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## केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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### CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

*(An Autonomous Organization under the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development,  
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Circular No.47

All the Heads of the Institutions  
Affiliated to CBSE.

#### **Subject: Donate a Book Initiative.**

Dear Principal,

The Central Board of Secondary Education had vide its circular No. 54/2009 introduced Reading Project for students studying in schools affiliated to CBSE. The aim was to inculcate the habit of reading among young students.

United Nation Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation in partnership with the Times Foundation has launched an initiative 'Donate a Book' which aims to increase the strength of books in the school libraries by receiving voluntary donations from children, parents and teachers. The initiative also aims to provide an opportunity to children who may not have the privilege of books and reading materials in appropriate numbers. Simultaneously, the initiative will also encourage reading habits and literature appreciation in children to encourage the increased use of books and reading materials.

Goals and Objectives of the Initiative.

- Build and supplement the resource pool of books and reference material for schools across the regional languages.
- Increase the number of available books and reference material in schools and resource centres.
- Encourage reading habit among children.
- Encourage reading and appreciation of Literature in schools
- Facilitate the creation of mobile book libraries.
- Encourage local commitment to stronger community ties.

The initiative will primarily be restricted to CBSE schools in Delhi and NCR region, however a parallel activity –Kitabhana, Mussoorie-Dehradun Children’s Literature Festival will be organized from July 30<sup>th</sup> to September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for schools in Dehradun and Mussorrie.

The ‘Donate a Book’ initiative activities will be held at Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bangalore also in the first two weeks of November.

As part of the Donate a Book initiative, activities for promotion of reading will be held in association with Delhi Public Library twice a week.

Brief description of the Initiative for Partner schools.

Schools that wish to partner in this initiative will have to:

- Sign a partnership agreement
- Brief staff, parents and children about the initiative
- Put boxes for donation in school premises
- Collect books (old or new, but in good condition) on a voluntary basis
- Collect reading books meant for children between the age group of 3-17 years.
- Nominate a staff member to be the nodal person to keep a monthly inventory of all books received
- Share the inventory on a monthly basis with UNESCO
- Initiate reading sessions in consultation and with assistance from UNESCO
- Identify a local school/NGO working with children as a donor either in their vicinity or otherwise in consultation with UNESCO or on a recommendation from UNESCO
- Regularly sort out books and classify for keeping in their libraries and/or for donation, keeping an inventory for the same.
- Distribute books to the identified school/NGO.
- Donate the annually weeded off books from their libraries to the initiative.

It is expected that all school in Delhi, NCR, Dehradun, Mussorrie, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, and Mumbai (affiliated to CBSE) will join CBSE, UNESCO and Times Foundation in this initiative to encourage reading habits and literature appreciation in children to promote increased use of books and reading materials.

You are requested to disseminate the information to all concerned.

Yours sincerely




(Vineet Joshi)

**CHAIRMAN**

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates /KVS /NVS /CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector- 9, Chandigarh-160 017.
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737 101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar- 791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair-744 101.
8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Islands.
9. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110 085.
10. All the Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions.
11. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
12. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE website.
13. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
14. E.O. to Chairman, CBSE
15. DO / PA to Secretary, CBSE
16. PA to CE, CBSE
17. PA to Director (Acad.)
18. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
19. PA to HOD (Edusat)
20. PRO, CBSE



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