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To

Principal Secretary,
Department of Environment, Forests, Science & Technology,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
4th Block, Ground Floor, AP Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amravati City,
Guntur, Andhra Pradesh 522503

Subject: Invitation to Green Schools Award Ceremony - February 6, 2019

Dear Sir,

We are glad to announce the Green Schools Award Ceremony on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019** at the Silver **Oak Hall**, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003, from 9.30 AM to 2 PM. This year, the awards ceremony will also mark the book release of our new publication on **Best Green Practices in GSP Schools**. It is a compilation of the green practices undertaken by the schools in the GSP network. We hope the publication will benefit schools in initiating the green practices in schools.

We are pleased to share that Andhra Pradesh will **be awarded for the state with highest number of registrations and submissions for GSP Audit 2018**. The award ceremony is the culmination of CSE's Green Schools Programme Audit 2018. We invite you to receive the Award in Delhi, but if you are unable to attend, we request you to depute an official to receive the Award on behalf of the state.

With continuous support from Andhra Pradesh, for GSP Audit 2018, 17.89 per cent schools, of the total 1889 registrations, completed the Audit. 463 schools started the Audit but could not complete and submit within the deadline, while the rest 1088 did not start. The best performing districts are Chittoor (once again) followed by new entry Prakasam. You will be pleased to know that this year, **11 schools* from Andhra Pradesh have been rated "Green"** – a significant improvement from last year with only three schools in the green category from the state.

The consistent effort made by your team has made **Andhra Pradesh retain the first spot two years in a row**, since last year! Since the launch of the online audit in 2015, there has been a steady increase in the number of Andhra Pradesh schools registering for the audit. Post our partnership (since 2017) there has been a remarkable and a whooping jump in registrations this year – 1340 additional schools registered in 2018 as compared to 2017.

We hope that Andhra Pradesh, a valued partner, continues to lead in the coming years and encourage all schools in Andhra Pradesh to sensitize students towards the environment.

Overview:

As part of the Programme, schools carry out a rigorous audit on environmental practices within their own premises, following a set of guidelines outlined in CSE's Green Schools Manual. This becomes learning and teaching tool, and the result is an 'annual audit report card' of the schools, prepared by their own students, and supervised by their teachers. Based on these reports, the schools with the best environmental practices have been identified and will be awarded during the award ceremony on February 6, 2019.

This year, 5292 schools registered for the GSP Audit from 29 states and five Union Territories of India. Around 1696 schools could submit the GSP audit on time. Both registrations and submissions have seen a year-on-year increase of 85 per cent and 30, respectively.

You may wish to view the snippet of last year's award ceremony at <http://www.greenschoolsprogramme.org/schools/gsp-awards-2017-18/green-schools-award-video-2018/>

I hope you will be able to attend the ceremony. CSE will be happy to provide accommodation for you at Delhi from Feb 5, 2019 to Feb 6, 2019. We hope to receive a confirmation from your office by Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Your presence will encourage the students and teachers immensely. We look forward to having you for the event.

With warm regards,

Ranjita Menon
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Director – Environment Education
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*Green Schools from Andhra Pradesh

S. No.	School Name	District
1.	KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA ELURU	West Godavari
2.	ZPHS KALLIVETTU	Chittoor
3.	ZILLA PARISHAD HIGH SCHOOL	Vishakhapatnam
4.	Z.P.H.SCHOOL, KANIPAKAM,IRALA MANDAL	Chittoor
5.	ZPHS ANJURU	Chittoor
6.	ZP HIGHSCHOOL SIDDAMPALLI	Chittoor
7.	SPZP GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	Chittoor
8.	ZPHS,PATHIKONDA	Chittoor
9.	KGBV KVB PURAM	Chittoor
10.	ZPHS, GOPALAKRISHNA PURAM	Chittoor
11.	ZP HIGH SCHOOL.KALLUR	Chittoor