All the Heads of Schools
affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Institution of Annual National School Sanitation Awards based on “Online National School Sanitation Ratings”

Dear Principal,

The CBSE in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD), Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) and GIZ (formerly known as GTZ) has introduced the ‘National School Sanitation Initiative’ with the aim is to inculcate good sanitation habits among the school children in order to inspire, acquaint and celebrate excellence towards School Sanitation at the National Level.

The CBSE’s Comprehensive School Health Manuals also address the issue of Sanitation in Schools. Sanitation is one of the six areas and themes that have been identified for a school to improve its performance in its objective of becoming a Health Promoting School. These six themes are:

1. Food and Nutrition,
2. Knowing Your Body,
3. Personal, Environmental Hygiene and Sanitation.
4. Behaviour and Life Skills,
5. Physical Fitness and

Accordingly, Online School Sanitation Ratings have been instituted with the purpose of recognizing those schools who are taking significant steps towards effective sanitation and improvement in service delivery leading to the desired behavioural and attitudinal changes towards hygiene & sanitation. The Sanitation Ratings are expected to infuse the required dynamism in the schools towards sanitation management.

As furtherance to the National School Sanitation Ratings it has been decided by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India to institute National School Sanitation Awards on annual basis for those schools who have been rated online for sanitation and taken noteworthy steps towards betterment of the sanitation scenario in their schools in varied ways.

The parameters and categories for the Awards are given in the National School Sanitation Manual. These Awards are open to all school affiliated to CBSE which include Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, Government Schools, Private Independent Schools, DAV Schools, CTSA Schools, Army Schools etc.
Awards will be given in the following categories which the schools can take up as part of Health & Wellness Clubs as well as the Eco-Clubs:-

- Awareness Generation leading to Behavioural Change through Students and Community Mobilization
- Technical Innovation and Interventions
- Creation & Conservation of Green Spaces
- Public Private Partnership

Parameters for the Selection

1. **Sustainability:** Demonstrated success geared towards long term hygiene and safe sanitation.
2. **Replicability:** Potential for replication of practices and models that have resulted in better service delivery.
3. **Innovation:** Demonstrated Innovation, Uniqueness and Originality in the use of Ideas, Technology and Resources
4. **Dynamism:** Online Sanitation Ratings of the School plus Activity Points scored by taking up appreciable initiatives in the following areas:
   - Improving Sanitation facilities for the Girl Child
   - Best performing Health & Wellness Clubs
   - Sustainability of the Effort
   - Waste Management & Disposal
   - Water conservation and Waste Water Recycling and its Utilization
   - Safe Hygiene Practices
   - Waste Segregation & Waste Management
   - Awareness Generation Efforts and impact leading to Behavioural Change
   - Water & Sanitation: Tangible Improvements in Service Delivery
   - Efforts towards Water Management

Mechanism and Procedures

- MoUD, CBSE and GIZ have constituted an Advisory Group for deciding on the Awards.
- Initial scrutiny will be done by Committee and then the shortlisted entries will be submitted for critical examination and final selection for the Awards by the Advisory Group.

The Awards will be in the form of certificates of excellence, mementos, citations, participation in a school sanitation exchange programme, joint development of pilot projects on zero waste producing concepts with the schools and also special certificates to Principals, teachers and students associated with Health & Wellness Clubs and Eco Clubs.
The call for entries would be published in the month of November every year and at that time requisite entries could be submitted. The schools are expected to register themselves. The format for registration/membership is available online. For more information about the National School Sanitation Initiative visit www.schoolsanitation.com and/or the sanitation hyperlink on the CBSE website.

Looking forward to your whole hearted cooperation

Yours sincerely,

(VINEET JOSHI)
CHAIRMAN

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

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 – 737 101.
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-744 101.
9. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110 085.
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