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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Observing Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) 2019 in schools – reg.

The Central Vigilance Commission, an apex integrity institution of the country, in its endeavor to promote transparency, accountability and integrity in public life, has been declaring the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week every year to encourage the fight against corruption. The Commission has decided that this year the Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from **28th October, 2019 to 2nd November, 2019**. This year, the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week is **'Integrity – A way of life (ईमानदारी - एक जीवन शैली)**

For inculcating greater awareness on vigilance in public life, schools are requested to conduct different activities reflecting the aforementioned theme. Activities conducted in schools need to be sustained over a period of time to ensure that ethical values are ingrained permanently in the minds of the younger generation. The schools may organize the following activities during the Vigilance Awareness Week 2019:

1. Displaying banners, hoardings, posters etc.
2. Administering 'Integrity Pledge' in the school on 29.10.2019 for students, teachers and other staff members (A copy of the Integrity Pledge enclosed)
3. Sensitizing students and staff members on the ill effects of corruption to enable them to create awareness amongst others by them
4. Organizing lectures, panel discussions, debates, quiz, elocution, essay writing competition, slogan writing competition, cartoon making/poster making competition on moral values, ethics, good governance practices, etc. covering the theme in order to generate healthy debate on ill effects and prevention of corruption and ensuring active participation of students
5. Organizing Seminar/Workshop in the school on the theme of VAW
6. Encouraging students, staff and others to take **e-pledge** by visiting Central Vigilance Commission's website www.cvc.nic.in
7. Undertaking activities such as 'walkathon/marathon/cyclathons' etc. and organizing human chains, public functions, etc. which have visibility and mass appeal across all strata of society
8. Conducting community outreach activities as may be relevant and practicable to ensure wide coverage in the surrounding areas. Safety and Security of students must be ensured while conducting outreach activities.
9. Establishment of Integrity Club in the school in order to sustain activities conducted in schools during the Vigilance Awareness Week 2019 and to ensure that ethical values are ingrained permanently in the minds of students.



The above mentioned activities may be conducted enthusiastically ensuring maximum participation by students and staff in order to achieve the objective of eliminating corruption in public life.

Schools are required to submit a report of the celebration of VAW 2019 at <https://forms.gle/SqqFgxXTGnsgXWHC6> on or before **05.11.2019**.

(Dr. Joseph Emmanuel)
Director (Academics)

Encl: As stated above.

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:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim –737101
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair – 744101
8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Island
9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini
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), FDR Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
12. The Under Secretary (EE-1), MHRD, Govt. of India, Department of SE&L, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01
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 Additional Directors /Joint Directors/Deputy Directors/Assistant Directors, CBSE
15. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic website
16. The Deputy Director & Assistant Librarian, CBSE
17. The Senior Public Relations Officer, CBSE
18. PS to Chairperson, CBSE
19. SPS to Secretary, CBSE
20. SPS to Controller of Examinations, CBSE
21. SPS to Director (Information Technology), CBSE
22. SPS to Director (Special Exams and CTET), CBSE

Director (Academics)



Integrity Pledge for Citizens

I believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. I believe that all stakeholders such as Government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.

I realise that every citizen should be vigilant and commit to highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against corruption.

I, therefore, pledge:

- To follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life;
- To neither take nor offer bribe;
- To perform all tasks in an honest and transparent manner;
- To act in public interest;
- To lead by example exhibiting integrity in personal behaviour;
- To report any incident of corruption to the appropriate agency.



Integrity Pledge for Organisations

We believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. We believe that all stakeholders such as Government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.

We acknowledge our responsibility to lead by example and the need to put in place safeguards, integrity frameworks and code of ethics to ensure that we are not part of any corrupt practice and we tackle instances of corruption with utmost strictness

We realize that as an Organisation, we need to lead from the front in eradicating corruption and in maintaining highest standards of integrity transparency and good governance in all aspects of our operations

We, therefore, pledge that:

- We shall promote ethical business practices and foster a culture of honesty and integrity;
- We shall not offer or accept bribes;
- We commit to good corporate governance based on transparency accountability and fairness
- We shall adhere to relevant laws, rules and compliance mechanisms in the conduct of business
- We shall adopt a code of ethics for all our employees
- We shall sensitise our employees of laws, regulations, etc. relevant to their work for honest discharge of their duties;
- We shall provide grievance redressal and Whistle Blower mechanism for reporting grievances and fraudulent activities
- We shall protect the rights and interests of stakeholders and the society at large.