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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: CBSE Reading Challenge 2025-26

Dear Principal,

CBSE Reading Challenge 2025-26 is an initiative aimed at fostering a sustained interest in reading and offering a unique opportunity to deepen literacy and analytical skills among students. It is a thoughtfully designed to develop not only foundational reading abilities but also higher-order literacy skills empowering students to synthesise information, draw logical conclusions, and critically evaluate the relevance and credibility of texts.

The students from classes 6 to10 of the schools affiliated to CBSE can take part in this enrichment activity. There is **NO FEE** for this student enrichment activity.

Timeline: August, September and October, 2025

There will be two rounds of the activity.

First Round:

1. All participating schools may register for this round.
2. It will be conducted offline at the school level.
3. For details, kindly refer to **Annexure-1**.

Second Round:

1. Participating schools may nominate and register top ten performing students, comprising two students from each class (6,7,8,9,10) one each for both English and Hindi categories. **(For participation in Hindi language it is mandatory for schools to type student name and school name in Hindi only. To type in Hindi, schools must have "Google Input Tools" installed in their computer).**
2. The second round will be conducted online through CBSE Reading Challenge portal.
3. For details, kindly refer to **Annexure-1**.

Language Options: - The Reading challenge will be conducted in both Hindi and English languages. **One student per class can participate in one language only.**

Categories of Participation:

- **Category I:** Classes (6 to7)
- **Category II:** Classes (8 to10)



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Certification and Recognition: - The students participating in round-II will be issued online 'Participation Certificate' by the Board. Outstanding performers will be awarded 'Certificate of Appreciation' in recognition of their achievement.

You are requested to encourage the students to participate in this enriching endeavour. It is a unique opportunity to build essential literacy and critical thinking skills while cultivating a genuine interest in reading with understanding.

For additional information please refer to the user manual at **Annexure-2** and for any further assistance, please send an email to cbse.reading.mission@cbseshiksha.in

With best wishes,

(Dr. Praggya M. Singh)
Director (Academics)



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Annexure-1

The timeline and steps for participation are mentioned below:

A. Round One/First Stage	
Time	Action
18.08.2025 to 01.09.2025	<p>Schools affiliated to CBSE may register students for Reading Challenge Round -I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes (6 to7) and (8 to 10) In Hindi and English Registration link will be available at: www.cbse.gov.in, www.cbseacademic.nic.in
08.09.2025 to 11.09.2025	<p>Question papers along with scoring criteria will be made available on the portal to the registered schools to download.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Schools shall download the papers of Round -1 and conduct the challenge offline. Schools should identify top ten performing students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2 each from classes 6,7,8,9,10 ➤ For both Hindi and English challenges <i>If more than ten students perform equally well, schools may conduct an additional screening test to select top ten students).</i>
15.09.2025 to 26.09.2025	<p>Schools shall register the selected top ten performing students for Round-II through the link available on the CBSE Academic Website.</p> <p>(Each school may nominate one student per class in one language only).</p>
B. Round Two/Second Stage	
08.10.2025, 09.10.2025, 13.10.2025 and 14.10.2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBSE will conduct a computer-based Reading Challenge for the registered students of Round -II Only schools that completed Round-I and registered students for Round-II will be eligible to participate.
<p>Important Note: Detailed guidelines/instructions for conducting the above activities will be shared on their official cbseshiksha email id one week prior only with schools that register students for Round -II of the challenge .</p>	
C. Declaration of Result	
<p>The results of the winners of Round Two will be notified on the CBSE Academic website.</p>	



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Annexure -2

Reading Challenge 2025-26

Registration User Manual for schools

1. School login using their LOC credentials.

Welcome to the CBSE Reading Challenge -2025-26

SCHOOL LOGIN

Affiliation No
XXXXXXX

Password
XXXX

Enter Captcha Pin
965660

LOGIN

Instructions

- ▶ This is open for the students of classes 6 to 10 in two categories:
Category-I: 6 - 7
and
Category-II: 8 - 10
(in English and Hindi both)
- ▶ There is no fee for this student enrichment activity.
- ▶ Round-I would be held within the school. CBSE will provide the Question Paper and Answer Key for Round-I to the registered schools.
- ▶ For Round-II participating schools may nominate and register top 10 performing students, two students from each class ((classes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) one each for both English and Hindi categories).
- ▶ One student per class can participate in one language only.

2. School may enter details of the coordinator and computer infrastructure. Question Paper of Round-I will be downloadable only for schools which fill this information.

Coordinator Details

Logout

XXXXXXX

CBSE READING CHALLENGE 2025-26

Registration for Round-I (No fee charged for this student enrichment activity)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. School has to fill only Coordinator and Infrastructure details in Round - I. Last date for registration for Round - I is 1st September, 2025.
2. Question Paper along with answer key will be made available from 8th September, 2025 onwards.
3. Round-I will be conducted at School Level from 8th September, 2025 to 11th September, 2025 for the registered schools.
4. Dates of student registration for Round - II on the portal is from 15th September, 2025 to 28th September, 2025.

SCHOOL DETAILS					
AFFILIATION CODE	SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL NAME	STATE	DISTRICT	REGION
XXXXXXX	99997	DUMMY SCHOOL SK	HARYANA	AMBALA	Patna

COORDINATOR'S DETAILS

Please fill registration details of students after submission of participation details of Round-I

School Co-ordinator's Name*

Designation*

Email ID*

Mobile Number*

Number of available Computers for Test with minimum 4 GB RAM capacity*

Availability of Internet connection with minimum speed 10 Mbps.*

Availability of Adobe Reader Software 9.0 and above*

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PRINCIPAL

RENUGCBSE@GMAIL.COM

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☒ YES ☐ NO

☒ YES ☐ NO

☐ We hereby declare that our infrastructure shall be made available for the conduct of Reading Challenge Round II and shall abide by all the norms stipulated by the Board.



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3. For Round-I schools can download Question Paper and Answer Key for all categories language wise.

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Registration for Round 1 (No fee charged for this student enrichment activity)

SCHOOL DETAILS

AFFILIATION CODE	XXXXXXX
SCHOOL CODE	99997
SCHOOL NAME	DUMMY SCHOOL SK
STATE	HARYANA
DISTRICT	AMBALA
REGION	Patna

DOWNLOAD QUESTION PAPER & ANSWER KEY (ROUND -1) [Guidelines](#)

[ENGLISH QP CLASS 6 TO 7](#)
[ENGLISH QP CLASS 8 TO 10](#)
[HINDI QP CLASS 6 TO 7](#)
[HINDI QP CLASS 8 TO 10](#)

[ENGLISH ANSWER KEY CLASS 6 TO 7](#)
[ENGLISH ANSWER KEY CLASS 8 TO 10](#)
[HINDI ANSWER KEY CLASS 6 TO 7](#)

[HINDI ANSWER KEY CLASS 8 TO 10](#)

4. After completion of Round-I, the school has to fill student participation details of Round-I before entering registration details of students for Round-II.

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SCHOOL DETAILS

AFFILIATION CODE	SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL NAME	STATE	DISTRICT	REGION
XXXXXXX	99997	DUMMY SCHOOL SK	HARYANA	AMBALA	

Please fill participation details of students for Round-I and then click on **Student Registration** menu to register students for Round-II.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION DETAILS

from Class 6*	24
from Class 7*	2
from Class 8*	2
from Class 9*	2
from Class 10*	2

[Update](#)



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5. For Round-II participating schools may register top 10 performing students, two students from each class, one each for both English and Hindi categories. For participation in Hindi language, it is mandatory for schools to students name in the Hindi only. To type in Hindi, school must have “Google Input Tools” installed in their computer system.

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Registration for Round II (No fee charged for this student enrichment activity)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Last date of student registration for Round-II is 26th September, 2025.
2. Maximum two students per class are allowed to register, one student in one language only.
3. Also fill participation details of students for Round-I.

SCHOOL DETAILS

AFFILIATION CODE	SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL NAME	STATE	DISTRICT	REGION
XXXXXXX	99997	DUMMY SCHOOL SK	HARYANA	AMBALA	Patna

STUDENT REGISTRATION DETAILS

PAPAR TYPE* ☒ ENGLISH ☐ HINDI

SCHOOL NAME*

CANDIDATE'S FULL NAME*

GENDER* ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ OTHER

CLASS* ☒ CLASS 6 ☐ CLASS 7 ☐ CLASS 8 ☐ CLASS 9 ☐ CLASS 10

CANDIDATE'S DETAIL

1 Results Found.

S No.	Registration ID	Candidate Name	Class	Gender	Language Type	Action
1	99997002	श्रीराम	6	Male	Hindi	<input type="button" value="EDIT"/> <input type="button" value="DELETE"/>

6. After filling the details of the students for Round-II school shall logout from portal.
7. For any queries and additional information, please send an email to cbse.reading.mission@cbseacademic.nic.in with the screenshot.



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2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida- 201309
3. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001
5. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005
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9. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar - 791111
10. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair- 744101
11. The Director of School Education, Ladakh, Room No.101-102, Ground Floor, Council Secretariat, Kurbathang, Kargil - Ladakh
12. The Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, B block, Anjaneya Towers, VTPS Rd, Bhimaraju Gutta, Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh - 521 456
13. The Director, Jharkhand Education Project Council, Old HEC High School, JSCA Stadium Road, Jagannathpur, Sector-III, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004 (Jharkhand)
14. Navy Education Society, Dte of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066
15. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A -Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
16. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
17. DS to Chairperson, CBSE
18. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE
19. All Regional Directors/ Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
20. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ PPS/SPS/Under Secretary/ Assistant Secretary, CBSE
21. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
22. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website
23. In-Charge, Library
24. Record File

Director (Academics)



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