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उत्तराखण्ड विद्यालयी शिक्षा परिषद्

रामनगर (नैनीताल)

सेवा में,

समस्त मुख्य शिक्षा अधिकारी

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विषय- भारतीय विद्यालयी शिक्षा बोर्ड मण्डल के 44 वें वार्षिक बैठक में **Best Practices to upgrade the Quality of secondary education** पर प्रतियोगिता आयोजन के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयक भारतीय विद्यालयी शिक्षा बोर्ड मण्डल के पत्रांक COBSE/C.331/2014 10 Feb 2015 के क्रम में अवगत कराया जाना है कि भारतीय विद्यालयी शिक्षा बोर्ड मण्डल के 44 वें वार्षिक बैठक पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) में नवम्बर 2015 के प्रथम या द्वितीय सप्ताह में महाराष्ट्र राज्य माध्यमिक एवं उच्चतर माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद् के Golden Jubilee celebration के अवसर पर **Best Practices to upgrade the Quality of secondary education** विषय पर प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया जा रहा है, जिसमें भारतीय विद्यालयी शिक्षा बोर्ड मण्डल से संबद्ध माध्यमिक शिक्षा परिषद् के माध्यम से माध्यमिक विद्यालयों एवं माध्यमिक विद्यालयों में कार्यरत अध्यापकों/छात्रों द्वारा प्रतिभाग किया जा सकता है।

इस क्रम में निर्देशित किया जाता है कि आप अपने जनपद के माध्यमिक विद्यालयों/माध्यमिक शिक्षा से जुड़े मान्यता प्राप्त NGOs को संलग्नक पत्र के पृष्ठ भाग में अंकित प्रारूप के अन्तर्गत उपरोक्त विषय पर प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने हेतु व्यापक प्रचार-प्रसार अपने स्तर से करेंगे। ताकि अधिकतम प्रतिभाग संभव हो सके। प्रतियोगिता से सन्दर्भित प्रविष्टियां विद्यालय के माध्यम से जून 2015 के प्रथम सप्ताह तक परिषद् कार्यालय में स्वीकार की जायेगी। सम्बन्धित सूचना परिषद् की वेबसाइट [www.ubse.uk.gov.in](http://www.ubse.uk.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है।

संलग्नक-

1. महासचिव भारतीय विद्यालयी शिक्षा बोर्ड मण्डल के पत्र की छायाप्रति- 05
2. प्रतियोगिता में सम्मिलित होने के सम्बन्ध में प्राप्त विवरणिका की छायाप्रति- 05

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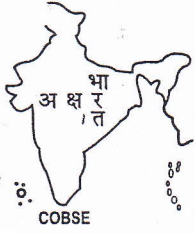
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# भारतीय विद्यालय शिक्षा बोर्ड मण्डल

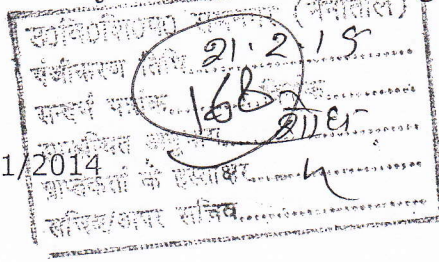
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10 February 2015

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Subject: Contest on "Best Practices to Upgrade the Quality of Secondary Education" as part of COBSE's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of COBSE is going to be hosted by the Maharashtra Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education at Pune in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November 2015. The theme of the Conference will be "**Best Practices to Upgrade the Quality of Secondary Education**".

COBSE has decided to organize a Contest on the theme as a part of Maharashtra Board's Golden Jubilee Celebration. The contest would be held at the Board level as well as National level. I am enclosing **10 copies of the Folder**, which is self explanatory. You are requested to kindly go through the Folder to know the exact purpose of this activity.

The attached Folder explains the objectives, criteria for the selection of entries for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions at the Board level and COBSE level, who can participate, areas on which entries are invited, the format in which entries are to be submitted and the time scale for various activities to be undertaken during the Contest. Further, I would like to add that in compliance of the minutes of the first meeting of the 'COBSE Committee on Future Directions' held at India International Centre, New Delhi on 8 February 2014, COBSE would like to bring out a publication on selected entries on "Best Practices to Upgrade the Quality of Secondary Education" for its formal release in the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

You are requested to follow the **time scale** given in the Folder as you can see the timeline given is quite tight. You might need more copies of the Folder, for which you may make as many photocopies of the Folder as required. You are further, requested to give wide publicity to this important activity undertaken by COBSE among sister institutions and schools affiliated to your Board. It is my special request to you to get in touch with the Director, SCERT and seek his active support in giving wide publicity to the Contest. I am separately writing to the SCERT with a request to provide active support to the State Board in not only giving wide publicity but also ensuring a large number of quality entries.

In case of any query or question, kindly contact me on **my Mobile: 098107 20088** or landline No. 011- 27353351 (Off).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Puran Chand*

(Puran Chand)  
General Secretary

To: Chairpersons/ Presidents of Member-Boards

# COUNCIL OF BOARDS OF SCHOOL EDUCATION IN INDIA (COBSE)

## Entries Invited

on

### "BEST PRACTICES TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION"

Contest being organized by COBSE in collaboration with Maharashtra Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education to celebrate its Golden Jubilee

#### Board Level and National Level Awards for Best Entries on Best Practices

The *Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan* (RMSA) launched in 2009 envisages to make quality secondary education available, accessible and affordable to all children in the age group of 14-18 years. Several programmes and activities are going on in different parts of India under the RMSA Project.

**Contest on Best Practices:** Institutions like School Boards and State Councils of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs), State Department/Section looking after RMSA, NGOs as well as persons at their individual level are trying out innovative practices to improve the quality of learning in secondary schools under the RMSA Project or outside of it. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Maharashtra Board and in the context of COBSE's Annual Conference it has been decided to hold a **Contest on Best Practices** in collaboration with the Maharashtra Board with **the objectives of**

- i) compiling best practices to upgrade the quality of secondary education and disseminating them to various stakeholders
- ii) giving State / Board level and National level recognition to the best entries, and
- iii) promoting the use of out-of-the-box thinking and innovative methods in resolving local-specific challenges

**Best Practice means** what works effectively in a particular situation or environment to address a pressing issue or challenge. Best Practice may sometimes reveal frugal and home spun solutions involving at times the use of lateral thinking or *jugaad* innovation. In order to make it a research-based or scientifically-based practice, evidence in the form of data and outcome are an essential part. Where scientific evidence is absent or inadequate, professional wisdom needs to be duly recognized. However, it is important to avoid as far as possible personal biases and preferences. It is also agreed generally that what works in a particular situation may or may not work and yield the same results across variety of ground situations obtaining in a country of India's size and diversity. But again the potential for replicability of a practice should be considered a huge plus point for the selection of an entry for an award.

Examples of Best Practices:

- i) Use of CCTV to check use of unfair means in exam
- ii) Innovative use of limited land area in a secondary school

- iii) Innovative use of limited resources in a secondary school to improve the quality of learning
- iv) Introduction of computer-based testing

#### Criteria for the Selection of Entries for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Positions

- i) Genuineness and Relevance of Issue / Problem to the Quality of Learning / Secondary Education (5 Marks)
- ii) Innovativeness and Uniqueness of the Best Practice (5 Marks)
- iii) Usefulness / Effectiveness of the Best Practice in realizing the desired Outcome / Impact as an evidence (5 Marks)
- iv) Potential for Replicability / Adaptability of the Best Practice (5 Marks)

**Total Marks: 20**

#### Who can participate:

- i) Any educational institution / organization working in the area of affiliated secondary schools such as Board of School Education, SCERT, Training College and School (In case of collaboration with NGOs or corporate houses, the entry will be submitted to the Board by the concerned school, not by the NGO or the corporate house. In case of individual teachers / scholars the entry will be submitted to the concerned State Board through a school / institution.)
- ii) Any educational functionary / school teacher working at the secondary school level

#### Two levels of selection of entries for awards

##### State Board Level

State Boards of School Education which are members of COBSE will be requested to invite entries from institutions including the Board itself, SCERTs, educationists, schools and teachers in the given format. These entries will be examined by a Committee set up by the Chairperson of the member-Board for the purpose and three best entries will be selected from the area of their jurisdiction for

- a) Board-level Awards, and
- b) Board-level entries for competing at the National Level.

Board-level Awards will be **Rs 10,000/-** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Position, **Rs 7,000/-** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position and **Rs 5,000/-** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position.

### National/ COBSE Level

At the National Level a Committee set up jointly by COBSE and Maharashtra Board will select three entries for

- National-level Awards, and
- Giving their presentations by invitation before the delegates attending the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held at Pune towards the end of 2015.

There may be scope for other outstanding entries as well to make their presentations in the Annual Conference. The National-level Awards will be **Rs 20,000/-** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Position, **Rs 15,000/-** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position and **Rs 10,000/-** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position. In addition, the Award Winners at the Board level and National level shall be given **Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition by COBSE.**

### Areas on which entries on Best Practices are invited:

- Management and Conduct of Public Examination including its Reliability, any Examination Reform or the Use of Technology to maintain students' record related to the Board Examination or Measures to control and prevent malpractices during examinations
- Assessment of Students in the Co-scholastic / Co-curricular Area under the CCE System
- Integration of Vocational Skills with the Secondary Education Curriculum
- Life Skills Development

- Value Inculcation
- Involvement of Corporate and Industrial Houses, National / International Agencies / Organizations to Upgrade Infrastructure
- Innovative Practice to upgrade Quality of Infrastructure including Toilets and Drinking Water facility
- Community Participation to address issues like the dearth of Qualified Teachers
- Use of IT / Digital Technology to Upgrade the Quality of Learning
- Any Other Area related to Secondary Education

### Format in which entries in written form are to be submitted:

- A small paragraph on the profile of the Institution / School or about the person submitting the entry
- State the Issue / Problem / Challenge
- Define the Objective / Goal
- Describe Best Practice including Methodology / Activities to address the issue / problem / challenge
- Describe Participation of persons & institutions in decision-making, planning, and carrying out activities to complete the task
- Demonstrate desired Outcome / Result / Impact Evaluation as an evidence of best practice
- Financial Implications, if any to carry out Best Practice
- The entry should be in the written form comprising about three (3) typed pages (1000 words) with Name / Institution and Address (including e-mail, mobile)

### TIME SCALE

ACTIVITY	DATES / TIMELINE
'Letters Inviting Entries' to Boards from COBSE	Third week of February 2015
'Letters Inviting Entries' to Institutions, NGOs etc. from Boards	First week of March 2015
Last Date for receiving entries by Boards	First week of June 2015
Selection of 3 entries at the Board level	First week of July 2015
Date for receiving entries by COBSE	First week of August 2015
Selection of 3 entries at the National Level	Last week of August 2015
Publication of a Booklet on Best Practices containing award winning entries by COBSE	Last week of September 2015

