



Central Board of Secondary Education

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Fifth Edition of CBSE Student's Global Aptitude Index (SGAI)

To,
All the Heads of Institutions of CBSE Affiliated Schools.

Dear Madam/Sir,

After conducting four consecutive editions of Student's Global Aptitude Index (SGAI) successfully, Board is happy to announce the Fifth Edition.

The enthusiastic participation of schools in SGAI from different parts of the country and abroad is sincerely appreciated. Around 6 Lakh students worldwide have so far opted for CBSE-SGAI in the last three years. It is worth mentioning that in addition to CBSE schools, the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education has also introduced CBSE SGAI for its students of Class X.

The consistently increasing participation of schools in SGAI not only signifies its usefulness but also highlights the need for such initiatives in our country. A survey of SGAI participating schools revealed that out of those which responded, 88 per cent relied on CBSE SGAI for aptitude testing.

Many schools and members of public have strongly suggested that CBSE should make SGAI assessment compulsory for all schools and students of class X. I consider this feed back as an achievement in so far as Aptitude testing as a concept is concerned. It shows that the schools and students have realised the importance of such a facility as they themselves have come forward to register.

Besides empowering students, the larger motive of SGAI is to initiate a dialogue on making informed academic choices at the end of class X among various stakeholders. As such, this becomes more significant in Indian context where subject choices of a student are very often dictated by parents' expectations, peer pressure, social prestige and various other external factors. SGAI supports the fact that each individual is unique in terms of Aptitude, Interest, Personality and Motivation and requires individual academic plans.

In fact, there is a lot of demand that Aptitude testing should be made an integral part of school system and to make it more inclusive, the sensitization and advocacy of SGAI should start for the parents and students in class IX itself.

For the benefit of new entrants in CBSE fraternity of affiliated schools, it may be mentioned that though aptitude testing is not a new concept in the developed world; in India CBSE is the first Board of Education to conduct Aptitude Testing. SGAI has been developed indigenously as an assessment tool by a renowned team of field experts, SGAI is customized to suit the Indian context and above all, the

variety of student population in CBSE affiliated Private, Government and Aided Schools.

This year also, the Board has planned to hold SGAI Advocacy cum Orientation Programmes in schools pan India and 17 programmes have already been concluded. Around 1050 Principals, counsellors and teachers from 656 schools have been sensitised through these programmes so far.

For the purpose of facilitation, this year also, the advocacy material has been refreshed and prepared in the form of Power Point Presentation, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Teacher's Manual of Activities and other advocacy material which will be sent to the schools via e-mail.

I hope that all the schools will make full use of this material and share this with the counsellors or designated teachers who in turn can take this activity forward with students and parents during the PTM's for Classes IX and X.

The response to SGAI held in November 2013 has been very encouraging especially with regard to the comprehensive yet easy to understand assessment reports. The Board is making constant effort to make SGAI assessment more and more valuable. Efforts are being made to conduct SGAI in online (Computer Based) mode. The Fifth edition of SGAI will be tentatively held in the month of November 2014. The purpose behind this schedule is to provide students individual assessment reports well ahead of their entry into class XI.

The single window registration process last year was well appreciated by the schools and is being continued for the Fifth Edition of SGAI registration also. So there will be no separate registration for SGAI. Schools may fill up the option provided for SGAI in the **Online List of Candidates (LOC)** of Class X students for academic session 2014-15 and deposit fee of ₹ 100 per student along with Examination Fee payable at the concerned Regional Office. There is no late fee for SGAI. However, schools must register students for SGAI Fifth Edition by **15th October, 2014** positively. The detailed information regarding this is separately available on CBSE website.

For any further clarification or suggestion, you may write to:

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