CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
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“Shiksha Sadan”, 17, Rouse Avenue, New Delhi-110 002

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All the Heads of the
CBSE affiliated schools

Subject: Observing Vigilance Awareness Week, 2011  in schools

Dear Principal,

The Central Vigilance Commission, which has a special responsibility under para 3(v) of Government of India Resolution no 371/20/99/AVD-III dated 4.4.1999, declares that the week beginning from 31st October every year should be observed as the Vigilance Awareness Week to commemorate the birthday of the Bismarck of India, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel is known for representing the best values in the Indian tradition so far as governance is concerned. His endeavour to integrate the country yielded appreciation from all corners. He was also a shining example of probity in public life.

Corruption in a society hampers good governance, sustainable development, and democratic process. It prevents the execution of efficient public services and undermines people’s faith in public institutions. Keeping in view the spirit of the eminent leaders like Sardar Patel and the urgent need for fighting the social evil of corruption, it is all the more essential to bring about social awareness among the people to be self-accountable to the society and the nation.

The schools can organize following activities throughout the year to bring about awareness among students of their rights and duties in curbing corruption-both social and economic.

**Classes VI to VIII:**

Students can be encouraged to:

(i) Develop comics on stories/ instances from the History on people who stood up against corruption/ exploitation such as Indigo Uprising, Mahatma Gandhi and Salt March to Dandi, Aung San Suu Kyi and Freedom from fear etc.

(ii) Create jingles on generating awareness among students on importance of vigilance.
**Classes IX-X:**

**Organising:**

- Visits to RTI office/Gram Sabha/Village Panchayat.
- Talks by District Magistrate, Police Officers, Social Activist, Newspaper Editor or an RTI officer in assemblies/ seminars.
- One-Act plays on problems leading to corruption and how to overcome them.
- Short films/documentaries by students on citizens of vigilance.
- Radio show by students on “Can citizens in democracy prevent corruption?"

**Classes XI-XII:**

**National Debate Competition** for school children of senior school classes, for which another Circular is being issued to schools.

**Integrating Vigilance activities in School clubs**

**Eco clubs**

Students can take awareness programmes on:

- water sources and their upkeep
- chemical use in the household and school activities
- health hazards from use of cell phones by children
- soil conservation through organic methods
- quality of food, hygienic issues in cooking and packing, cleanliness in School Canteens.

**Heritage Clubs**

Activities relating to vigilance on upkeep of Heritage monuments, tourists behavior.

**Disaster Management Clubs**

Hazard hunt games

**Consumer Awareness Clubs**

Unfair trade practices and how to overcome them.

The schools should draw their yearlong calendar of activities and contribute towards creating a corruption free society in our country. The year long programme can culminate by organizing a Vigilance awareness festival incorporating activities, such as

1. Exhibition of students’ posters/messages/jingles
2. Power point presentations by students in classrooms/during assemblies
3. Street Theatre, etc.

You may give your reports, suggestions and feedback to the Board on this issue.

With best wishes,

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.
8. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110 085.
9. All the 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.
10. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
11. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE website.
12. Joint Secretary(ACAD).
13. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
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15. PA to CE, CBSE
16. PA to Secretary, CBSE
17. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
18. PA to HOD (Edusat)
19. The PRO, CBSE

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CHAIRMAN, CBSE