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CBSE STUDENTS WILL LEARN IN THEIR CLASSROOMS HOW TO FIGHT CORRUPTION, THE STRUGGLE WILL BE GUIDED BY SYLLABUS

B'lore school kids turning crusaders against corruption

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Schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in the city are busy preparing foot-soldiers to fight corruption.

The board has decided to make 'fight against corruption' a compulsory part of its syllabus under the newly implemented Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) scheme, and has directed all the schools under it to take up steps to create awareness among the students about the menace.

"At first, we will conduct classes for the students about the ills of corruption and train them in fighting it. After that they will organise awareness programmes in various residential areas in the city," said Archana Vishwanath, principal, Jain Heritage School. "I think the CBSE's

latest project is a noble one and it will go a long way in erasing the menace from the society," she said.

Students' clubs across the CBSE schools in the city are taking special interest in taking the project forward. "Our students are showing keen interest in organising anti-corruption campaigns," said Manjula Raman, principal, Army Public School, Bangalore. "We are also planning to form an anti-corruption club in the school soon," she said.

The CBSE board has also decided to observe a vigilance awareness week from October 25 to November 1 in pursuance of the directions issued by the central vigilance commission. The vigilance awareness week is celebrated in memory of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, who exercised a major influence in establishing the administrative struc-



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ture in the country.

The board has issued a circular regarding this recently, and asked the schools to organise lectures, debates on the

issue of corruption. "The programmes will include debate sessions, seminars and essay competitions. Such gestures will help create appropriate

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mindset among the students," said Vineet Joshi, chairperson, CBSE.

"As you are well aware, there is an increasing concern

about corruption eroding the basic values of life. It has not only a negative effect in social dynamics but also disturb the value system established in the country. It's important that the younger generation who has to play a pivotal role in the development of the country needs to be educated on the urgency to fight against such unethical practices," he said.

Meanwhile, the board has initiated several steps in bringing greater transparency in its working system to discourage corruption in its administration. "The board has already taken many steps to make its functioning more transparent. We have introduced online system of affiliation and registration. We have also started an online compliant lodging system. We are also planning to start a 24X7 helpline," the circular added. maitreyee@dnaindia.net