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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

Date: 17.01.2018

Subject: Invitation to Green Schools Award Ceremony - February 7, 2018

Dear Sir,

It is our privilege to announce the Green Schools Award Ceremony on Wednesday, **February 7, 2018** at the Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.

We are pleased to share that Andhra Pradesh will **be awarded for the highest number of registrations and submissions for GSP Audit 2017**. The award ceremony is the culmination of CSE's Green Schools Programme Audit 2017. The agenda is also attached with the email. 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 2017, 30 per cent schools, of the total 547 registrations, completed the Audit. 164 schools started the Audit but could not complete within the deadline, while the rest 216 did not start. The best performing districts are Chittoor followed by Srikakulam and Vishakhapatnam. You will be pleased to know that three schools* from Andhra Pradesh also were rated "Green" – a significant achievement as only 54 schools from across India have made it to this category.

The efforts made by your team have resulted in Andhra Pradesh taking the first spot, moving ahead of Punjab who has been the leader for the past two years. 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 - five schools registered in 2015, 18 schools in 2016 and **547 schools in 2017!** This is a laudable achievement considering that the partnership with the state was formalized this year (2017).

We hope that Andhra Pradesh, a valued partner, continues to lead in the coming years and encourage all schools in Andhra Pradesh to build a cadre of environmentally sensitive students.

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 7, 2018.

This year, 2860 schools registered for the GSP Audit from 29 states and five Union Territories of India. Around 1200 schools could submit the GSP audit on time. Both registrations and submissions have seen a year-on-year increase of 12 per cent and 40, respectively.

You may wish to view the snippet of last year's awards ceremony at <http://www.greenschoolsprogramme.org/schools/gsp-award-2016-2017/video-2/>

I hope you will be able to attend the ceremony. CSE will be happy to provide accommodation for you at Delhi from Feb 6, 2018 to Feb 7, 2018. We hope to receive a confirmation from your office by Monday, January 22, 2018. Your presence will encourage the students and teachers immensely. We look forward to having you for the event.

With warm regards

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