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CIRCULAR

India has committed to phase out identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) by 2022. For wider awareness Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi has organized to conduct an Essay writing competition for the students on the theme “A Future without Plastic Waste – through Sustainability and Circularity” on online mode.

The main objectives of the essay writing competition are to foster the engagement of school students on the issues of plastic waste management and elimination of single-use plastic items.

The details of the competition are enclosed at Annexure I

Heads of all Govt./Govt. aided secondary and higher secondary schools in the state are requested to motivate all the students to participate in the essay writing competition which would go a long way in engagement of the younger generation in tackling the plastic pollution in effective and sustainable manner. Further it is also informed to submit first three best entries to the Dy. Director of respective Educational Zone.

The Dy. Director of Education, North/South/Central Educational Zone, Mapusa/Margao/Panaji-Goa, is hereby requested to conduct online essay writing competition at zonal level and submit three best selected entry to this Directorate of Education, Porvorim on or before 5th October, 2021.

(Dr S. S. Ghadi)

Dy. Director of Education(Acad)

Encl. As above.

To,

All Heads of Govt./Govt. aided secondary & higher secondary schools in the state of Goa.

Copy to:-

1. The Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Jal wing, 3rd Floor, Room No. 305, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003.
2. The Director (administration), Directorate of Education, Porvorim-Goa.
3. Dy. Director of Education, North/South/Central Educational Zone, Mapusa/Margao/Panaji-Goa.
4. The ADEI of all Taluka
5. The Nodal Officer IT to upload on the website.

Guidelines for Essay Writing Competition**BACKGROUND**

1. India has pledged to phase out Single Use Plastic (SUP) by 2022 on World Environment Day, 2018. Further, Hon'ble Prime Minister re-emphasized the commitment to phase out single use plastic by stating about it in his speech at the inauguration of Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2nd October, 2019.
2. Hon'ble Prime Minister reviewed the issue of Elimination of Single Use Plastic during PRAGATI meeting held on 24th February 2021. The pan India essay writing competition would help in establishing a strong and robust engagement with students on the issue of reducing plastic pollution and elimination of SUP.
3. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India is organizing a pan-India essay writing competition for school students at the secondary(8th, 9th and 10th graders) and senior secondary(11th and 12th graders) stages on the theme '**A future without littered plastic waste and single use plastic items – through sustainability and circularity**'. The competition will be organized in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

OBJECTIVE

4. The main objective of the essay writing competition is to foster the engagement of school students in the campaign on plastic waste management in and elimination of littered Single Use Plastic items.

ELIGIBILITY

5. Competition shall be open for students studying in schools in India.
6. Competition will be held in the following two categories of school students:
 - o Students of classes 8,9 and 10, and
 - o Students of classes 11 and 12.
7. The upper age limit for class 12th school students would be 18 years as on 31.3.2021.

