nana Paridhan/ Bibidher majhe dekho milan mahan”. Believing in that philosophy Mankar College celebrates International Mother Language Day every year.

Context: Mankar College is situated in Rarh region of West Bengal. The college have students speaking different languages and dialects. Bengali, Hindi, Santali – at least students speaking in these three languages read in the college. The college thinks that in the institution there must be solidarity among all the students. Thus, this seems to be an important practice.

The Practice:

- Every year cultural programme is organised on 21st February, the International Mother Language Day.
- Teachers speaking different languages participate in it to motivate students.
- Throughout the year literary and cultural competitions are organised giving equal priority and chances to the students of different language.
- Five languages are included in the college curriculum for a long period.

Evidence of Success: In literary and cultural competitions it is seen that people of different languages participate with equal enthusiasm. This itself is a proof of success.

Barrier and Resource Needed: Santali being a tribal language is not understood by all. Therefore, we feel that for the Santali speaking students, it is not possible to manage the whole academic or official works in their mother tongue. The government must look into this matter.

