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09.04.2024

The Principal / Head  
All the schools affiliated with the CBSE  
Under the jurisdiction of Ajmer Region.

**Sub: Celebration of National Reading Day on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and planning to attempt to achieve the Guinness World Record for "the most children reading at one time" - reg.**

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to the CBSE circular no. Acad-25/2024, dated 19/03/2024 (copy enclosed) regarding CBSE Reading Mission and Initiatives 2024-25.

In pursuit of the celebration of National Reading Day on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Board is planning to attempt to achieve the Guinness World Record for "the most children reading at one time". This activity will be done on the CBSE online technology platform "CBSE Reading App". As a preparation for the celebration of Reading Day, the Board will be organizing online workshops on the "Science of Reading" for the CBSE-affiliated school Principals and Teachers. These workshops will be organized by Academic Unit.

**About the CBSE Reading App:** This app contains the reading material from classes Nursery to Grade VIII in Hindi and English. Steps to Download and Access the CBSE Reading App:

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**Certification:** The participants will be provided e-certificates by CBSE after completion of the workshop.

**Schedule for Online Workshop for schools under jurisdiction of RO Ajmer is 16.04.2024.**

Time – 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Topic – "Science of Reading".

You are requested to disseminate the information to the school's teachers about the workshop and activity to get the maximum number of participants.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/EW7W6kiTTawBLjUJ8>

This may be treated as most urgent.

Encls. : As above.

Yours sincerely,

(SHYAM KR. KAPOOR)  
REGIONAL OFFICER

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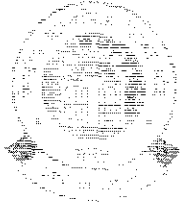
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CBSE/ACAD/JS(Dr.SG)2024

Date: 19.03.2024

Circular No: Acad-25/2024

All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

**Subject: CBSE Reading Mission and Initiatives 2024-25-reg.**

Dear Principal,

Reading is a fundamental skill that serves as the cornerstone of education and personal development. According to the National Achievement Survey, proficient reading skills correlate directly with academic success across subjects. This report further emphasises the critical role of reading; by highlighting that a significant percentage of students in India lack basic reading proficiency, hindering their overall learning outcomes. Reading not only enhances mental abilities but also promotes empathy, critical thinking and a broader understanding of the world. The National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020, also emphasizes providing access to high-quality children's literature to cultivate a reading culture across the country. These reports underscore the urgency of prioritizing and improving reading skills to ensure a literate and knowledgeable society, laying the foundation for future academic and professional achievements.

In line, with the recommendations of NEP 2020, the CBSE Reading Mission was launched on September 20, 2021, with the primary objective of fostering a strong culture of reading in all the affiliated schools nationwide. By incorporating these initiatives, CBSE aims to instil a lifelong love for reading and equip students with essential literacy skills for their academic and personal growth.

The following are some of the key activities made available under the CBSE Reading Mission for all CBSE-affiliated schools:

1) **Observance of National Reading Day and Reading Week**- This is celebrated every year on 19th June to honour the legacy of the late P.N. Panicker, the father of the Library Movement. The Board encourages the schools to participate in this initiative to promote reading habits among students through a range of engaging activities.

Furthermore, to promote reading amongst the students, the Board is planning to attempt the Guinness World Record for "the most children reading at one time" on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This activity will be done on the CBSE online technology platform "CBSE Reading App".

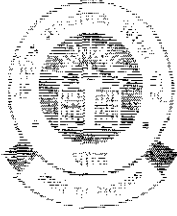
This app is thoughtfully curated to align with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP), focusing on nurturing higher-order skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, visualization and idea generation. The app contains the reading material from classes Nursery to Grade VIII in Hindi and English.



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It is envisaged that, the students shall simultaneously log into the CBSE Reading App to endorse the habit of reading and "promote awareness among leaders about importance of reading". The date and time shall be informed later. The students shall be given certificates of participation.

As a preparation to the celebration of the Reading Day, the Board will be organizing online/offline workshops on the "Science of Reading" for the CBSE-affiliated school Principals and Teachers during March-June 2024. These events are aimed towards sensitising and orient "Reading" amongst the teaching fraternity.

The details of the workshop is mentioned below:

Mode of workshop	Participants	Name cities for the workshops	Registration Link
Face-to-face workshops	In-person School Leader / Principal/PGT Language (Hindi and English) Maximum 02 participants from one school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bangalore</li><li>• Chennai</li><li>• Delhi</li><li>• Jammu</li></ul>	<a href="https://forms.gle/WUfSQipPzB4rfp9y7">https://forms.gle/WUfSQipPzB4rfp9y7</a>
Online Teachers Awareness workshops	PGT Language (Hindi and English)	Through "Webex"	<a href="https://forms.gle/Jy2PXsjYhBySPDqA9">https://forms.gle/Jy2PXsjYhBySPDqA9</a>

Please note-

- There is no participation fee for attending these workshops.
- The program is open for CBSE-affiliated principals/ teachers.
- The Registration will be done by the participants through the Prashikshan Triveni/Google Form. The registration will be considered on a first come first basis.
- The certificates will be provided to the participants.

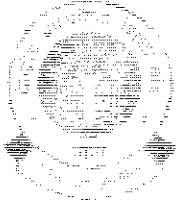
2) **CBSE Reading Challenge** - With a view to harness the reading skills and to showcase the skills and competencies in the Reading and Literacy area, amongst the students of the Board;



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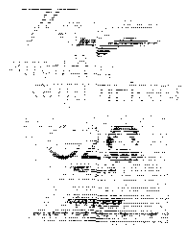


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the annual, CBSE Reading Challenge *for the academic session 2024-25*, will be conducted in **August 2024**.

The CBSE Reading Challenge is an exciting opportunity for students in classes 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of CBSE-affiliated schools to enhance their reading comprehension and critical thinking skills.

#### Benefits:

- Reading with comprehension and accuracy.
- Constructing meaning by retrieving information, relating text with prior knowledge, and integrating information.
- Interpreting information and drawing inferences.
- Reflecting and evaluating to judge the quality and credibility of the text.

**Mode of Implementation:** This activity is conducted in two Rounds. The schools have to register themselves on the CBSE Reading Challenge Online Portal.

- Round I is organized within schools. The registered schools download the question paper and answer key from the portal. The schools then shortlist 02 students from each class for Hindi and English for Round II.
- Round II is conducted in online mode. The shortlisted students log in to the portal on the given dates and time. They download the paper and then fill in responses and submit it again in the portal. The winners are shortlisted based on speed and accuracy.
- To motivate the schools, the Board will give e-certificates to the winners and to the participating students.

**3) CBSE Budding Authors Program** - The CBSE Budding Authors Program aims to ignite the creative spark within students by encouraging them to explore the art of storytelling. By writing and submitting short stories under this program, students have the exciting opportunity to express their imagination and ideas, with a chance to see their work published, hand-helded and an opportunity to meet renowned story-writers for children. This enriching experience not only hones their writing abilities but also nurtures their confidence and self-expression.

*For this activity, the registration will start in April 2024 followed by online webinars on the "Technique of writing stories" during summer vacations. The students will write and submit their stories on the technology platform from July 2024.*

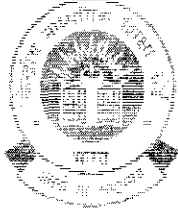
The program welcomes submissions in both Hindi and English, and students can participate in one of the following three categories:

- Category I: classes 5-6
- Category II: classes 7-8
- Category III: classes 9-10



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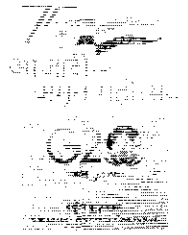


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**Benefits:** While the key competency of reading is the foundation of learning, the skill of writing empowers the learners through a process of critical and creative thinking, comprehending thoughts and sharing them with others.

Through, this programme the learners will get an opportunity to-

- engage with experts through webinars on the art of story writing.
- learn and hone the skills of creating, writing and illustrating short stories
- publish stories on the CBSE platform; and
- as a token of appreciation for their efforts, the students shall be provided with a certificate of participation and to the final selected story writers.

**Mode of Implementation:** This activity is conducted online through the CBSE Academic Website under Reading Mission Tab:

- Release of the circular on the CBSE Academic website in April 2024.
- **Orientation workshop** - Mentoring workshops will be conducted online for the students by renowned authors to improve their writing skills which will be open to the CBSE affiliated schools during their summer vacations.
- **Registration and Submission** - The students shall write their stories during summer vacations and the schools will register their students on the CBSE Budding Authors Portal. The registered students will be provided with a unique ID and passwords which they will use for submitting their stories on the CBSE Reading App.
- **Shortlisting of stories** - The initial screening of the entries will be done through AI engine. The initially screened stories will be further scrutinised by the panel of expert's for final selection.
- **Mentoring workshops** - The writers of shortlisted stories shall be hand-helded by the renowned authors for further honing their witting skills.
- **Publication** - The selected stories will be published by CBSE.
- **Certification** - The Board will give the e-certificates to the participating and winning students.

***It is again reiterated that, all of the above activities are conducted by the Board and the School heads and the language teachers are to note them and disseminate this information amongst their students for their benefit.***

School heads are also requested to visit the CBSE Academic website for the detailed guidelines and timelines of the above activities. For more support and queries related to the programs, Principals/teachers can reach out to [cbse.reading.mission@cbseashiksha.in](mailto:cbse.reading.mission@cbseashiksha.in).

With Best Wishes.

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel  
Director (Academics)



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