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To,
Heads of All Institutions
Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: CBSE Skill Expo and National Guidance Festival – 2023

Sir/Madam

Greetings from CBSE for 77th Independence Day!

CBSE organized Skill Expo cum Awareness Workshops on Skill Courses for the Principals and Teachers of CBSE affiliated schools, at Panipat (Haryana), Agra and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) in the year of 2022 to create awareness for skills along with recognizing the importance of skills.

In addition, CBSE in association with Lifology Foundation, organized National Guidance Festival for students & parents of class VIII-XII in the month of September 2022 in digital mode to provide information on future careers, skillsets to excel and a clear plan regarding 'Which career paths to choose and How to reach the destination'. The event was a great success in meeting its objectives towards creating awareness about different career paths to the students.

Also, NEP 2020 has emphasized the importance of scientific guidance for children at schools. The real question is 'How to decide What to become in Future' This decision becomes tough and complex in the current scenario where a lot of changes are happening in the world of careers which signifies the role of scientific Career and Skill Guidance at school.

In this context, CBSE intends to integrate both these events i.e., Skill Expo and National Guidance Festival into **Skill Expo and National Guidance Festival – 2023** with a view to organize regional events comprising all regions of the Board leading to the National level event with an aim to encourage the creativity, innovate and also to foster peer learning of students, teachers and principals alike. Similar to last year, this year too, the National Guidance Festival will be organized in association with **Lifology Foundation**.

Benefits of participating in these events:

- **Inspiring Dreams:** Inspire young minds to dream big by showcasing success stories and role models from various fields, motivating them to strive for their skill development and aspirations.
- **Exploring Pathways:** Help students discover a wide range of skilling and career paths available to them, empowering them to make informed choices about their future.
- **Industry Insights:** Offer insights into current industry trends and emerging fields, helping students align their skill development and educational choices with the demands of the job market.

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- **Job Ready Skills:** Orient students about the job ready skills of future such as AI, Robotics, Data Science, Genomics and so on. Give students right exposure to the fields and guide them on decision making.
- **21st Century Skills:** Expose students to the need for essential skills like communication, critical thinking, and adaptability, preparing them for the ever-evolving job market.
- **Guidance and Counselling:** Provide expert guidance and group counselling sessions to assist students in understanding their strengths, interests, skill development and potential career options.
- **Parental Involvement:** Engage parents in the skill development and career planning process to create a supportive environment at home, facilitating better decision-making by students.
- **Holistic Profile:** orient the participants to focus not only on academic excellence but also on skill development, overall personal growth, emphasizing the importance of well-rounded development for successful careers.

Themes of the Skill Expo – 2023:

THEMES	SUB- THEMES
• Local to Global	Sub-themes shall be intimated in due course of time through separate notifications
• Future Tech	
• Health and Wellness	
• Hospitality & Tourism	
• Sustainability & Environmental Conservation	
• AVGC Sector (Animation, Visual Effect, Gaming, Comics)	

Guidelines for participation in the Skill Expo – 2023:

1. All schools willing to participate in the Skill Expo and National Guidance Festival – 2023 must register using the respective links which shall be provided in the subsequent notifications.
2. Eligibility for participation: The students may participate in any of the 02 categories:
 - Category I – Classes 6 to 10
 - Category II – Classes 11 to 12
3. For the Skill Expo, a School Team will be represented by:
 - 1 teacher & 2 student per skill selected
 - 1 mentor Skill teacher
4. Skill Expo will be organized at two levels- i) Regional level ii) National level
5. Minimum one and maximum three skills from one school can be exhibited.

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6. Minimum two teams can be registered by a school.
7. The names of the students and the mentor teacher, once registered, cannot be changed at any stage of the exhibition.
8. The school team participating at Regional and National Level must remain the same.
9. The themes/ sub-themes once selected cannot be changed. Similarly, the skill chosen cannot be changed.
10. The project/exhibit to be showcased may be:
 - process used to create an item/product.
 - application of entrepreneurship
11. Care should be taken to use eco-friendly innovative material in the preparation of exhibits.
12. The teams would be required to submit the details of their respective projects (title, description, list of materials used, images, video) within the stipulated time-frame (as mentioned in respective notification).
13. The screening of the entries would be done before the regional/national level exhibitions.
14. Schools can either prepare or exhibit one skill on their own or they can include experts in the particular field also.
15. The exhibits will be assessed by a team of experts as per the following criteria:

a. Creativity and imagination	20%
b. Originality and innovativeness	15%
c. Scientific thought/principle/approach	15%
d. Technical skills, workmanship, craftsmanship etc.	15%
e. Entrepreneurship, scalability and utility for society in future	15%
f. Economics (low cost), portability and durability	10%
g. Presentation – effectiveness of display and relevant explanations	10%

Guidelines for participating in the National Guidance Festival - 2023

- Schools must register separately for the National Guidance Festival-2023 through specific link which will be provided through subsequent notifications.
- Each school can nominate 5 students and 2 teachers to attend the National Guidance Festival – 2023 at the respective venue.

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- The students and teachers who have been nominated must attend the full day event from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (to be eligible for certificate).
- The participants shall visit the Skill Expo during breaks and specific time allocated to do the same.
- Every eligible participant will get a certificate of participation on attending the event full day.
- Webinars and short sessions will be organized before the event to disseminate the message across students, parents and teachers.
- Motivational talks and Panel discussions shall be held on the following topics:
 - 'How to develop skills required for the new world'
 - Future Careers and Importance of Early Planning
 - Career Planning – live development of a roadmap towards future. (Each student will be guided to develop a roadmap towards their future career.)

Schedule of the events:

S. No.	Tentative Dates	Duration of the event	Proposed City	Concerned Regional Office of the Board
1	September 13, 2023 (Wednesday)	01 Day	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi East • Delhi West • Noida
2	September 20, 2023 (Wednesday)	01 Day	Dehradun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dehradun • Chandigarh • Panchkula
3	September 27, 2023 (Wednesday)	01 Day	Guwahati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bhubaneswar • Guwahati
4	October 5, 2023 (Thursday)	01 Day	Surat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajmer • Bhopal
5	October 11, 2023 (Wednesday)	01 Day	Bangalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bangalore • Pune
6	October 17, 2023 (Tuesday)	01 Day	Chennai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chennai • Vijayawada
7	November 01, 2023 (Wednesday)	01 Day	Varanasi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayagraj • Patna
8	November 14, 2023 (Tuesday)	01 Day	Trivandrum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trivandrum
9	November 15, 2023 (Wednesday)	01 Day	Trivandrum	National Event

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Important Points:

1. Schools under the concerned regional office of the Board shall be eligible for participation in the respective event.
2. These events are for the students, principals and teachers of CBSE affiliated schools. The participating school/ team would bear all expenses related to participation in the event including lodging/ boarding arrangements at the venue city.
3. There is no fee for registering for these events.
4. Shortlisted projects will be informed via e-mail on the email id provided at the time of registration.
5. Certificates will be awarded to the selected best entries at the Regional/ National Level.
6. The selected best exhibits (the number may increase or decrease depending on the quality of the exhibit) at each Regional Level exhibition will be eligible to participate in the National Level Exhibition.
7. The decision of the committee members/ experts for screening the entries will be considered final.

Venues of the events shall be notified region wise in due course of time. The respective notifications in this regard shall be issued subsequently, well in time from the event date.

Accordingly, all schools affiliated to the CBSE are requested to motivate and guide the students for maximum participation in this event, as and when the registration opens for the respective event.

For any queries, please send an email to: skillexpo@cbseshiksha.in

With best wishes,

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(Dr. Biswajit Saha)
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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 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 - 201309.
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 – 160017.
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.
9. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001.
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 Deputy Secretary to Chairman, CBSE - for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE
15. All the Heads of Department 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
18. Joint Secretary (IT), CBSE, Rouse Avenue with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website.

Director (Skill Education)