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Date:14-08-2025 Circular No.: Acad-53/2025

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 to 10 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	Schools affiliated to CBSE may register students for Reading Challenge Round -I: Classes (6 to7) and (8 to 10) In Hindi and English Registration link will be available at: www.cbse.gov.in ,
08.09.2025 to 11.09.2025	 Question papers along with scoring criteria will be made available on the portal to the registered schools to download. The Schools shall download the papers of Round -1 and conduct the challenge offline. Schools should identify top ten performing students: ≥ 2 each from classes 6,7,8,9,10 ► For both Hindi and English challenges If more than ten students perform equally well, schools may conduct an additional screening test to select top ten students).
15.09.2025 to 26.09.2025	Schools shall register the selected top ten performing students for Round-II through the link available on the CBSE Academic Website. (Each school may nominate one student per class in one language only).
B. Round Two/Second Stage	
08.10.2025, 09.10.2025, 13.10.2025 and 14.10.2025	 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.
Important Note: Detailed guidelines/instructions for conducting the above activities will be shared	

Round -II of the challenge . C. Declaration of Result

The results of the winners of Round Two will be notified on the CBSE Academic website.





on their official cbseshiksha email id one week prior only with schools that register students for



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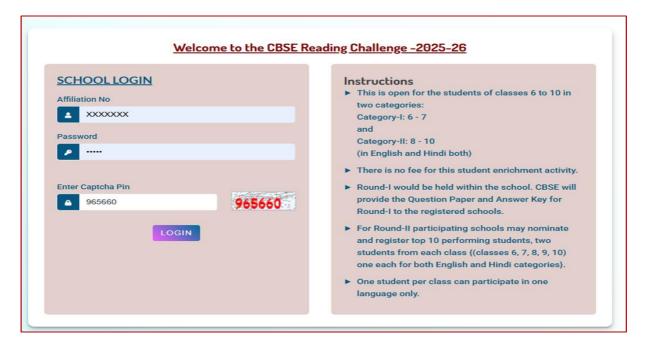


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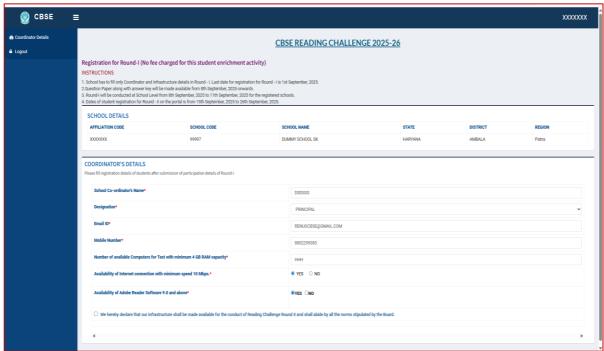
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Registration User Manual for schools

1. School login using their LOC credentials.



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.









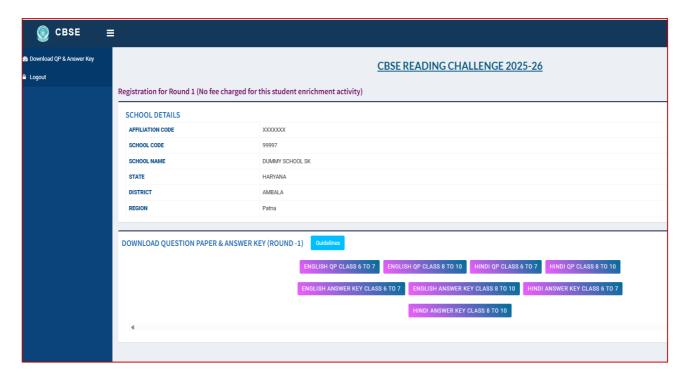
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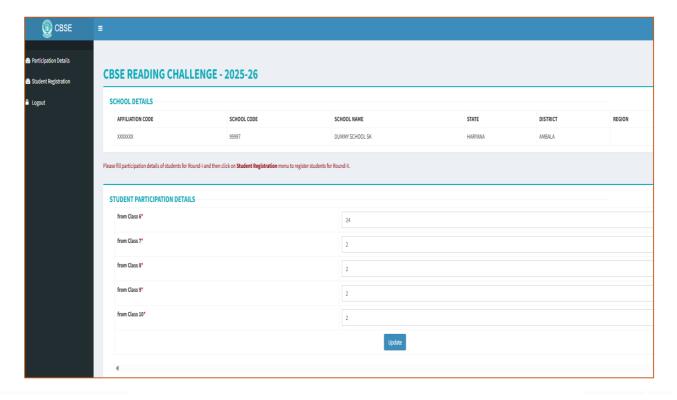
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3. For Round-I schools can download Question Paper and Answer Key for all categories language wise.



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.









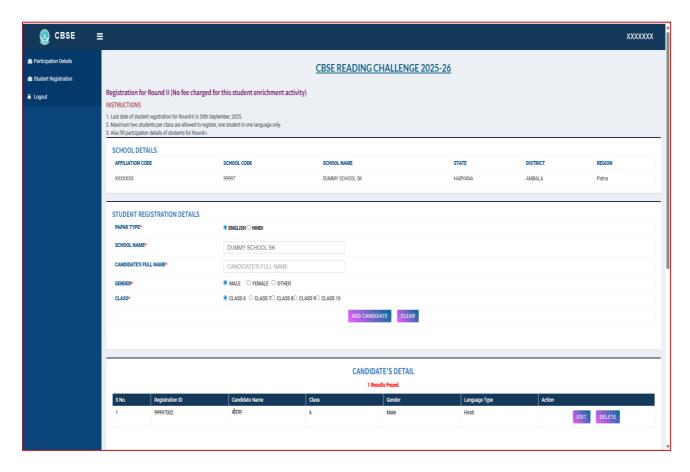
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5. For Round-II participating schools may register top 10 performing students, two students from each class, one each for both English and Hindi categories. For participation in Hindi language, it is mandatory for schools to students name in the Hindi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



- 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@cbseshiksha.in with the screenshot.







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Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organisations and Institutions 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, New Delhi-16
- 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
- 6. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054
- 7. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160017
- 8. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim -737101
- 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)



