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(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत संगठन)
CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
(An Autonomous Organisation Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

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Circular No: Acad-74/2026

All the Heads of Schools Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Aryabhata Ganit Challenge – 2026

To foster real-world competencies, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) organizes the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (AGC), an initiative designed to evaluate and promote student's ability to apply mathematical principles to everyday situations. The AGC is open for all students of Classes VIII to X studying in CBSE-affiliated schools. The details of the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge are as follows:

I. Stages of the Challenge

The Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (AGC) will be conducted in two stages:

- **Stage 1**: School-Level Competition
  This level will be conducted by the schools. The question paper for this level will be made available by CBSE through its official portal. The download of the paper and the conduct of the assessment will be the responsibility of the schools at their own campuses.
- **Stage 2**: National-Level Competition
  This stage will be held by CBSE as an online, computer-based test.

II. Timeline: The timeline for the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (AGC) – 2026 is as follows:

S. No	Activity	Timeline
1	Registration of affiliated Schools for Stage-1	4th Nov – 18th Nov, 2026
2	Availability of Question Paper and Answer keys to schools for Stage-1	25th Nov – 26th Nov, 2026
3	Registration of affiliated Schools for Stage-2	27th Nov – 30th Nov, 2026
4	Conduct of Computer based Test for Stage-2	2nd Dec, 2026

III. Fees

- Stage 1 (School Level): No fee for participation.
- Stage 2: A fee of **Rs.900/-** per school is charged. The fee should be paid online by Debit Card, Credit Card, or NEFT at the time of registration for Stage 2.
  Note: Fees paid are non-refundable.

First Stage:

- The AGC portal link will be provided to schools on the CBSE website ie. www.cbseacademic.nic.in along with the circular.

- The test shall be administered internally by schools using the question paper provided by CBSE. The school will determine the top three performing students. If the same highest score is obtained by more than three students, schools can administer an internal screening test at their discretion to determine the top three.

Second Stage:

- The names of the top three students chosen should be submitted by schools along with an online registration fee of **Rs.900/** per school**.** The payment link will be available only for schools that have registered for the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (AGC) within the deadline.

- The Board will conduct a computer-based test for the top three students from each school. Only schools that have completed Stage-1 shall be eligible to participate in Stage-2.

- Detailed instructions for administering the second-stage test will be communicated to those schools that have registered students in Classes VIII to X for the challenge.

- On successfully completing the second stage, top 100 students from every CBSE region will be given a Merit Certificate.

IV. The details regarding the Areas of Assessment, Eligibility Criteria, Duration of the Test, Question Type, and Total Marks for the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (AGC) – 2026 are provided at Annexure-I.

V. The user guide for AGC Registration is enclosed at Annexure-2.

VI. **Recognition of Schools promoting the challenge -** The top 10 schools of each region with the maximum number of students participating in Stage 1 will be awarded an Appreciation Certificate by the Board.

It is encouraged that all schools inspire students to participate in the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge. This experience will enable students to explore and enhance their mathematical abilities. Student participation and success in the challenge can also be documented in students' personal portfolios as an indication of excellence.

In case of queries, kindly contact +91- 9968313254 (Phone and Whatsapp) during office hours (9:30AM – 5:30PM) or Email agccbse@cbseshiksha.in

Dr. Praggya M. Singh

Professor & Director (Academics)

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
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi - 110054
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737101
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar - 791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair - 744101
8. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, New Delhi
9. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi
10. The Additional Director, General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi – 110001
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, Government of India
13. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005
14. The Joint Secretary to Chairman, CBSE - for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE
15. All the Heads of Department/ Directors 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. Director (Media & Public Relations), CBSE – with a request to give wider publicity to this notification.
18. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic Website

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Annexure – 1

Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (AGC)- 2026

Areas of Assessment

Content	Competencies
• Geometry and Spatial Sense • Quantitative Aptitude • Algebra • Data Analysis and Probability • Number Sense and Number System • Mensuration	• Strategic approach • Creative and Abstract thinking • Logical Reasoning and Analytical thinking • Visualisation and Mathematisation • Conceptual Understanding • Problem Solving Skills

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Stage 1** (School-Level): All students of Classes VIII to X studying in CBSE-affiliated schools are eligible.
- **Stage 2** (National-Level): Top three students from each CBSE-affiliated school registered for the first stage.

Duration of Test, Question Type, and Total Marks

For both stages:

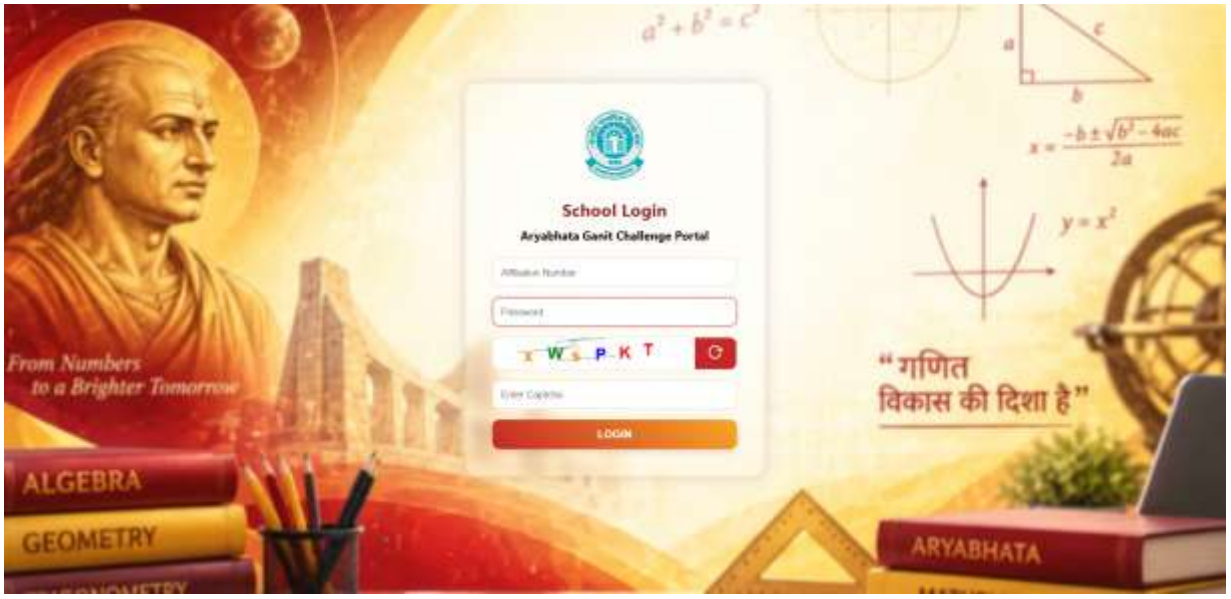
- The assessment will be one hour in duration and will consist solely of multiple-choice questions.
- The whole test will be 40 marks, and there will be no negative marking.

Annexure – 2

User Manual for the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (AGC)-2026 Registration Portal

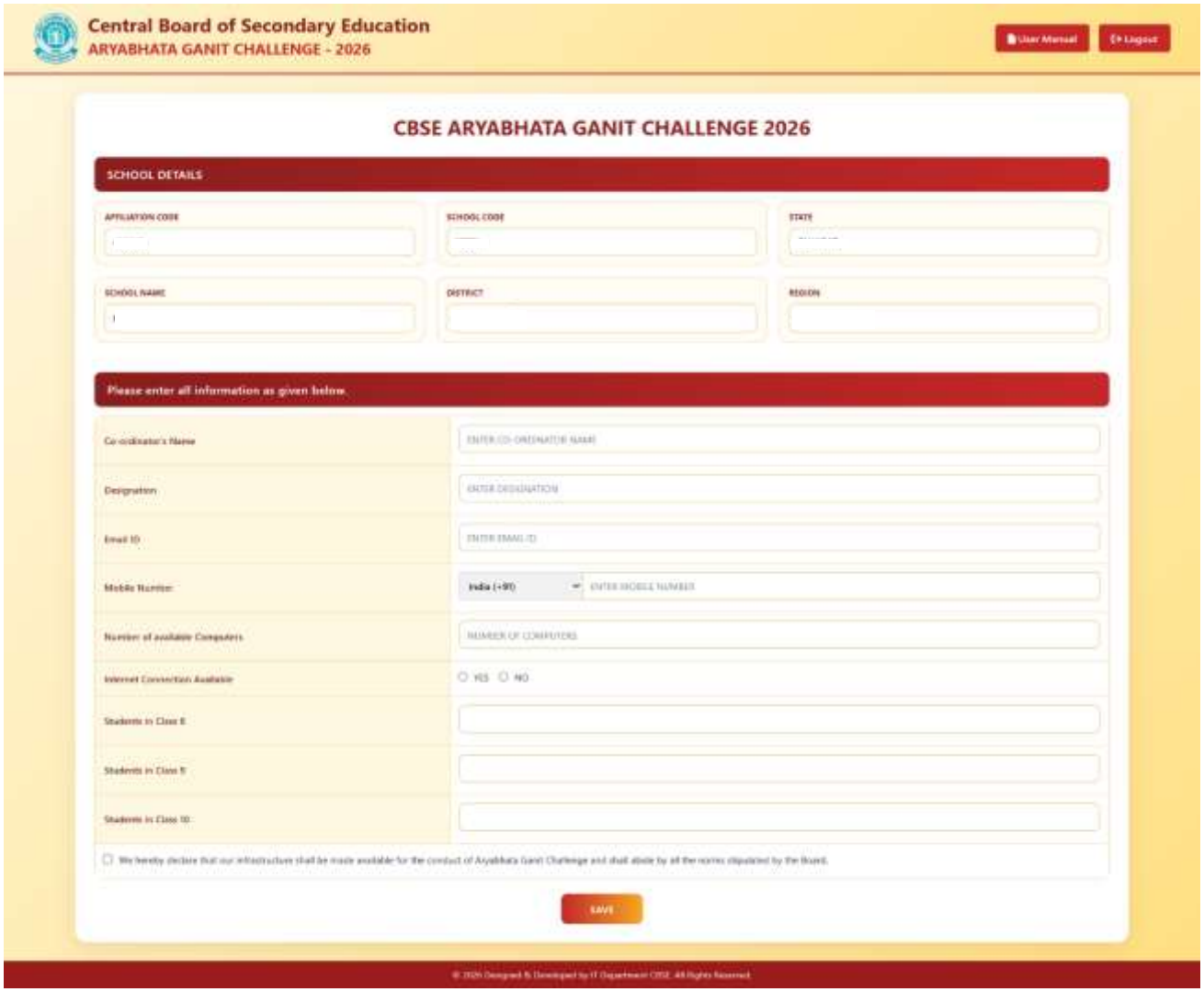
Step 1: Accessing the AGC Portal
Visit the CBSE Academic website (www.cbseacademic.nic.in), click on the AGC portal link provided along with the official circular.

Step 2: Click on **Participate Now** Button, Enter the login credentials to access the AGC portal.



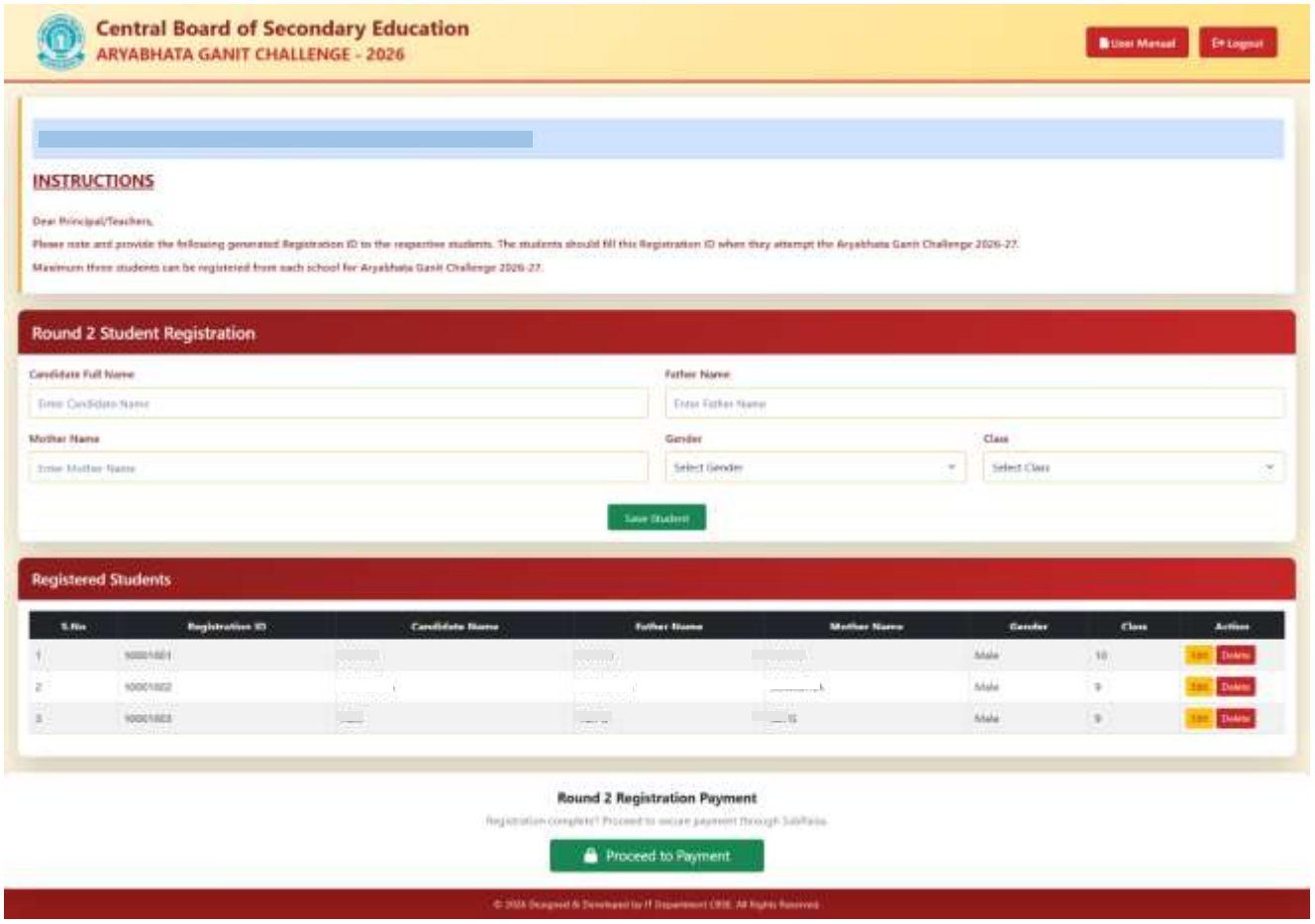
Step 3: Filling in the School Details
After logging in to the AGC portal, the School Details section will be displayed. Verify the pre-filled school information and enter the required details in the respective fields. Read the declaration

carefully, tick the checkbox to confirm, and click on the “Save” button to submit the details.



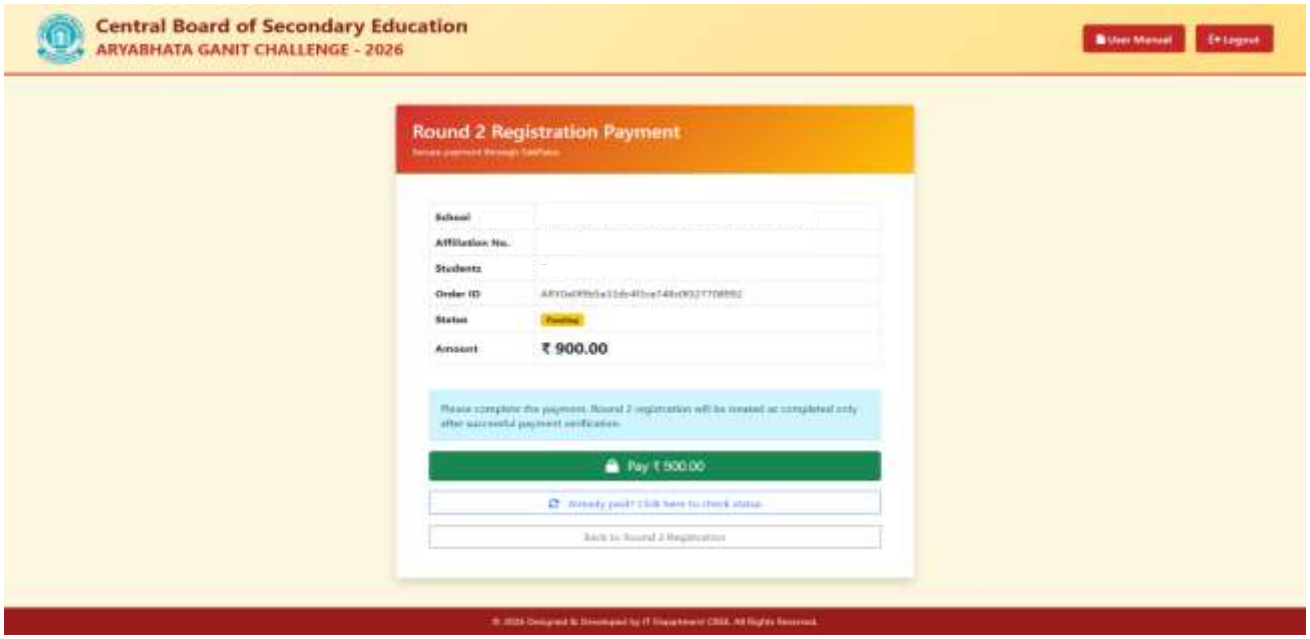
Step 4: Registration of the Top Three Students for Stage-2

Log in to the AGC portal using the same link and school credentials used for Stage-1 registration, and register the top three selected students by entering their required details. A maximum of three students can be registered per school.



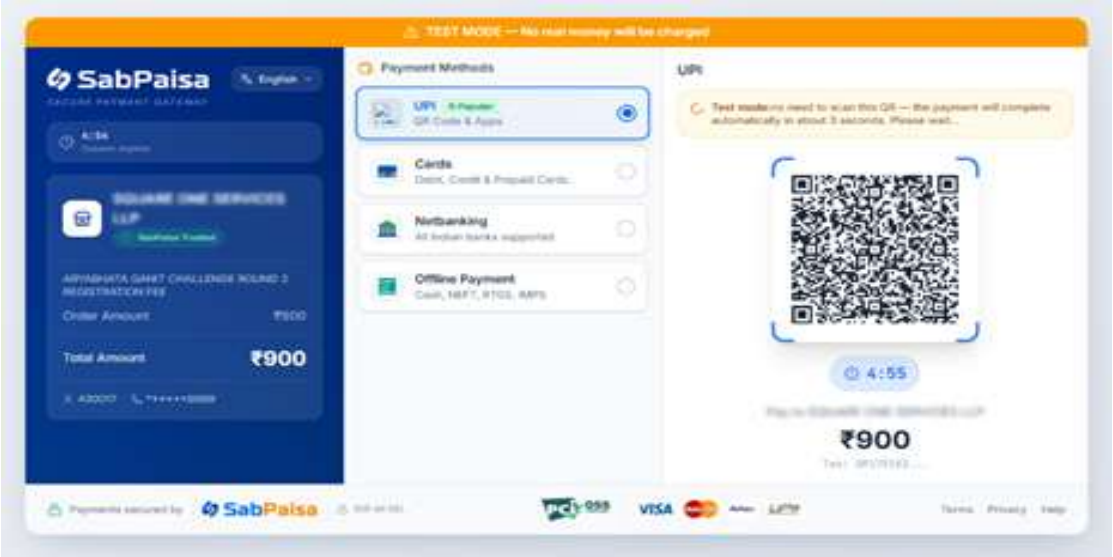
Step 5: Payment of Registration Fee for Stage-2

After registering the selected students, verify their details in the “Registered Students” section and click on the “Proceed to Payment” button to pay the applicable registration fee online**.**



Step 6: Completing the Online Payment

After clicking on “Proceed to Payment”, the payment gateway page will open. Select the preferred payment method and follow the on-screen instructions to pay the Stage-2 registration fee.



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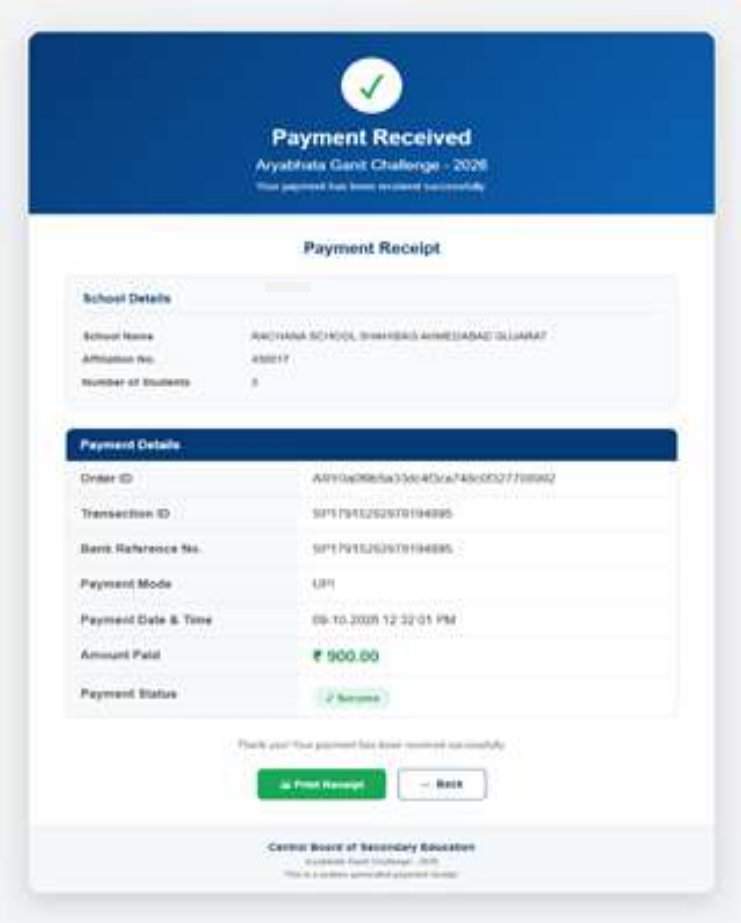
Verify the payment details and click on “Print Receipt” to download or print the payment receipt for future reference.