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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: 'E-Waste Awareness Campaign and Collection Drive' in Schools under Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE – reg.

Dear Principal

The Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Govt. of India is organising a nationwide 'E-waste Awareness Campaign and Collection Drive' in Schools under the aegis of Eco clubs for Mission LiFE.

A two-phase action plan has been prepared for implementation of the 'E-waste Awareness Campaign and Collection Drive' as follows:

Phase 1: Preparatory Phase (15th September to 30th September):

- School Level Action: Establish a dedicated E-Waste Collection Corner equipped with secure, dry containers marked for obsolete electronics (cables, old phones, calculators chargers keyboards etc.)
- Nodal Mapping: District authorities connect school clusters CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board)/ SPCB (State Pollution Control Board) authorized recyclers or PROs (Producer Responsibility Organizations).
- Webinars Workshops: Conduct student/ teacher orientation sessions around e-waste dangers, responsible disposals and circular economy principles.

Phase 2: Implementation and Collection Phase (1st October to 31st October):

- Co-curricular Activities: Inter-house poster-making, e-waste art installations, essay writing.
- Student Participation: Students are encouraged to audit their homes for end-of-life electronics and deposit them safely at school collection points with parent consent.
- Collection and Logistics: CPCB-certified recyclers collect accumulated e-waste from designated schools or cluster hubs.
- Real-Time Tracking: School Eco Club coordinators log metrics (number of student participants, workshops held, kilograms collected etc.) onto <https://ecoclubs.education.gov.in> Eco Clubs or Mission LiFE portal.
- Communication and Outreach: For larger publicity and outreach of the campaign, the schools may post best practices on social media platforms with #SpecialCampaign6

In view of above, the schools may establish dedicated e-waste collection corners, organise awareness/ orientation programmes and student activities, and facilitate the safe collection and disposal of e-waste through authorised recyclers/ Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs) with the requisite documentation. Schools should ensure that students do not dismantle or open electronic devices or handle hazardous items, such as damaged lithium-ion batteries, leaking cells and broken cathode-ray tubes (CRTs).



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Schools are requested to upload details of their participation and activities in the Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE Portal and also submit it through the following links after completion of the activities to the Board:

Mission Life Portal-: <https://ecoclubs.education.gov.in/>

CBSE Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRzrQUPOHL9UFyhq8eCfrBIDCxbPw97DYiRtFRDA3214GcAQ/viewform?usp=header>

In view of above, you are requested to encourage teachers, students and parents to actively participate in all the activities and contribute towards making these initiatives a success.

With best wishes!

Dr. Praggya M Singh
Professor and Director (Academics)

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions 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-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Secretary, Eklaya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
5. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005
6. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
7. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160017
8. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim –737101
9. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791 111
10. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair – 744101
11. The Director of School Education, Ladakh, Room No.101-102, Ground Floor, Council Secretariat, Kurbathang, Kargil - Ladakh
12. The Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, B block, Anjaneya Towers, VTPS Rd, Bhimaraju Gutta, Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh – 521 456
13. The Director, Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi, Jharkhand
14. The Director, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS), Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Dharamshala, HP
15. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A –Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001



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16. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
17. The Director, Navy Education Society, Directorate of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, Delhi – 110066
18. JS to Chairperson, CBSE
19. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE
20. All Professor & Directors, CBSE
21. 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
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Sd/-
Professor and Director (Academics)



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Annexure

E-Waste Awareness and Collection Drive in Schools under Eco Clubs for Mission Life

- E-Waste Threat: India generates millions of tonnes of e-waste annually. Unofficial handling and backyard recycling release hazardous toxins into soil, air and groundwater, impacting child development and public health.
- NEP 2020 integration: NEP 2020 advocates for integrating environmental awareness across subject areas, shifting learning away from rote memory toward practical, action-oriented civic duty.
- Mission Life Alignment: Directly supports Mission Life Theme 6: "Reduce -E-Waste "by promoting repair, reuse, and safe channelization of electronic gadgets.

Two-Phase Action Plan

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Roles & Responsibilities Matrix

Stakeholders	Key Responsibilities

DoSEL (Ministry of tie-ups.Education)	• Overall national monitoring and policy oversight. • Webinar/workshops/handholding sessions. • Mandating CPCP/SPCBs to facilitate certified recycle tie-ups.
MoEFCC & CPCB	• Providing technical awareness material and safe handling guidelines. • Issuing state circulars and appointing State/UT/District Nodal Officers.
State/UT/District Nodal Officers.	• Monitoring 100% participation of schools Eco Clubs for Mission Life. • . Designating Eco Club for Mission Life in-charge teacher.
School Principal & Eco Club for Mission Life	• Ensuring safe collection (no hazardous dismantling) and entry on Eco Clubs for Mission Life portal. • .Transporting and safely recycling collected e-waste.
Certified Recyclers / PROs	• Issuing official Certificates of Recycling to participating schools. (please refer to)

CPCB & STATE-CERTIFIED RECYCLER ENGAGEMENT PROTOCOL

To guarantee that collected e-waste is handled strictly under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, all authorities must abide by the following safety guidelines:-

E- WASTE SAFE DISPOSAL WORKFLOW

[Student / Home] -> [[School E-Waste Bin] ⇌[School/Cluster/Block Collection Point]

[Recycling certificate] ⇐CPCB/SPCB Recycler

1. Authorized Channels Only.

- Schools must strictly refrain from selling or handing over e-waste to unorganized scrap dealers (kabadiwalas).
- Drives must operate strictly in partnership with recyclers listed on the CPCB Official Portal or state SPCB registries.

2. Safety Protocols for Schools.

- Permitted Items: Small gadgets, wires, circuit boards, discarded phones, remote controls, computer accessories, IT peripherals. ear buds etc.
- Restricted / Hazardous Items: Damaged lithium-ion batteries, broken cathode-ray tube (CRT) monitors, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), or leaking cells must not be handled by children.
- . Zero Dismantling Rule: Students and staff are strictly prohibited from opening, breaking, or dismantling electronic devices.

3. Verification & Chain of Custody

- 'Upon collection, certified recycler must weigh the e-waste in the presence of the School Nodal Officer.
- The recycler provides a formal E-Waste Handover Receipt & Recycling/dismantling/refurbishing Certificate, as proof of compliance.