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NOTIFICATION

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Subject: National Entrepreneurship Challenge Junior (NEC Junior) – An Initiative by E-Cell, IIT Bombay –regarding

The Entrepreneurship Cell of IIT Bombay has announced **NEC Junior 2026**, a national-level entrepreneurship initiative designed to help schools establish Entrepreneurship Clubs and foster innovation, leadership, creativity, and entrepreneurial thinking among students. The program aims to create a strong culture of entrepreneurship in schools through structured activities, mentorship, workshops, and experiential learning opportunities.

About NEC Junior

NEC Junior is a six-month school entrepreneurship initiative that enables schools to establish and nurture Entrepreneurship Clubs. The program offers:

- Entrepreneurship Club Building Framework
- Innovation and Ideation Activities
- A Teacher Training Program to guide faculty coordinators
- Eureka! Junior Challenge for students
- Workshops, Learning Sessions, and Bootcamps
- Certification from E-Cell, IIT Bombay for eligible schools, teachers, and students

Program Details

- **Registration Deadline: 15th July 2026**
- **Duration:** July 2026 to December 2026
- **Eligibility:** Schools with students from Classes 6 to 12
- **Participation Fee:** Free of Cost
- **Mode:** Online with the grand finale to be held offline at IIT Bombay in the second week of December

Registration Process:

- Schools may register at: <https://www.ecell.in/necjunior/register>
- A school should have 1-2 representatives who should be the teachers of the school
- Teacher representatives should complete the registration form with the required details.
- After the registration deadline, a teacher's orientation will be conducted to give a brief about the NEC Junior program and guidelines for the same

For more information, kindly refer to the following resources:

Brochure: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oMa-JstUENSjXbGmkLArubd0EUD3fkM/view>

Website link: <https://www.ecell.in/necjunior>

We request all Heads of schools to circulate this information widely among students and staff and encourage participation in this initiative by E-Cell, IIT Bombay. For queries, please contact : Events & PR Head, E-Cell, IIT Bombay; Email: necjunior@ecell.in

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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 Director, IIT Bombay, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India-400076
2. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18, Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi-110016
3. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida – 201309
4. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi – 110054
5. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh – 160017
6. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101
7. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791 111
8. The Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair – 744101
9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, New Delhi
10. The Director, The Navy Education Society, Dte of Naval Education, Navel Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066, nesnavy@gmail.com
11. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
12. The Director, The Navy Education Society, Dte of Naval Education, Navel Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066.
13. The Additional Director, General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi 110001
14. The Secretary, AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt – 110010
15. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
16. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005
17. The Joint Secretary to Chairman, CBSE – for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE
18. All the Heads of Department/ Directors of the Board
19. 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
20. Deputy Secretary (Media & Public Relations), CBSE – with a request to give wider publicity to this notification.
21. Deputy Secretary (IT), CBSE HQ, Dwarka with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website
22. The Events & PR Head, Entrepreneurship Cell, IIT Bombay-400076- for information and with request to shared the registration data with CBSE

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