CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION "SHIKSHA SADAN", 17, ROUSE AVENUE, INSTITUTIONAL AREA, NEW DELHI – 110 002

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Circular No. 2 6th January, 2011.

All the Heads

of the CBSE affiliated schools

Subject: Celebration of Heritage Day on 12th January 2011: Reaffirming our commitment to preserve and protect Heritage Monuments in the country, *reg*.

Ref: Circular No. 02/7.01.2010 on Educational Campaign to Preserve and protect heritage monuments in the country.

Dear Principal,

Your kind attention is drawn to the above cited CBSE circular through which schools were asked to create awareness amongst the students regarding need to protect and preserve the monuments which are precious cultural heritage of our society as well as evolve a sense of responsibility to transfer this heritage to the next generation through observance of 12th January as heritage day and undertaking other programmes, such as exhibitions, lectures, competitions, etc.

During the year, many activities were undertaken by the schools with the purpose to conserve the heritage, such as

- (i) Educational trips and heritage walks to local monuments.
- (ii) Students interaction with officers of Archaeological Survey of India, tourists etc.
- (iii) Observing oath taking ceremony against scribbling and defacing monuments.
- (iv) Adopting local monuments and preparing report for their conservation.
- (v) Forming heritage clubs in schools in coordination with organizations such as INTACH and organizing seminars, exhibitions, heritage walks, competitions etc

CBSE on its part has conducted CBSE Heritage India Quiz 2010 with more than 925 schools and three thousand students who took the Preliminary written test held at 69 centers across India and abroad. The top 78 teams competed in the 12 regional rounds conducted in Chennai, Kochi, Patna, New Delhi, NOIDA, Vadodara, Jaipur, Gurgaon, Amritsar and Bhubaneshwar out of which 12 teams qualified for Semi finals and 4 teams for Finals.

As a part of project in Social science under formative assessment, the CBSE has especially emphasized on 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme' where the students are supposed to adopt a historical building in their neighbourhood and take every possible measure to protect and create awareness about it among the students as well as community members.

Continuing the similar kinds of efforts this year also, the schools are advised to observe the Heritage Day by administering an oath to all students on 12th January 2011. The schools will involve the students in the protection of monuments in the country and encourage them to organize seminars, quizzes, skits and exhibitions on heritage conservation. Organizing such activities aims to encourage them to respect all monuments and not to scribble, deface or encroach upon them and ensure all measures to conserve them.

The text of the oath will be:

- I am proud of the rich culture and heritage of India.
- I will respect all monuments which are a part of my country's heritage.
- I will not scribble, deface or encroach upon any monument.
- I pledge to render all possible help to conserve and preserve our heritage.
- I along with my school mates will endeavor to save and protect the heritage

Kindly bring this Circular to the notice of concerned students and teachers.

Yours faithfully,

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:-

- 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. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
- 13. EO to Chairman, CBSE
- 14. PA to CE, CBSE
- 15. PA to Secretary, CBSE
- 16. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
- 17. PA to HOD (Edusat)
- 18. The PRO, CBSE

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