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Subject: Directions for Observance of International Women's Day (IWD) Celebrations from 3rd to 9th March 2025.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

The International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally on 8th March every year to honour the achievements of women in various sectors of society while also reflecting on the challenges they continue to face. The theme of this year's IWD campaign is "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment," which calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power, and opportunities for all.

This year, the Fit India Mission under the aegis of the Sports Authority of India, plans to observe a week-long celebration from 3rd to 9th March 2025, seeking to actively involve women in a series of activities designed to promote physical fitness, mental well-being, healthy nutrition, and social inclusion in partnership with ministries/departments of Union and State Government, universities across the nation, NGOs, Self-Help Groups, etc., to drive the theme of "Stronger Her, Healthier Future."

In response to the clarion call given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to fight obesity, it is imperative to have balanced physical activity as a crucial part of the fitness regime. You would agree on the need to educate the masses regarding the importance of regular physical exercise and sports in building a healthy nation.

All universities and higher education institutions are requested to actively organize Fitness Challenges, walkathons, bicycle rallies, Yoga sessions, sports for women, sessions on diet and nutrition, etc., during the IWD week. It is further requested that the IWD celebrations should be concluded with a "Pink Sundays on Cycle" event on 9th March 2025 (Sunday), focused and dedicated to women empowerment. It is also requested that the IWD events be given adequate media publicity to disseminate the messages of fitness and empowerment to a larger audience.

Furthermore, the Regional Centres of the Sports Authority of India, in collaboration with some universities, shall organize IWD events with the presence of public representatives, eminent athletes, Fit India influencers, and other eminent personalities. Accordingly, you are requested to collaborate with the SAI regional centres. The list of SAI Centres is enclosed.

A suggestive toolkit for the celebration is enclosed for your kind reference. For any clarification or guidance, the officers entrusted with the responsibility for organizing the event may contact **Dr. Nadeem A. Dar, Director, Fit India** (+91 70063 24121) and send the detailed report to contact.fitindia@gov.in.

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

सादर,

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(मनिष जोशी)

The Vice-Chancellors/Directors, All Universities and Higher Education Institutions, India.

andard Operating Procedure (SOP) for International Women's Day Celebration 3rd March to 9th March 2025

1. Objective

The purpose of this SOP is to guide universities in organizing International Women's Day celebrations by promoting fitness, health awareness, and empowering women through a variety of activities. This celebration is aimed at encouraging women to embrace fitness, well-being, and health through a range of fitness-related initiatives and empowering discussions.

3. Implementation Schedule for Universities

Universities are encouraged to organize fitness and health-centric activities for International Women's Day, as detailed in the table below. The activities should be planned to ensure inclusivity, accessibility, and maximum participation. Universities shall conduct all the activities mentioned below during 3rd March to 9th March with one activity per day (*Pink Cyclothon particularly on 9th march (Sunday) following the FIT INDIA initiative "Sundays On Cycles"*).

Date	Activity No.	List of Suggested Activities
3 rd March	Activity 1	Fitness Challenges/ Aerobics/ Zumba/ Marathon
4 th March	Activity 2	Sports Activities/Games for Women
5 th March	Activity 3	Sessions on Diet & Nutrition
6 th March	Activity 4	Self Defence & Martial Arts Training Program
7 th March	Activity 5	Mental Health & Wellness
8 th March	Activity 6	Yoga Session & Debates/Seminars (must include topic: Women in Adventure sports)
9 th March	Activity 7	Pink Cyclothon/ Fitness Rally

4. Detailed Execution Plan

4.1 Activity 1: Fitness Challenges/ Aerobics/ Zumba/ Marathon

- Can organize fitness challenges such as fun runs, group aerobics, or Zumba sessions.
- Can plan a Marathon with different categories (5K, 10K, etc.), where female students, faculty, and local women can participate.

4.2 Activity 2: Sports Activities/Games for Women

Host various sports activities like basketball, volleyball, or badminton exclusively for women.
 Encourage female participation through inter-departmental or inter-university competitions.

\$.3 Activity 3: Sessions on Diet & Nutrition

 Host expert talks and workshops with nutritionists and dieticians to promote healthful eating. Address the importance of balanced diets and the role of nutrition in achieving personal fitness goals.

4.4 Activity 4: Self Defence & Martial Arts Training Program

 Partner with martial arts trainers or self-defence instructors to provide free training for women. Conduct workshops on practical self-defence techniques for female students, staff, and local women.

4.5 Activity 5: Mental Health & Wellness

 Conduct discussions and workshops focusing on mental health, stress management, and well-being. Encourage mindfulness, meditation, and healthy lifestyle practices for mental wellness.

4.6 Activity 6: Yoga Session & Debates/ Seminars

- Organize a mass yoga session or a series of yoga workshops focusing on stress management, fitness, and mental health.
- Organize debates and seminars (must include topic :women in adventure sports and their achievements).

4.7 Activity 7: Pink Cyclothon & Fitness Rally

- Conduct a Pink Cyclothon particularly on 9th march (Sunday) or shall organize a fitness rally that focuses on women's health and fitness, encouraging participation from the local community.
- 5. Universities to invite athletes, public figures, influencers, FIT INDIA Ambassadors etc for the event.
- **6. Registration & Certification :** Participants should register on the FIT INDIA Portal and can generate the participation certificate
- **7. Ensure Maximum Participation**: Universities should encourage the active participation of female students, faculty, staff, public and local communities in all activities.
- 8. Media Amplification (Print & Electronic Pre, During & Post Event): Social media engagement using hashtags #FightObesity, #IWD2025, #FitIndia to increase visibility.
- 9. Google Drive Link for branding design is https://ddvs.ogogle.com/drive/folders/23576x5_Yeb27_sigh5k075wYRoulRkire?usp=sharing

Fit India Pledge

I take the pledge:

- TO LEAD AN ACTIVE AND A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
- TO TAKEOUT 30 MINUTES EVERYDAY FOR MY FITNESS AND HEALTH
- TO ENCOURAGE MY FAMILY MEMEBERS AND NEIGHBOURS TO STAY FIT AND HEALTHY
- TO TAKE THE FITNESS ASSESSMENT TEST ON THE FIT INDIA MOBILE APPLICATION QUARTERLY

मैं प्रतिज्ञा करता हूँ:

- एक सक्रिय और स्वस्थ जीवन शैली जीऊँगा/जीऊँगी
- अपने फिटनेस और स्वास्थ्य के लिए हर दिन 30 मिनट का समय निकालूंगा/निकालूंगी
- अपने परिवार के सदस्यों और पड़ोसियों को फिट और स्वस्थ रहने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करूँगा करूँगी
- फिट इंडिया मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन पर त्रैमासिक फिटनेस मूल्यांकन परीक्षण लूँगा/लूँगी







SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (FIT INDIA)

F.No-01-10007(01)/16/2025-HO - Khelo India Division

Dated-28.02.2025

To,

The Heads of Academic Institutions/Regional Centers Sports Authority of India

Sub- Celebration of Fit India Women's Week-reg

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally on 8thMarch every year to honor the achievements of women in various sectors of society while also reflecting on the challenges they continue to face. The theme of this year's IWD campaign is "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment" which calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all.

- 2. This year, the Fit India Mission plans to observe a week-long celebration from 3rd to 9th March 2025, seeking to actively involve women in a series of activities designed to promote physical fitness, mental well-being, healthy nutrition and social inclusion in partnership with ministries/departments of Union and State Government, universities across the nation, NGOs, Self-Help Groups, etc to drive the theme of "Stronger her, Healthier Future".
- 3. I, therefore solicit your cooperation for the following-
- i). Ideate and organize Women's Week celebration in the Regional Centers of SAI. Funds @Rs. 75,000/- per Regional Centre has been approved for this purpose.
- Encouraging the UNIVERSITIES and HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS under your jurisdiction to actively organize Fitness Challenges, walkathons, bicycle rallies, Yoga sessions, Sports for women, sessions on diet and nutrition, etc during the IWD week and IWD events are to be organized in all universities across the nation in the presence of eminent athletes, Fit India Influencers and other dignitaries. In this regard, The University Grants Commission has issued necessary directions (enclosed) to its constituents who shall be collaborating with the Regional Centers for the events. Funds @Rs 40,000/- per university has also been allocated to 100 universities identified by UGC (list enclosed)

- where the special emphasis may be given for inviting VVIPs, eminent athletes, dignitaries etc.(suggestive toolkit enclosed)
- iii) The Women's Week shall conclude with a Pink Sundays on Cycle event on 9th March 2025 (Sunday)which is to be conducted by the participating institutions (Universities, Central and State Government offices, NGOs, etc), focused and dedicated to women empowerment.
- iv) It is also requested that the IWD events be given adequate media publicity for dissemination of the messages of fitness and empowerment to a larger audience.

I shall be grateful for your support in this regard.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Your Sincerely,

(Dr. Nadeem A. Dar)

Director, Fit India

Encl.: As above

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- 1. DDG, Khelo India
- 2. DD to DG,SAI
- 3.Khelo India Nodal Officers, SAI RCs
- 4. For records











SAI NCOE Guwahati in collaboration with ASTU, Guwahati celebrates

WOMEN'S DAY WEEK

Celebration

March 3 - March 9



Sports Authority of India, National Centre of Excellence, Guwahati

Assam Science and Technology University,
Guwahati































































