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Subject: P.N. Panicker Reading Day- Month Celebration 2026- reg.

The Government of Kerala observes 19th June as the 'Day of Reading' in the memory of P.N. Panicker. To honour P.N. Panicker's legacy, the P.N. Panicker Foundation is organizing a month-long celebration of reading and literacy activities from 19th June to 18th July, 2026. The event seeks to inculcate Reading and Digital reading habit among the school students and underprivileged population throughout the country leading to universalization of education.

You are requested to organise the suggestive activities mentioned at **Annexure-1** and encourage maximum participation of students to make the celebration meaningful and to foster lifelong reading habits among children.

A brief report of the activities conducted including photographs may be uploaded in the Google link: <https://forms.gle/AhxBDdU9CMkHMM1J8>

With best wishes!

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Suggestive activities to be organised during P.N. Panicker Reading Day – Month Celebration 2026

19th June – 18th July 2026

- Reading day begins on 19th June in all schools with a Reading Day Pledge in the school assembly (copy enclosed) (in CBSE schools which are opening during July. The Reading Pledge may be organized during the first week of school re-opening).
- Online-Offline Quiz competition for children to encourage reading.
- Painting and Drawing competitions for the children of Pre-Primary and Primary classes (on-line, off-line).
- Various programme have to be organized in schools to promote reading through art forms and art competition to be organized.
- The inaugural programmes may be organized and some prominent dignitaries may be invited.
- Reading Day proclamation processions/Padha Yatras.
- Organization of seminars and workshops on the topic of 'Reading for Development'.
- Organization of small and large book exhibitions.
- Debate may be organized inviting famous writers in schools.
- Establish P.N. Panicker reading corners in schools with around 50 books.
- Small and large awareness programmes against alcohol and drugs.
- Organization of 'Mass Run' with the participation of youth under the banner 'Read and Grow'.
- Organization of Street plays written by children with contemporary relevance.
- The group of children may be invited to discuss on famous books read by them.
- Discussions with literary and cultural leaders on topical issues may be organized.
- Organizations of the Knowledge/Resource Centres.
- Entrepreneurial awareness classes may be conducted.
- Word competitions to develop good vocabulary in English and local languages.
- Organizations of Skill Development Training programmes.
- Competitions on Poetry recitations.

READING DAY PLEDGE

Today I stand and pledge with full faith of my ability to grow through reading and discussions. I pledge to promote the development of my country, Bharat, through judicious reading of books, as well as digital reading, and through right action. I shall read books and practice digital reading, for knowledge as well as technological empowerment. I shall shine the light of knowledge gained, to solve the problems I face as well the challenges that affect my country.

I realize that today we face multiple challenges, be it corruption, substance abuse, or environmental problems. I shall make reading a habit and be a solution to these challenges. I shall ensure best compliance to the legal framework of my country and shall strive for a secure and secular atmosphere. I shall strive to raise high, the value of knowledge, and the pride of my country with my thoughts, words and deeds.