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All India School Contest 2021 on Plastic Awareness conducted by Indian Centre for Plastics in the Environment (ICPE) for V to XII students

Dear Parents of V to XII, Greetings of the day!

Indian Centre for Plastics in the Environment (ICPE) is a voluntary "Not for Profit "organization set up on the recommendation of a Task Force constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India in January 1999 to formulate strategies and action plans on matters related to plastics in the environment.

The use of plastics and the issue of waste management have attracted global attention. ICPE has been working in this field to promote scientific and practical solutions. Apart from scientific management of waste, creating awareness among people on the benefits of source segregation and inculcating anti-littering habit are important for a cleaner environment.

ICPE has been conducting various awareness campaigns among the younger generation, specifically the students. In this, ICPE has been organizing "All India School Contest" among students inviting their views and suggestions on how we could achieve a cleaner environment with responsible use of plastics and management of waste. It had received overwhelming responses to such contests held in past. Brief of the contest held in earlier years are available in ICPE website www.icpeawareness.in / www.icpe.in.

This year, IPCE is conducting this event despite various constraints being faced during this pandemic. Accordingly, they have invited active participation of the students to the "All India School Contest – 2021" digitally in this version.

The theme of this year's contest will be:

- (A). Junior Category (Students from Class V to Class VIII)
 - 1. Importance of Plastics in our daily life.
 - 2. Advantages of Plastics over conventional materials.
 - 3. Why Plastics Recycling is Important?
- (B). Senior Category (Students from Class IX to Class XII)
 - 1. How can you facilitate recycling of plastics?

- 2. Elaborate how plastics waste management can be a profitable business.
- 3. What are the challenges you anticipate in phasing out Single Use Plastics (SUP)?

Students are invited to send in their entries on the above themes in any one of the following formats:

Audio Visual Clip Duration 3 minutes, max size 10 MB
Power Point Presentation Maximum 5 Slides within 10 MB (excluding title slide and last slide)

3. Poster / Artwork A3 within max 10 MB size

4. Animation One frame within max 10 MB size

Separate link will be provided by the Class Teachers for submission of the contents.

One student can submit only one entry.

While responding, students may consider any one or all the 3 questions in one category within the overall specification as given in the Rules & Regulations.

For background on these themes, students are encouraged to visit ICPE website www.icpe.in. Higher credit would be given for using own creativity (copy & paste should be avoided). **Reference of credible source of data / information would add value.**

The contest is open from 29th May 2021 to 30th June, 2021 at the school level. Best 150 entries from V to XII will represent the school at the regional and national level. Best 150 entries will get E-Certificates from the school.

Results will be declared by the end of September 2021 by ICPE. There is no entry fee.

At national level, all entries will be evaluated by a team of experts from ICPE, Educational Institutions and Industry as constituted by the Governing Council of ICPE. Prizes will be awarded to the winning students. Efforts of mentoring teachers and the schools sending maximum number of entries on All India basis would also be recognized.

Students may visit ICPE website <u>www.icpeawareness.in</u> and look for specific instructions for filling up of the entries and / or any announcement regarding the contest.

School Level Teacher ICs: Punam Pandey, TGT & STEM IC, Shashi Shukla, PGT, Member, STEM Cell. All interested students must the contact the ICs for details.

With regard

Tuna Biswal Principal