



केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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Heads of All Institutions Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: CBSE Skill Expo and Guidance Festival – 2025-26

Sir/Madam,

The Department of Skill Education, CBSE, is organizing the *Skill Expo & Guidance Festival 2025-26* in various identified cities across the country for CBSE-affiliated schools. The whole event is aimed to provide information on future careers, essential skill sets, and clear guidance on career choices and pathways. The event also reflects its objectives by raising awareness about diverse career opportunities among students. This initiative aims to organize regional events across all CBSE regions, culminating in a national-level event. The goal is to encourage creativity, innovation, and peer learning among students, teachers, and principals.

Objective of the Event

The main objective is to provide students with a platform to showcase their vocational skills, creativity, and innovative ideas, while promoting skill education and experiential learning in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Key Objectives

- **Encourage Skill Development** – Promote the importance of skill-based learning among students.
- **Foster Innovation and Creativity** – Provide opportunities to present innovative projects.
- **Enhance Practical Knowledge** – Bridge the gap between theory and practical application.
- **Build Confidence and Communication** – Develop students' confidence, teamwork, and presentation skills.
- **Promote Vocational Education** – Raise awareness of vocational subjects and career opportunities.
- **Connect with Industry Trends** – Expose students to real-world expectations and industry needs.

Themes for the Skill Expo 2025-26

- Technology & Innovation: Artificial Intelligence & Coding, Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics
- Environment & Sustainability
- Health & Wellness
- Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Agriculture & Rural Development
- Media, Design & Communication



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Guidelines for Participation in the Skill Expo 2025-26

- Schools must register using the given link.
- **Eligibility Categories:**
 - *Category I:* Classes 6 to 10
 - *Category II:* Classes 11 to 12
- Each school team per skill will consist of:
 - 1 teacher and 2 students
 - 1 mentor skill teacher
- The Expo will take place at two levels:
 - Regional
 - National
- Schools can exhibit a minimum of one and a maximum of three exhibits based on the themes mentioned.
- Maximum of three teams can be registered per school.
- Registered names of students and mentor teachers cannot be changed.
- Teams must remain consistent from Regional to National level.
- Selected themes/sub-themes and skills cannot be changed later.

Projects/Exhibits may include:

- The process used to create an item/product
- Application of entrepreneurship
- Use of eco-friendly, innovative materials is encouraged

Submission Requirements:

- Project title, description, list of materials, images, and video within the given timeframe

Assessment Criteria:

- Creativity and Imagination – 20%
- Originality and Innovativeness – 15%
- Scientific thought/principle/approach – 15%
- Technical Skills, Workmanship, Craftsmanship – 15%
- Entrepreneurship, Scalability, Social Utility – 15%
- Economics (Low Cost), Portability, Durability – 10%
- Presentation and Explanation – 10%

Guidelines for Participation in the Guidance Festival 2025-26

- Separate registration is required for participation in the Guidance Festival.
- Each school may nominate 5 students and 2 teachers.
- Participants must attend the full-day event (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM) to be eligible for a certificate.
- Skill Expo can be visited during breaks and designated times.
- All eligible attendees will receive a participation certificate.
- Webinars and short sessions will be held beforehand to raise awareness.



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Key topics to be covered:

- How to develop skills for the new world?
- Future careers and the importance of early planning
- Career planning and developing a personalized roadmap

Schedule of Skill Expo and Guidance Festival – 2025-26

S. No.	Date	City	Regional Office
1	21st July 2025 (Monday)	Vadodara	Ajmer
2	30th July 2025 (Wednesday)	Mangaluru	Bengaluru
3	30th July 2025 (Wednesday)	Gwalior	Bhopal
4	7th August 2025 (Thursday)	Raipur	Bhubaneswar
5	12th August 2025 (Tuesday)	Ludhiana	Chandigarh
6	30th August 2025 (Saturday)	Madurai	Chennai & Thiruvananthapuram
7	4th September 2025 (Thursday)	Rudrapur	Dehradun
8	4th September 2025 (Thursday)	Ghaziabad	Delhi East, Delhi West & Noida
9	27th September 2025 (Saturday)	Jorhat	Guwahati
10	27th September 2025 (Saturday)	Karnal	Panchkula
11	14th October 2025 (Tuesday)	Ranchi	Patna
12	14th October 2025 (Tuesday)	Prayagraj	Prayagraj
13	First week of November 2025	Dubai	Dubai
14	28th November 2025 (Friday)	Mumbai	Pune
15	12th December 2025 (Friday)	Hyderabad	Vijayawada
16	Culmination/National Event	To be intimated in the due course of time	

Dates and venues of the regional events is tentative and are subject to change.

Registration Link: Interested schools may register through the web link <https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index> for the respective events. Details of specific venues shall be notified in the due course of time.

Important Points

- Schools can participate in the event specific to their RO jurisdiction only.
- Events are open to CBSE students, principals and teachers.
- Schools are responsible for all expenses related to the participation.



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- No registration fee will be charged.
- Shortlisted projects will be informed via email used during registration.
- Certificates will be awarded for participation and to the best entries at regional/national levels.
- Selected entries from each region shall further compete at the National level.
- The decision of the selection committee will be final.
- Venue details will be shared region-wise in future notifications.

Therefore, all CBSE-affiliated schools are encouraged to motivate and guide students for the maximum participation in these events.

For queries, please email to: skillexpo@cbseshiksha.in

With best wishes,

(Dr. Biswajit Saha)
Director (Skill Education)



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Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18, Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi – 110016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida – 201309.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi – 54.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sec. 9, Chandigarh – 17.
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791111.
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair – 744101.
8. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sec. 3, Rohini, New Delhi.
9. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.
10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A-Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi – 01.
11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt – 110010.
12. The Secretary Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India
13. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005.
14. The Deputy Secretary to Chairperson, CBSE - for kind information of the Chairperson, CBSE
15. All the Heads of Department of the Board.
16. All the Regional Directors/Regional Officers/Head-COEs, CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions for compliance.
17. Head (Media & Public Relations), CBSE.
18. Deputy Secretary (IT), CBSE, with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website.
19. In-charge, Hindi Cell, CBSE HQ – for Hindi Translation of this notification.

Director (Skill Education)



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