**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**
**DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION**
**JAWAHAR BAL BHAVAN, PUDUCHERRY**

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**CIRCULAR**

Sub: National Balrang Festival – 2026 – Selection of Schools from the UT of Puducherry – Reg.
Ref: Letter F. No.1502/2026 dated 16.10.2026 of the Directorate of Public Instructions, Madhya Pradesh.

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The National Balrang Festival is celebrated every year at Bhopal by the School Education Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, in association with the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The main objective of the festival is to promote the spirit of national integration and create awareness about the diverse cultural values, traditions and lifestyles of different regions of our country. As part of the festival, a National Folk Dance Competition is organised, in which teams from various States participate.

This year, the National Folk Dance Competition is scheduled to be held at Bhopal on 7th December 2026, in which the Union Territory of Puducherry will also participate.

In this regard, all Government, Government-aided and Private Schools in the UT of Puducherry are requested to identify interested and eligible students and prepare a team for participation in the selection process for the UT team. **The date for the selection of the UT team on 30.11.2026 at10.00am in Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Puducherry.**

The proposed team shall fulfil the following eligibility criteria and requirements:

1. The team shall consist of solo performers or group performers, with a maximum of 15 members. This limit shall also apply to Folk Dance and Folk Instrumental Music performances.

2. Students who have participated in the National Balrang Festival competitions in previous years are not eligible to participate this year.

3. Professional performers are not permitted to participate in the dance competition in any manner.

4. The duration of the folk dance performance shall not exceed 10 minutes.

5. The dance performance shall be presented exclusively with live music. Music recorded on CDs, pen drives or any other electronic media will not be permitted. The music must be performed live by the students and teachers only.

The selected UT team will participate in the National Level Competition to be held at Bhopal on 7th December 2026.

All Heads of Institutions are therefore requested to give wide publicity to the programme among eligible students, encourage their participation and ensure the timely submission of the team details to Jawahar Bal Bhavan, Puducherry.

For any further details or clarification, please contact:

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All the Heads of Institutions (Government / Government-aided / Private) in the UT of Puducherry.

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