Principal, All Independent schools

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Central Board of Secondary Education has decided to observe "Vigilance Awareness Week" from 25th Oct., 2010 to 1st November, 2010, in pursuance of the directions issued by the Central Vigilance Commission vide their letter No. 01/VGL/056/103092 dated 28th Sept., 2010. The Vigilance Awareness Week is celebrated in memory of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel who exercised a major influence in establishing the administrative structure in India.

As you are well aware, there is an increasing concern about corruption eroding the basic values of life. It has not only a negative effect in social dynamics but also erodes the value system established in the country. It is important that the younger generation who has to play a pivotal role in the development of the country needs to be educated on the urgency to fight against such unethical practices.

Central Vigilance Commission has desired that the focus of observing Vigilance Awareness Period is "Generation of Awareness and Publicity against Corruption". It should be emphasized on spreading awareness against the harmful effect of corruption. The Commission has suggested to the organizations to have an effective anti-corruption campaign this year.

The Board has already taken several steps in this way by introducing online system of affiliation, online registration/List of candidates, updation of various information on the website of the Board, online compliant lodging system. The Board is also starting 24x7 helpline for providing various information round the clock to all concerned.

The Board proposes that the affiliated schools may organize lectures/debates on the topic "Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)”. The programmes may include debate, seminars and essay competitions and the schools may recognize the performance of students by award of suitable prizes. The gesture of schools in organizing such programmes will go a long way in providing appropriate mindset amongst the students to fight against corruption.

I hope that the schools will take necessary steps in this regard and action taken may kindly be intimated to the CBSE alongwith the photographs and enclosures by E-mail to sanandan.cbse@nic.in.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Vigilance Officer