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Subject: Adoption of books in lieu of flower bouquets during official visits in EMRSs

It has been observed that during official visits, inspections, meetings, and programmes at Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs), officials and dignitaries are customarily welcomed with flower bouquets.

2. In line with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Government of India practices, and with a view to promoting sustainability, uniformity, and a culture of reading, the competent authority has decided to discontinue the practice of presenting flower bouquets in EMRSs with immediate effect.

3. In lieu of bouquets, EMRSs shall present a book as a token of welcome, subject to the following:

- The book shall be knowledge-based. The name of school should be recorded on it.
- The cost of the book shall not be more than that of a conventional bouquet.

4. All EMRSs shall ensure strict compliance with these instructions during official visits and functions.

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