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Subject: Celebration of World Environment Day on June 5, 2018 - regarding

World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year. This year India is hosting the World Environment Day 2018 at global level in collaboration with UN Environment on the theme "Plastic Pollution".

- 2. You are, therefore, requested to sensitize students by organizing awareness programmes on environmental conservation by conducting appropriate activities such as:
 - (i) Encouraging students to refuse, reduce and reuse plastic products in daily life.
 - (ii) Conducting school waste audit and devise ways to reduce the waste generated in school.
 - (iii) Banning bottles, wrappers, packaging, bags, cups, plates, tumbler made of plastic or polystyrene in school premises and in the school canteen.
 - (iv) Encouraging use of alternative biodegradable products.
 - (v) Organising neighborhood outreach activities under Eco-Club wherein students can educate people about the hazards caused by plastic waste.

(vi) Organising competitions on innovative ideas such as formulation of school plastic waste management plan, how to make school a place free from plastic etc.

(Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj) Director (Academics)

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, ND-16
- 2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
- The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
- The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017
- The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim –737101
- 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. Under Secretary (EE-I), MHRD, Govt. of India, Department of SE&L, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01
- 9. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Island
- 10. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini
- The Additional Director General of Army Education, A Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
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- 13. All Regional Directors/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
- 14. All Additional Directors / Joint Directors/Deputy Directors/Assistant Directors, CBSE
- 15. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic website
- 16. The Sr. Public Relations Officer, CBSE
- 17. Sr. PS to Chairman, CBSE
- SPS to Secretary, Controller of Examinations, Director (Information Technology), Director (Special Exams and CTET), CBSE

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No.F.13-10/2018-EE.1 Government of India Ministry of Human Resource Development Department of School Education and Literacy

New Delhi, the 24th April, 2018

Subject: VIP Reference received from Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change-regarding.

Please find enclosed an D.O letter dated 15.03.2018 received from Dr. Harsh Vardhan. Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change regarding the World Environment, 2018 which is being hosted by Govt. of India in New Delhi in collaboration with UN Environment.

Bureau Heads are requested to kindly direct their Divisional Heads to circulate this information to all employees working in their Division as well as 'Autonomous bodies/Subordinate organizations' under their administrative control for information and taking further necessary action in this regard.

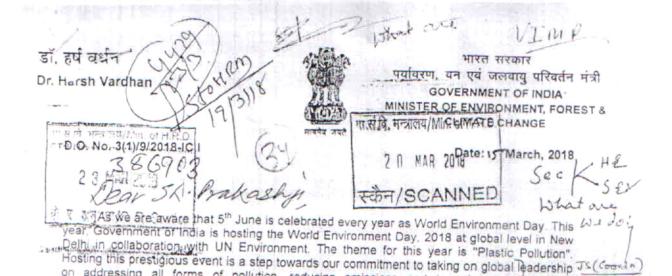
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on addressing all forms of pollution, reducing emissions and investing in systainable development efforts.

2 World Environment Day has always been a day of special importance to India. The day has been celebrated as rededication of national efforts for sustainable development and mainstreaming environmental concerns in the national developmental agenda.

3. Plastic itself is not a problem, littering and unsafe disposal of single-use plastic products, plastic bottles, food containers and packaging materials is causing concern to environment. Plastic garbage/waste that ends up in landfills and oceans take hundreds of years to degrade and gradually releases toxins into the environment. In the age of advanced technology, we cannot live plastic free but we can manage our plastic waste disposal into circular economy and building construction materials and paving roads. The per capita consumption of plastics of India is on the rise and this is the right time for us to plan for the future. Thus, we must realize the concern and do collective efforts to reduce our collective plastic footprint by way of refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle.

- 4. I would urge you to start the actions in your Ministry in two ways: awareness on environmental conservation and theme based awareness to 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. In this endeavour, you may take initiatives in your Ministry and Associated Offices/PSUs/Autonomous Institutions:
 - Encourage employees to refuse, reduce and reuse plastic products in their daily uses. Piedge for plastic free environment in the Ministry and associated offices.
 - Ban single-use plastic water bottle, take-away coffee cup, lunch wrapped in disposable plastic packaging, plastic bags; disposable foodservice cups, plates, and containers made of polystyrene foam; plastic straws; etc. in your Ministry premises and departmental canteen (s).
 - Encourage use of biodegradable and other types of compostable utensils in place of plastic and bring a fork, knife and spoon from home.
 - Encourage use of durable, foldable and inexpensive reusable bag that can be carried around in car, pocket, or purse.
 - Discourage plastic bottles. Have glass, steel or clay bottles in offices.
 - Innovative ideas to reduce plastic footprint are welcome.

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- 5. Your Ministry has large network of schools/colleges/universities/other institutions across the country. It would be grateful if your Ministry mobilizes students of schools/colleges/universities across the country in cleanness drives including public sensitization of harmfulness of plastic littering to environment/surroundings through nature walk, live music, nukkad natak, street entertainment, cycling, athletic activities, forestry conservation activities etc. well before schools/colleges close for summer vacation. I have already requested Chief Ministers to launch cleanliness drives in their respective states/UTs.
- 6. I am sure that this opportunity would serve to spread the messages of sustainable use of the plastic items. This will help in small ways by changing behaviour and demonstrating through actions. The aim of this endeavour is to transform habits, practices, standards to dramatically reduce plastic litter and the harm it causes to surroundings.
- 7 Shri Nikunja K. Sundaray, Joint Secretary in this Ministry is the nodal Officer for the World Environment Day, 2018 whose contact details are as under, in need of any information:

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Email: js.nksundaray@gov.in

- 8. Please join hands with us in this important endeavour. I look forward to visible and concrete actions and high level of commitment from you.
- You are cordially invited to the plenary functions presided by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the evening of 5thJune, 2018 in New Delhi.

Together, we can succeed.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Dr. Harsh Vardhan)

Shri Prakash Javadekar
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Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road,
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