

# केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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## CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

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CBSE/SE/JS/Sustainability/2023

20.04.2023

Circular No. Skill-49/2023

The Heads of all the Institutions affiliated to CBSE

**Subject: Sustainability Accelerator for Students: Accelerating a sustainability mindset in youth and advancing skills for green jobs – Announcement of Second cohort**

*Greetings from CBSE!*

CBSE in support with Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL) had launched a program 'Sustainability Accelerator' for students with the aim of accelerating a sustainability mindset in youth and advancing skills for green jobs, vide Circular No. 162/2022 dated 28.12.2022.

Over 3,000 students registered for the first cohort of the program and responding to the overwhelming response received from schools and students, CBSE is organizing the second cohort of the program in May 2023. The 7-day virtual program is designed to enable students to learn about sustainability, build solutions and get hands-on experience through projects.

**Mission:** The mission of this Sustainability Accelerator is to:

- ❖ encourage students to be valuable contributors to climate change/action
- ❖ introduce them to the role of technology in shaping a greener planet
- ❖ provide top students from the program an in-person workplace experience and internship in top corporate campus to learn about the sustainable practices they follow
- ❖ get them mentored by global leaders to build prototypes that will lead to a sustainable planet and pitch their innovations

**Participation:** Schools are requested to nominate 5 students for the program **by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023** using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/sustainabilityaccelerator>

**Please note that:**

- ❖ The program is being offered free of cost to students of all CBSE affiliated schools.
- ❖ The program will tentatively begin from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. Final date and further details shall be shared to the registered participants.
- ❖ Students from grades 8 and above are eligible for the program.
- ❖ Further details of the program are annexed.
- ❖ For any queries, please reach out to [contact@flaunch.io](mailto:contact@flaunch.io)

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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
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4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh - 160017
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7. The Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair - 744101
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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/ Directors 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 – with a request to give wider publicity to this notification.
18. Joint Secretary (IT), CBSE, Rouse Avenue with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website
19. Incharge, Hindi Cell, CBSE HQ – for Hindi Translation of this notification

**Director (Skill Education)**

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Annexure

### Sustainability Accelerator – Internship/Mentorship program for CBSE students on Sustainability and Climate Action

#### Announcing the second cohort

**Sustainability Accelerator = Skill Building through Missions  
+ Innovative Solutions  
+ In-person Internship in a top organization**

**Participation:** Schools can nominate upto 5 students by **14<sup>th</sup> May 2023** using the link:  
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#### Program Format:

- ❖ **Duration:** 12-day internship (7 days virtual + 5 days on a corporate campus for top 10 students)
- ❖ **Target Audience:** 14–18-years (grades 8 and above)
- ❖ **Virtual Format:**
  - 23 May 2023 to 4 June 2023
  - 6 Learning Days and 6 Mission Days and a final Industry Day
  - Learning Days – 2-hour Instructor Led Live webinar
  - Mission Days - self-paced learnings and working on mission activities (noinstructor led sessions on mission days)
  - Students to participate in missions after each day's session on the online platform (Flaunch) for students to participate in challenges, submit assignments, develop new skills through mission-based challenges and win exciting rewards.
  - Students will need to complete missions and acquire points to move forward
  - There will be a checkpoint after Day 2, Day 4 & Day 6 to decide who moves forward
  - Top 10 students will be selected for 5 days workplace experiences and project work with industry partner, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited (ABFRL).
  - Day-wise schedule of the program is enclosed.

#### Certificates & Rewards:

- ❖ Certificate of Participation
- ❖ Certificate of Workplace Experience – Top 10 students (Given projects and 5-days workplace experience at Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited)

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### Day-wise Schedule

DAY	AGENDA	MODE
Day 1	Launch + Sustainability 101 + Green Jobs and Skills	Virtual (2 Hours)
Mission Day 1	Mission 1 Submission	Virtual
Learning Day 2	Session – Innovation Mindset + Solving Climate Crisis with Data	Virtual (2 Hours)
Mission Day 2	Mission 2 Submission	Virtual
CHECK POINT 1	<b>Students who earn atleast 30 points proceed. Students with at least 120 points get mentoring support</b>	
Learning Day 3	Session – Ideation + Systems Thinking	Virtual (2 Hours)
Mission Day 3	Mission 3 Submission	Virtual
Learning Day 4	Session – Storytelling for Impact + Industry Expert	Virtual (2 Hours)
Mission Day 4	Mission 4 Submission	Virtual (2 Hours)
CHECK POINT 2	<b>Students who earn atleast 60 points proceed. Students with at least 320 points get mentoring support</b>	
Learning Day 5	Session – Presenting with Confidence + Mentoring	Virtual (2 Hours)
Mission Day 5	Mission 5 Submission	Virtual
Learning Day 6	Session – Pitching + Business Models + Industry Expert	Virtual (2 Hours)
Mission Day 6	Mission 6 Submission	Virtual
CHECK POINT 3	<b>Students who get at least 80 points get certificate of completion. 100 Students with highest points invited for Industry Day</b>	
Day 7 – INDUSTRYDAY	Top 100 students with highest points talk to industry partners.	2 Hours