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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: e-Raksha Competition 2020 – regarding

Background and Introduction

CIET-NCERT in collaboration with Cyber Peace Foundation and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) have launched e-Raksha Competition 2020 for students, teachers and caregivers (parents or guardians).

In times of Covid-19 pandemic, virtual classrooms have become the new norm and digital media has become an invaluable tool for the children and youth to continue their learning. Internet has become one of the prime sources of information, collaboration and social interaction across the globe. It is, therefore, the urgent need of the hour to educate the young minds to use the potential of Internet for their learning and growth and become smart and safe.

Objective of the scheme

- To provide a creative and important outlet to children and young people who are currently confined at home due to Covid-19 pandemic, to reflect and share about being safe and responsible on the Internet.
- To inculcate Digital Citizenship and Online Safety especially when students are spending much of their time in the digital Space for learning and social activities.

The details of the competition are enclosed as annexure A.

School Heads are encouraged to motivate students, teachers, and caregivers to participate in the programme.

For further support and additional information, please email at eraksha@cyberpeace.net

(Dr. Joseph Emmanuel)
Director (Academics)

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida 201309
3. The Secretary School Education, Special Project Director-SSA /Director of Education/Director (SCERT) – Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. The Secretary School Education, Special Project Director-SSA /Director of Education/Director SCERT – UT Chandigarh.
5. The Secretary School Education, Special Project Director-SSA /Director of Education/Director (SCERT), Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
6. The Secretary School Education, Special Project Director-SSA /Director of Education/Director (SCERT), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
7. The Secretary School Education, Special Project Director-SSA /Director of Education/Director (SCERT), Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair.
8. Director Schools, IAF Educational Cultural Society Air Headquarters (RKP) West Block-VI, R. K. Puram New Delhi – 110066
9. The Principal Director, Director of Naval Education (Navy Education Society) H.Q. MOD (NAVY) West Block-V, II Floor, R.K. Puram New Delhi – 110066
10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
12. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini
13. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
14. All Heads/ In-Charges, COEs of the Board with request to disseminate the information
15. All Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary/Assistant Secretary, CBSE
16. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic website
17. The Head Public Relations Unit, CBSE
18. EO to Chairman, CBSE
19. SPS to Secretary, Director (IT), Director (Academics), Controller of Examinations, Director (SE&T) and Director (PE), CBSE

Director (Academics)
e-Raksha 2020 Competition Details

A. Who can participate?
The eRaksha Competition 2020 invites participation across multiple levels in the eco-system:

- Students from all types of schools and education systems (formal / informal)
- Youth from communities and colleges/universities across all the disciplines (private, aided, government)
- In-service teachers and faculty from school and colleges
- Pre-service (student-teachers) from DIETs and Colleges of Education
- Caregivers (parents, guardians, community helpers)

There is no registration fee for the competition and entries can be submitted in either Hindi or English only.

B. Goals of eRaksha 2020 Competition:

a. Educate & empower children and youth to:
   - Use the potential of Internet positively for enhancing their learning
   - Critically assess, verify and smartly respond to the fake news and misinformation especially with regard to Covid-19
   - Make conscious, smart and informed decisions
   - Create awareness about digital rights and responsibilities
   - Be safe & responsible Digital Citizens

b. Sensitize teachers, parents and caregivers to mentor and monitor their student/children’s online behaviour. Also empowering them to provide guidance and support when needed.

C. Competitions: Participants will be encouraged to think creatively what online safety and digital citizenship means to them and share their ideas through any one of the following:

   a. Wordhack (articles, stories, blogs, essays)
   b. Artcade (painting, poster, sticker, sketch)
   c. Short self-created Videos
   d. Tech Avishkar (innovative Tech Programs using latest tools and techniques).

D. Timelines:
Registration 30th June - 30th Sept 2020
Announcement of Results – 11th November
E. **Evaluation**: The competition will be evaluated by competent and experienced experts selected mutually by NCERT, NCPCR and Cyber Peace Foundation.

F. **Awards**: Best entries will be selected in each category for all the competitions. The winners will receive Trophies and Certificates. Their profiles along with project details will be included in the Winner Compendium. The shortlisted candidates will receive Appreciation Certificates. All participants with valid entries will receive Participation Certificates in digital format.

G. **How to participate**
Participation will have to register online on the eRaksha Portal - [https://www.eraksha.net](https://www.eraksha.net). Once registration is done successfully, they will receive their Unique IDs. Using this ID they can submit their digital copy of their submission on the eRaksha Portal. Participants are requested to read the guidelines for submission on the portal and upload the digital entry in the format as detailed.