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Circular No.67 /11

21st September, 2011

**All the Heads of the  
CBSE affiliated schools**

***Subject Observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2011: NATIONAL DEBATE COMPETITION  
FOR CLASSES XI-XII .***

**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 also was a shining example of probity in public life.

In continuation with the Board's Circular No. 66 dated 15/09/11 the CBSE proposes to organize **National Debate Competition** for students of classes XI and XII as part of observing National Vigilance Awareness Week involving school children.

**National Debate Competition 2011**

**1. Eligibility**

- (i) Students of classes XI and XII are eligible to participate in this competition.
- (ii) Each participating CBSE affiliated school is entitled to send only one team of two participants. One will speak in favour of the motion and the other against it.

## 2. Topics for Debate Competition

- (i) **In spite of all the provisions of checks and balances in the constitution, there is a strong need for the Lokpal Bill.**
- (ii) **The Right to Information Act, 2005 helps to develop a more vibrant democracy.**
- (iii) **The citizens can prevent corruption in a democracy.**
- (iv) **Who should be more vigilant – a state or a citizen in a democracy?**

## 3. Rules of Debate

- In the first round, debate competition will be organized in 8 regions of CBSE at Ajmer, Allahabad, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Panchkula and Patna. Top two teams from each region will compete for the final rounds. Grand finals will be held at New Delhi during the week 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.
- The language of the debate is either Hindi or English. Team should choose either English medium or Hindi medium.
- Use of charts, handouts, props, written briefs are not allowed in the competition. Students must rely on oral argument only.
- Judges will choose the winners on the basis of content, language, presentation of speech and speaker's ability to defend his/her point of view.
- Each speaker will be given 3 (three) minutes to deliver his/her speech. There will be a warning bell after 2(two) minutes. Marks will be deducted for extra time taken by speaker.
- Rebutting will be limited to two questions per team. Each team member may ask not more than one question.
- Each speaker will face two questions from the rebutting members. Member of the same team is not allowed to ask question.
- Rebuttals will be judged on the basis of content and relevance to the speech. Questions should be speech specific.
- The decision of the judges will be final.
- The female participants must be accompanied by a female teacher in-charge.
- The schools are required to make their own stay arrangements at the zonal and final rounds.
- No TA/DA will be payable by the Board to the participants of the Regional rounds.
- For final rounds, CBSE will pay TA/DA to the team and one teacher escort as per its norms.

## 4. Procedure:

- **The Schools interested in participation are required to register online only for this event through the CBSE website [www.cbse.nic.in](http://www.cbse.nic.in) . No hard copies will be accepted by the Board.**
- **Last date for online registration is 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. There would not be an extension of last date.** After submission, the schools are required to take a print out of the form

generated online. The requisite details must be filled in and should be sent to the concerned **Regional Office** by Speed post by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 positively.

- **A copy of the online generated form duly filled in and sent to the Regional Office must be retained for future reference and record.**

**5. Prizes:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize to the winning team `10,000 +Trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to the winning team `8,000 +Trophy
- Best individual speaker ` 5,000 +Trophy
- Second Best individual speaker `3,000
- Best rebutting member 1<sup>st</sup> `2,000+ Trophy
- Second best rebutting member `1,500.
- Participation Certificates will be given to all students. .

Schools interested in participating in the National Debate Competition may register online by entering their user-id (affiliation number) and password (same which they used for online registration for Classes IX, X, XI and XII). After login, the requisite details must be filled in the registration form generated online. The form must be submitted by clicking on the submit button. The details related to the name of the principal and his/her mobile number may be edited by the concerned school before submission. No change in particulars will be allowed thereafter.

Regards,

Yours faithfully,

**Sugandh Sharma**  
**Education Officer (Commerce)**

**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:-**

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.
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
14. EO to Chairman, CBSE
15. PA to CE, CBSE
16. PA to Secretary, CBSE
17. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
18. PA to Director ( Academic), CBSE
19. The PRO, CBSE

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