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Circular No:ACAD-79/2021

All Heads of Institutions affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Elimination of identified Single-Use Plastics – regarding.

In continuation to CBSE Circular No. ACAD-73/2021 dated 31st August, 2021, School Heads are requested to include activities for **banning / elimination of Single Use Plastic** in schools in Swachhata Pakhwada 2021 from 1st September to 15th September 2021. Some activities are suggested for elimination of single use plastic in schools in **Annexure-I.**

Single-Use Plastic drastically impacts the environment in a harmful way. Single-Use Plastic after usage mostly dumped on the land-fill sites chokes the water supply and drainage system and damages the environment due to its non-biodegradability.

School Heads are requested to create a strong public movement for mitigation of plastic pollution by adopting the strategy of 6Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Redesign and Remanufacture) based on the principle of circular economy and facilitate development of an action plan for elimination of single use plastic in their school.

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Encl.: As stated above

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

- 1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110016
- 2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida201309







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- 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 744101
- 8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Island
- 9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, CommunityCentre, Sector -3, Rohini, Delhi
- 10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A –Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
- 11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
- 12. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular toall the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective Regions
- 13. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ Assistant Secretary/SPS / Analyst, CBSE
- 14. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
- 15. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website
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- 24. SPS to Director (Professional Examinations), CBSE
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Suggested activities for Elimination of Single Use Plastic in Schools

To create a strong movement for mitigation of plastic pollution in the schools & educational institutions the following suggested activities may be undertaken, taking into consideration the Covid-19 protocols laid down by the Government:-

- 1. Children may take pledge in the morning/ assembly that they will avoid the use of plastic products and work for elimination of single use plastics.
- Create Awareness campaign about stopping use of Single Use Plastic and mitigation of
 plastic pollution, by students, teachers. School Management may also create awareness
 in association with villagers and local representatives by giving emphasis on 6R's
 (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Redesign and Remanufacture)
- 3. Children and teachers may take a bold stance by simply not using the plastic products like:
 - → All plastic carry bags,
 - → Bottles,
 - → Plastic cutlery including plates, cups/glass, straws, stirrers; and
 - → Cutlery
 - → Other decorative made of Styrofoam (Thermocol).
- Schools may discourage to use plastic products like artificial flowers, banners, flags, flower pots, PET plastic water bottles, Plastic folders, trays etc. and any other plastic material for which an alternative exists.
- 5. Schools should inculcate in students a behaviour change for reducing the plastic usage.
- 6. Topics/chapters in school curriculum to discourage use of single-use plastics may have focused learning by students.
- 7. Schools may promote and practice source segregation.
- 8. Students can raise awareness about the negative effects of plastic for the environment and health.
- 9. The programs conducted by schools may focus on activities for reducing single-use plastics in school campuses
- 10. Schools may choose reusables for the canteen and school events.
- 11. The School Development Plan prepared by school Management Committee may have plan for mitigation of plastic pollution especially single- use plastics in school.
- 12. Students can share their successes for mitigation of plastic pollution to other students/schools, and reflect in their annual report.
