

From

Director General Higher Education, Haryana,
Shiksha Sadan, Sector-5, Panchkula.

To

1. All the District Higher Education Officer (DHEO).
2. All the Principals of Govt. Colleges in the State of Haryana

Memo No. 1/2-2026 Co. (3)
Dated, Panchkula, the 13/01/2026

Sub: Regarding celebration of Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026 (19th to 23 Jan, 2026).

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

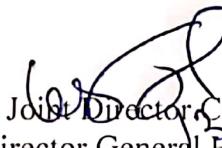
Please find enclosed herewith a Minutes of the Meeting (MOM) and a copy of letter No. 217/HSHDB/2026-485, dated 13.01.2026 (copy enclosed) received from Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB), Panchkula.

You are entrusted with responsibility to organize Quiz Competition & Declamation contest (Themes related to the Sarasvati Rivers)-by 16th January, 2026. The questions (100) will be provided to the respective DHEO as soon as received from HSHDB.

You are requested to share the results of the Quiz Competition & Declamation Contest by 16th January (4:00 PM) on the below mentioned Google link.

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Encl. As above.


Joint Director Coordination
for Director General Higher Education,
Haryana, Panchkula.

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A copy of the above is forwarded to Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB), Panchkula vide their memo No. 151-70/HSHDB-485/2026, dated 07.01.2026 & 13.01.2026 for information, please.


Joint Director Coordination
for Director General Higher Education,
Haryana, Panchkula



Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board (HSHDB)

Govt. of Haryana

SCO- 217, 1st Floor, Sector-14, Panchkula-134113



Memo. No. 151-70 / HSHDB-485/2026

Dated: 07/1/2026

To

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Higher Education Department
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, School Education Department
3. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department
4. PCCF (Principal Chief Conservator of Forests), Forest & Wild Life Department, Haryana
5. Chairman, Pollution Control Board, Haryana / Representative
6. Director General, Urban Local Bodies Department, Panchkula
7. Managing Director, Tourism Department, Haryana
8. Chief Executive Officer, KDB, Kurukshetra
9. Director General, Art & Cultural Affairs Department, Haryana
10. Director, Panchayati Raj Department, Chandigarh
11. Director General, Higher Education Department, Haryana
12. Director General, School Education Department, Haryana
13. Dr. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Executive Vice Chairman, Haryana Sahitya & Sanskrit Academy
14. Director, North East Zone Cultural Centre, Chandigarh
15. Director, Multi Art & Cultural Centre, Kurukshetra
16. Director, CERSR, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
17. Deputy Director, Archaeology and Museum Department, Haryana
18. Superintending Engineer, SHC, Kurukshetra

Subject:- Minutes of meeting regarding to discuss celebration of Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026 (19th to 23 Jan, 2026) on 5.1.2026 at 5.00 pm.

The minutes of meeting held under the chairmanship of Sh. B. B. Bharti, OSD to CM, Haryana co-Chaired by Sh. Dhuman Singh Kirmach, Sarasvati Board to discuss celebration of Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026 (19th to 23 Jan, 2026) at Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh on 5.1.2026 at 5.00 pm is enclosed.

It is for your information and necessary action please.



Chief Executive Officer
HSHDB, Panchkula

CC:-

1. PS to Deputy Chairman, Sarasvati Board.
2. PA to CEO, Sarasvati Board

Minutes of meeting held under the Chairmanship Deputy Chairman, Sarasvati Board on 5.1.2026 at 5.00 pm.

Details of Meeting:

Subject	Meeting to discuss Celebration of Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026 (19 th Jan., to 23 rd January, 2026).
Date	5.1.2026 at 5.00 pm
Venue	Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh
In chair	Sh. B. B. Bharti, OSD to CM, Haryana co-chaired by Sh. Dhuman Singh Kirmach, Deputy Chairman, Sarasvati Board
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sh. Kumar Supravin, Chief Executive Officer, Sarasvati Board 2. Sh. Shashi Vasundhra (HCS), Joint Director, ULB Department 3. Dr. Alka Sharma, Joint Director, Higher Education, Haryana, Panchkula 4. Sh. Vijay Goyal, Superintending Engineer, ULB Department 5. Sh. Arvind Kaushik, Superintending Engineer, SHD, Kurukshetra 6. Sh. Ajay Pal, DFO, O/o PCCF, Van Bhawan, Panchkula 7. Sh. Narender Parmar, Deputy Director, Archaeology & Museum Department 8. Sh. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Deputy Director, Sahitya Academy, Panchkula 9. Dr. Rajeev Vats, Assistant Director, School Education, Haryana 10. Sh. Kapil Sharma, District Functional Manager, HSRLM, Panchkula 11. Sh. Navtej Singh, Executive Engineer, SHD-II, Kurukshetra 12. Sh. Raman Kumar, Executive Engineer, ULB, Haryana 13. Sh. Rajesh Hooda, D-I, KDB, Kurukshetra 14. Dr. Kuldeep Singh, IT Consultant, HSRLM, Panchkula 15. Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Assistant, Higher Education, Panchkula 16. Sh. Hirday Kausal, A & Co(s), SCO-29, Sector-17, Chandigarh 17. Sh. Harjeet Hans, Finance Officer, Sarasvati Board 18. Dr. Deepa, Research Officer, Sarasvati Board

Sh. Dhuman Singh Kirmach, Deputy Chairman, Sarasvati Board welcomed the participants in the meeting. After discussion following decisions were taken: -

Sr. No.	Decisions & Discussions	
1	Constitution of Sarasvati Quiz Committee	<p>Sh. B.B Bharti, OSD to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana advised to constitute Sarasvati Quiz Committee under the chairmanship of Sh. Kuldeep Agnihotri, and members Dr. Pritam Singh, Dr./Prof. A.R. Chaudhary, Director, CERSR & Dr. Deepa, RO, HSHDB</p> <p>The committee shall prepare and finalize:100 questions for school level, 100 questions for university/college level.</p> <p>These questions will be shared with the Higher Education Department and Secondary Education Department. The departments will subsequently organize quiz competitions across all schools, colleges, and universities in Haryana to</p>

		celebrate Sarasvati Mahotsav. The matter will be taken up by Sarasvati Board accordingly.
2	Competition and other cultural activities during the Sarasvati Mahotsav Activities (19th-23rd January 2026)	The Higher Education and Secondary Education Departments was directed to organize quizzes and other feasible activities during the Sarasvati Mahotsav, scheduled from 19th to 23rd January 2026. The Sarasvati Board will provide 100 questions for school-level participants and 100 questions for college-level participants. The prize distribution ceremony for winners will be held at Kurukshetra University Seminar Hall on 23rd January 2026.
3	Cleanliness and Event Arrangements	<p>The Urban Local Bodies Department was directed to ensure <u>comprehensive cleanliness</u>, installation of garbage bins, placement of flags, and other related arrangements in coordination with the Municipal Corporation, Panchayati Raj Department, and other stakeholders. These measures must be implemented at the locations such as Adi Badri (Yamunanagar), Pehowa Tirath and the entire Pehowa area, Pollod Tirath (Kaithal), <u>All 130 villages along the Sarasvati River route</u>.</p> <p>Additional Direction: Under the Haryana Swachhta Abhiyan, Chairman Sh. B.B. Bharti has already issued directives for the cleanliness of the Sarasvati River, which must be strictly followed.</p>
4	Archeological Exhibition at Adi Badri, Kunal and Rakhigarhi	<p>The Archeological department was directed to set up an exhibition in the premises of the ABR Museum, Adi Badri, at their own expense from January 19 to 25, 2026. Department will also coordinate with the Tourism Department and Forest Department to include their exhibitions as well. Additionally, workshops or exhibition stalls will also be organized at the archaeological sites of Kunal and Rakhigarhi.</p> <p>All dignitaries attending the conference on the Sarasvati River, organized in coordination with Kurukshetra University and the Sarasvati Board on January 20-21, 2026, will visit the</p>

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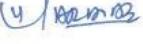
		Rakhigarhi and Kunal archaeological sites/exhibition stalls on January 22, 2026.
5	Tree Plantation Activities at Adi Badri, Yamunanagar	The Forest Department was directed to arrange plants for tree plantation activities, complete with protective guards to safeguard them. Priority will be given to "Sal plants" in the Adi Badri area and near Sarasvati Kund. The department will also plant trees bearing name plates of VIP dignitaries during the inauguration near Sarasvati Kund, Adi Badri and participate in the exhibition organized by the Archaeological Department near the ABR Museum. <u>Sarasvati Biodiversity initiatives</u> will be undertaken by Forest Department.
6	Stall arrangement at Adi Badri, and Saras-Mela Pehowa	The Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission was directed to install approximately 20 stalls in Adi Badri (Yamunanagar) and approximately 50 stalls at Saras Mela in Pehowa from January 19 to 25, 2026. It is suggested to cover specialties from all districts and ensure that good quality materials are maintained.
7	Arrangement of local artists for evening programme at Pehowa, Kurukshetra	The Art and Culture department was directed to share a list of local artists, particularly top artists from colleges and universities, with the Sarasvati Board. These artists will be chosen to perform cultural activities such as dance, song, and other programs during the evening sessions from January 19 – 23; January 2026, at Pehowa, Kurukshetra.
8	Post-Event Documentation	Sh. B.B. Bharti, OSD to the Chief Minister emphasized that the comprehensive documentation of the Sarasvati Mahotsav must be prepared to effectively showcase the work and achievements of all involved departments. Each department is required to submit a brief report detailing their specific contributions, along with expenditure details, to the Sarasvati Board after completion of Sarasvati Mahotsav till 10 th Feb., 2026. This will enable the compilation of a unified document, allowing the Chief Minister to recognize and honor the best-performing department. The resulting compilation will also serve as a valuable reference and support resource for

		upcoming Mahotsav events. It was decided that all the department will share comprehensive report of their till 10 th Feb., 2026 to the Sarasvati Board. Finance Officer, Sarasvati Board shall be responsible for documentation.
9	Stone Sculpture at Pehowa Tirath, Pehowa	<p>The Art and Culture Department was directed to 15-20 sculptures at Pehow Tirath, Pehowa, inspired by Sarasvati culture, civilization, and heritage.</p> <p>This initiative is a joint venture between the department and the Sarasvati Board. The total estimated cost is approximately ₹40 lakhs, with the Sarasvati Board providing funding support of ₹20 lakhs. This funding will cover honorarium for 16 artists, accommodation, tentage facilities, food, power connections/extensions, videography, promotional activities, and other miscellaneous linked expenses.</p> <p>The Art and Culture Department will bear the costs of raw materials, transportation, machine tools, and other related miscellaneous expenses</p>
10	Provision of Boat and Divers and Cleaning & Maintenance near Prachi Tirath	KDB was directed to deploy a boat and divers at Pehowa Tirath, Pehowa. Additionally, KDB shall undertake cleaning operations and ongoing maintenance of the grill along a 2 km stretch around Pachhi Tirath. These activities will be coordinated with the Urban Local Body (ULB) and Municipal Corporation (MC).
11	Arrangement of Activities by Sports Department	The SE was apprised to organize sports activities during the Sarasvati Mahotsav, such as Kabaddi, Kushti, and Volleyball, at feasible locations. It was decided to select convenient sports activities and contact the Sports Department accordingly.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dated: 05.01.2026
Place: Chandigarh


Chief Executive Officer
Haryana Sarasvati Heritage Development Board

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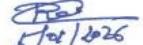
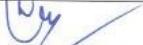
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ATTENDENCE SHEET

Subject: - Meeting regarding Sarasvati Mahotsav_2026

Dated: 5.1.2026 at 5.00 pm

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The Director,
Directorate of Higher Education,
Panchkula, Haryana

Memo No. 217/HSHDB/2026-485

Dated 13/01/26

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Subject: Directions to Organize Declamation Contest and quiz Competition on Sarasvati River Themes during Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026

A meeting was held on 05.01.2026 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Sh. B.B. Bharti, OSD - Chief Minister, regarding preparations for the Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026. In the said meeting, it was decided that the Directorate of Higher Education will organize a declamation contest and quiz competition, while the Directorate of Secondary Education will organize a quiz competition in all districts of the Haryana. The declamation contest is to be held on the following themes related to the Sarasvati River:

1. Santa aur Sarasvati
2. Dharatal par Sarasvati
3. Scientific Evidences of Sarasvati River
4. Paryavaran aur Sarasvati
5. Santa Sindhu Sarasvati
6. Role of Forestry in Rejuvenation of Sarasvati River
7. Biodiversity in the Sarasvati River Basin
8. Civilization and Cultural Heritage of the Sarasvati River Basin

You are therefore requested to kindly organize the declamation contest and Quiz competition during the Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026, scheduled from 19th to 23rd January, 2026 in colleges of all districts of the Haryana. The winners will be felicitated on 23rd January, 2026 with awards at a closing ceremony of Sarasvati Mahotsav-2026 in Pehowa, Kurukshetra by this office.

Final date and Venue for the award ceremony will be intimate you soon.

Your prompt action and cooperation in successfully conducting this prestigious event will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Chief Executive Officer
Sarasvati Board