



# केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

(An Autonomous Organization Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)



CBSE/SE/JD(SP)/2026

Dated: 13/05/2026

**Heads of All Institutions Affiliated to CBSE**

**Subject: CBSE Skill Expo and Guidance Festival – 2026-27**

Sir/Madam,

Greeting from CBSE!

The Department of Skill Education, CBSE, is organizing the *Skill Expo & Guidance Festival 2026–27* in various cities across the country for the students of CBSE-affiliated schools. The primary objective of the Skill Expo is to provide students with a platform to showcase their vocational skills, creativity, and innovative ideas, while promoting skill education and experiential learning in alignment with the principles of the National Education Policy (NEP 2020). The Guidance Festival aims to provide students with valuable insights into future career opportunities & essential skill sets. It also seeks to create awareness among students about the wide range of career opportunities available across different sectors.

Accordingly, 31 Regional-level Skill Expo will be organized in this edition across all CBSE Regions (including Dubai), culminating in a national-level event on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2027.

### Key Objectives

- Encourage Skill Development
- Foster Innovation and Creativity
- Enhance Practical Knowledge:
- Build Confidence and Communication Skills
- Promote Vocational Education
- Connect with Industry Trends

### Themes for the Skill Expo 2026-27

- Animation, Visual effects, Gaming, Comics
- Environment & Sustainability
- Health & Wellness
- Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Agriculture & Rural Development
- Media, Design & Communication

### Schedule of Skill Expo and Guidance Festival – 2026-27

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*Proposed dates of the Regional events are tentative and subject to change. Exact venue of the event shall be notified in subsequent notifications. Wherever multiple events are planned within the jurisdiction of a particular Regional Office (RO), the concerned schools may register for any one of the events as per their convenience and preference.*

**Registration Link:** Interested schools may register through the web link <https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index> for the respective events. Details of specific venues shall be notified in the due course of time.

### Projects/Exhibits may include:

- The process used to create an item/product
- Application of entrepreneurship
- Use of eco-friendly, innovative materials is encouraged



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### Submission Requirements:

- Project title, description, list of materials, images, and video within the given timeframe.

### Assessment Criteria:

- Innovation & Originality – 25%
- Research Depth & Problem Identification – 20%
- Application & Relevance – 15%
- Technical Execution & Skill Proficiency – 15%
- Entrepreneurial Potential & Scalability – 10%
- Resource Optimization – 05%
- Presentation & Communication – 10%

Major Shift in the current year rubrics is **Clear prioritization of innovation and research-based approach, Emphasis on evidence-based problem solving and Encouragement for real-world applicability and scalability.** Number of exhibits/stalls of the particulars original event shall be decided event wise depending upon the number of teams registered.

### Key topics to be covered in the Guidance festival part of the event:

- Developing Skills for the New World
- Future Careers and the Importance of Early Planning
- Career planning and developing a personalized roadmap
- Mental Well-being and Emotional Resilience for Career Success

### Important Points:

- Schools can participate in the event specific to their RO jurisdiction only.
- Events are open to CBSE students, principals and teachers.
- Schools are responsible for all expenses related to the participation.
- No registration fee will be charged.
- Shortlisted projects will be informed via email used during registration.
- Certificates will be awarded for participation and to the best entries at regional/national levels.
- Selected entries from each region shall further compete at the National level.
- The decision of the selection committee will be final.
- Venue details will be shared region-wise in future notifications.

Detailed guidelines of the event are annexed as **Annexure A & B.**

Therefore, leaders of all affiliated schools of the Board are encouraged to motivate and guide their students for the maximum participation in these events.

For queries, please email to: [skillexp@cbsechiksha.in](mailto:skillexp@cbsechiksha.in)

With best wishes,

*Biswajit Saha*

(Dr. Biswajit Saha)

Professor & Director (Skill Education)



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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 Principals/ Heads of schools of the respective schools selected as venues for the various CBPs as mentioned in the notification – for making necessary preparation and wider dissemination.
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, Government 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 - 791111.
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, Delhi-110085.
10. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
11. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi – 110001.
12. The Director, The Navy Education Society (NES), Dte of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
13. The Secretary, Army Welfare Education Society (AWES), Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDR Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt – 110010.
14. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
15. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751005.
16. The Deputy Secretary to Chairman, CBSE - for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE.
17. All the Heads of Department of the Board.
18. All the Regional Directors/Regional Officers/Head-COEs, CBSE - with a request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions for compliance.
19. Deputy Secretary (Media & Public Relations), CBSE – with a request to give wider publicity to this circular.
20. Joint Secretary (IT), CBSE, Headquarters with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website.
21. Incharge, Hindi Cell, CBSE HQ – for Hindi Translation of this notification.

**Professor & Director (Skill Education)**



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### Guidelines for Participation in the Skill Expo 2026-27

- This event is restricted to the schools under the respective **CBSE Regional Offices** as mentioned in the Circular.
- Schools must use their **CBSE Login Credentials** to register for participation in the respective Skill Expo.
- There is no fee for registering/participating in the Skill Expo.
- The details of participants must be provided through the portal developed ([link - https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index](https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index)), along with a brief write up about the exhibit.
- The teams would be required to submit the details of their respective projects as mentioned below within the stipulated time frame:
  - Theme Name (Arial, Font Size 12, Center Alignment)
  - Sub Theme (Arial, Font Size 12, Center Alignment)
  - Project Name (Arial, Font Size 14, Center Alignment)  
(The project theme and name should be different.)
  - Description (Justify Alignment)
  - List of materials used
  - Images (Link will be provided for uploading in the portal)
  - Video (Link will be provided for uploading in the portal)
- Eligibility for participation: The school may nominate their students (as a team) to participate in one or both of the following categories:
  - Category I – Classes 6 to 10
  - Category II – Classes 11 to 12
- For the Skill Expo, a School Team will be represented by:
  - 1 Mentor Skill teacher
  - 2 students per project selected
- Skill Expo will be organized at two levels-
  - Regional level
  - National level
- Minimum one and maximum three projects from one school can be exhibited.
- The schools whose exhibits shall be selected for displaying in the Skill Expo shall be notified by email (on [@cbseshiksha.in](mailto:@cbseshiksha.in)), giving ample time to the participants to prepare their exhibits.
- The participating school/team would bear all expenses related to participation in the event, including lodging/ boarding arrangements at the venue city.
- Certificates will be awarded to the participants and the selected best entries.
- The names of the students and the mentor teacher, once registered, cannot be changed at any stage of the exhibition. Similarly, the skill and themes once selected cannot be changed.
- The project/exhibit to be showcased may be:
  - Process used to create an item/product.
  - Application of entrepreneurship
  - Care should be taken to use eco-friendly, innovative materials in the preparation of exhibits.
- The screening of the entries can be done before the regional/national level exhibitions, in case of large responses.
- The decision of the committee members/ experts for screening the entries will be considered final.

### Guidelines for Participation in the Guidance Festival 2026-27

This event is restricted to the schools under the respective **CBSE Regional Offices** as mentioned.

- Every participant will get a certificate of participation for attending the event.
- Schools must register **separately for the concerned regional event of Guidance Festival – 2026-27** through the specific link provided ([link - https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index](https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index)).
- Each school can nominate a minimum of 5 students and 2 teachers to attend the concerned **regional event of Guidance Festival – 2026-27**, at the respective venue.
- The students and teachers who have been nominated must attend the whole event from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (to be eligible for a certificate).
- The participants shall visit the Skill Expo during breaks and a specific time will be allocated for the same.
- Motivational talks and Panel discussions shall be held on the following topics:
  - How to develop skills required for the new world?
  - Future Careers and the Importance of Early Planning.
  - Career Planning – live development of a roadmap towards the future.  
(Each student will be guided to develop a roadmap towards their future career.)
- Resource persons/experts from different fields shall be deputed for the **Guidance Festival part of the event** during different regional events.



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**&**  
**GUIDANCE FESTIVAL**

2026-27



## CBSE SKILL EXPO & GUIDANCE FESTIVAL: Introduction and Objective

Department of Skill Education, CBSE is organizing the Skill Expo & Guidance Festival 2026–27 in various cities across the country for students of CBSE-affiliated schools. The primary objective of the Skill Expo is to provide students with a platform to showcase their **vocational skills, creativity, and innovative ideas**, while promoting skill education and experiential learning. The Guidance Festival aims to provide students with **valuable insights into future career opportunities & essential skill sets**.

### Objective of Skill Expo & Guidance Festival

#### SKILL EXPO

- Encourage skills.
- Foster creativity.
- Enhance practical knowledge.
- Build confidence.
- Promote vocational education.
- Connect with industry trends.

#### GUIDANCE FESTIVAL

- Importance of early career planning
- Creating a personalized career roadmap
- Mental well-being and emotional resilience for success



## Target Audience

### Category I

Classes 6 to 10

### Category II

Classes 11 and 12

## Themes for the Skill Expo 2026-27



Animation, Visual effects, Gaming, Comics



Environment & Sustainability



Health & Wellness



Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy



Tourism & Hospitality



Agriculture & Rural Development



Media, Design & Communication



## Registration Process and Rounds

**Registration** through CBSE Skill Expo & Guidance Festival Portal

<https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index>

### **Skill Expo**

Schools to complete the online registration form with complete details projects/exhibits.

### **Guidance Festival**

Individuals and schools can register through the link to benefit from the amendment experts in various fields.

### **Regional Event**

Each school can register 3 teams, with 2 students per team and 1 mentor teacher.

### **Culmination Event**

Regional winners will qualify to participate in the national event.

School may nominate their teachers and students to attend Regional Events.



### Board has organized 15 Regional Events of Skill Expo during the Year 2025 as mentioned:

S. No.	Date	RO	Host City	Venue Name
1	21.07.2025	Ajmer	Vadodara	Cygnus World School, Vadodara
2	30.07.2025	Bengaluru	Mangaluru	Shakthi Residential School, Mangaluru
3	30.07.2025	Bhopal	Gwalior	Gwalior Glory High School, Gwalior
4	07.08.2025	Bhubaneswar	Raipur	Krishna Public School, Raipur
5	12.08.2025	Chandigarh	Ludhiana	BCM Arya Model Sr. Sec. School, Ludhiana
6	30.08.2025	Chennai & Thiruvananthapuram	Madurai	Mahatma Montessori School, Madurai
7	04.09.2025	Delhi East, Delhi West & Noida	Ghaziabad	Shambhu Dayal Global School, Ghaziabad
8	26.09.2025	Panchkula	Karnal	OPS Vidya Mandir, Karnal
9	11.10.2025	Guwahati	Guwahati	Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati
10	14.10.2025	Patna	Ranchi	Delhi Public School, Ranchi
11	14.10.2025	Prayagraj	Prayagraj	Tagore Public School, Prayagraj
12	03.11.2025	Dubai	Dubai	The Indian High School, Dubai
13	20.11.2025	Dehradun	Rudrapur	Delhi Public School, Rudrapur
14	26.11.2025	Pune	Mumbai	Indo Scots Global School, Mumbai
15	10.12.2025	Vijayawada	Hyderabad	Glendale Academy, Hyderabad

# Glimpses of Regional Events 2025-26



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## Culmination Event Winners– 2025-26

Name and Affiliation no. of the school	Name of the Mentor Teacher & Student/s	Theme of the project showcased	Project Name	Position
DAV Model School, KSTP Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal (2430292)	Mr. ANGSUMAN PATI	Technology & Innovation	IOT Based Smart mine Worker Safety Helmet	I
	NEELADRI SADHU			
	DEVANSHU SWAMI			
Gwalior Glory High School, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (1030148)	Ms. JUHI DIXIT	Health & Wellness	EM Garud- Where Electromagnetism Meets Medicine	II
	KAPISH MITTAL			
	AARNAV SINGH RATHORE			
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Vidyashram, Jaipur, Rajasthan (1730534)	Ms. SHUBHI SHARMA	Health & Wellness	Sahastrabahu	II
	ATHARVA RANJAN SHARMA			
	ANANT KUMAR SHARMA			
Cambridge Court High School, Jaipur, Rajasthan (1730203)	Ms. MAMTA CHHUGANI	Environment & Sustainability	Smoke Dynamo	III
	AARON MEEL			
	MAAN PATAWARI			
Bright Scholar Senior Secondary School, Sonapat, Haryana (530523)	Mr. MOHIT	Technology & Innovation	Crowd Management	III
	ARHAN JAIN			
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## Prize Distribution Ceremony for the Culmination Winners – 2025-26



### WINNERS 2025-26





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#### How to register?

- School/Individual Registration for Guidance Festival-  
<https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index>
- School Registration for Skill Expo-  
<https://cbseit.in/cbse/2024/skillexpo/index>