

# Notification

## CBSE-KATHA - CREATIVE WRITING SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

**KATHA**, a Indian publisher of children's story books and translated fiction, has been working in the areas of creative writing and translation for nearly 25 years. **I Love Reading** is a programme to promote creative writing and translation among students **I Love Reading Project** seeks to nurture their creativity by giving them a platform to share their writing, thereby inspiring generations of future writers. Participation is free of cost. (*More details in Annexure I*)

### CREATIVE WRITING SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

(*Timeline of events in Annexure - 01*)

#### STAGE -1: KATHA CLUBS

##### I Love Reading

- Affiliated schools will organize **On the Spot Creative Writing Search for Excellence** in the following Categories:
  - Classes IV-VII :
  - Classes VIII- XII :
- The Principal shall verify and attest to the originality of the stories /translations, submitted by students, before uploading them onto the **Katha** website: [www.ilovereading.in](http://www.ilovereading.in)
- Initially, students may submit their stories in English and Hindi.  
[Sample narratives and tips for writing and translation are accessible on the website]
- All students may access the submitted stories/translations on the website and cast their vote online.

#### STAGE -2: REGIONAL CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS

October-November 2014

- About 300-400 selected semi-finalists and their accompanying teachers are invited to a Regional Writing Workshop.
- The semi-finalists will be given an opportunity to further develop and revise their submitted stories/translation under the guidance of professional writers, poets, and translators.
- At the conclusion of the Regional Writing Workshop, students submit their stories for the **FINAL ROUND**.

#### STAGE -3: CBSE-KATHA UTSAV

December 2014

- The submissions will be screened by experts who will select about 200 of the best entries for the **FINALS**.
- The finalists and their teachers will attend the Katha Utsav in New Delhi.** The **Katha Utsav** will be a 3-day workshop held in Delhi, with master-classes by experts from the literary field.
- Katha will also organize meetings with publishers and literary agents.
- A jury will announce prizes for the Best Story and Best Translation which will be published by Katha as BalKatha Prize Stories.**

For further details, schools may contact:

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## TIMELINE

Schools register their Katha Clubs online at <a href="http://www.ilovereading.in">www.ilovereading.in</a>	04 August to 14 August, 2014
Registered CBSE schools hold in-school Search for Excellence	16 August to 30 August, 2014
Deadline for submission of chosen stories, online	1 September to 12 Sept. 2014
Announcement of semi-finalists for Regional Writers Workshops	30 September, 2014
Regional Writers Workshops	3rd week of October, 2014
Online submission of stories chosen at the Writers Workshops	30 October, 2014
Announcement of Katha Awards	14 November, 2014
National Katha Utsav. Katha Awards Ceremony!	24-28 December, 2014