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(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संगठन)
CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
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Circular No.: Acad-79/2026

All heads of schools affiliated with CBSE

Subject: CBSE Heritage India Quiz – 2026-27.

The CBSE Heritage India Quiz is an annual activity that aims to promote awareness and appreciation of India's rich cultural heritage among school students. This year's theme is "Food Culture in India," focusing on regional cuisines, culinary traditions, and their role in preserving India's cultural identity. This year's quiz will comprise 25% questions on the designated theme, while the remaining 75% will cover various aspects of Indian history and cultural heritage.

Schools can select one team of 03 students from classes IX-XII for participation in the quiz.

The CBSE Heritage India Quiz 2026-27 will be organized as per the following process:

Stages and timeline	Description
Registration On or before 30th November, 2026	• At the Board's portal, i.e., www.cbse.nic.in and www.cbseacademic.nic.in, through login credentials used for filling LOC details • The user manual is enclosed with this circular as 'Annexure-1.'
Stage-1: Online December, 2026	• Computer-based test of 50 minutes and 60 MCQs for registered schools • The test will be conducted on a specified date & time. • Only the registered schools will be notified through the CBSE Shiksha email IDs of the schools. • The top six teams from each region of the Board will be selected for participation in the regional round.
Stage-2: Online Regional Round (through video conferencing) December, 2026	• The top 06 teams selected in Stage-1 from each region will participate in the Stage-2 online regional round conducted in video conferencing mode. • This round will be conducted as per the schedule that will be shared at the CBSE Shiksha email IDs of the registered school. • The top team of each region will qualify for the next round.
Stage-3: National Semifinals and Final (On Stage) January/February, 2027	• The qualified teams from the Online Regional Round will be divided into 04 groups. The winner from each group will qualify for the final round. • National semi-finals and final rounds will be held at CBSE. Integrated Office, Dwarka, New Delhi-77

The details of each stage are provided below:-

Stage 1: Online Test:

1. On the date and time notified by the Board, registered schools shall access the test portal using their LOC credentials. The test link will be available on the Board's official website. Only registered schools will be permitted to access the online test.
2. Each school shall conduct the test in its respective I.T. lab. Upon completion, teams will receive feedback on correct and incorrect answers and the time taken. There will be no negative marking. In case of a tie, the team completing the test in the least time will be preferred. The top six teams from each CBSE region will be selected, and the results will be communicated through CBSE Shiksha email IDs of the qualified schools.

Stage 2: Online Regional Round

The top six teams from each C.B.S.E. region, shortlisted at Stage 1, will participate in the Online Regional Round on a date notified by the Board. The round will be conducted through video conferencing. The relevant details will be communicated to schools through their CBSE Shiksha email IDs. The winning team from each region will qualify for the semi-finals to be held in New Delhi.

Stage 3: National Semi-Finals and Final

The National Semi-Finals and Final of the Heritage India Quiz 2026–27 will be held tentatively in January/February 2027 in New Delhi. Teams qualifying from the regional round will be divided into four groups, with the winner of each group advancing to the final round. The schedule will be notified on the official CBSE Academic website (www.cbseacademic.nic.in).

Guidelines for Participation:

1. All the schools affiliated to CBSE in India and foreign countries are invited to participate in this quiz.
2. Interested schools should ensure submission of the online registration form with the requisite fee on or before 25th November, 2026. The registration link will be available on the CBSE website, www.cbseacademic.nic.in. The registration fees of Rs.1500/INR per team shall be submitted through the payment gateway available/inbuilt in the registration portal (no other mode of payment will be accepted). Requests sent through mail/post for registration will not be considered under any circumstances.
3. The user manual containing the process to operate the portal of **Heritage India Quiz 2026-27** is mentioned in Annexure-1.
4. Participation is open to the students of classes IX-XII. Interested schools are requested to select three students who will register as a team to compete in the online test. Details, once entered, cannot be altered after the online submission of

the form. The schools are requested to register at the earliest possible date to avoid last-minute delays and rush on the portal.

5. All the participating schools must ensure the arrangement of seamless broadband internet connectivity in their computer lab on the day of the online test (Stage 1 and Stage 2). It is advised to keep one more set of personal computers ready with UPS and internet connectivity to meet any technical/electrical emergency.
6. **The schools will receive all communication regarding the quiz on the CBSE Shiksha email ID used for registration; therefore, schools need to check emails for updates after successful registration at regular intervals. Once the registration process is over, no request to change the team member will be accepted.**
7. Merit Certificates will be awarded to all the participants of the National semi-finals and final.

First Prize	25,000/- x 01 team	Rs.25,000/- and a rolling trophy
Second Prize	15,000/- x 01 team	Rs.15,000/-
Third Prize	10,000/- x 01 team	Rs.10,000/-
Fourth Prize	8,000/- x 01 team	Rs. 8,000/-
Second Position (Semi Finals)	6,000/-x 05 teams	Rs.30,000/-
Third Position (Semi-finals)	5,000/-x 05 teams	Rs.25,000/-
Fourth Position (Semi-finals)	4,000/-x 05 teams	Rs.20,000/-
Fifth Position (Semi-finals)	3,000/- x 05 teams	Rs.15,000/-

8. Domestic Airfare (Economy Class)/ 2nd AC Rail Fair for the shortest route for three students and one teacher escort will be reimbursed to the teams who qualify to compete in the National Semi-Finals (against production of photocopies of tickets and original boarding passes for onward journey).
9. The participating school/team is to bear all expenses related to participation in the event except travel expense. They will make their own lodging/boarding arrangements in the venue city in the case of their selection for the national semi-finals and final.
10. All participating schools are required to take care of the health, safety, and well-being of their students during travel and participation in the National Semifinals and Final of the Heritage India quiz. Hence, the safety and security of participants will be the responsibility of the participating schools and the venue schools.
11. All heads of participating schools should ensure that NOC/Consent is obtained from parents of the students of the school team before the regional/national event.

12. Participation of schools from foreign countries:

(i) The regional round of teams from foreign schools would be held online through video conferencing.

(ii) The team/s from foreign schools winning the Regional Round would be required to participate in the National Round in India physically, at their own expense towards travel, stay, and other expenses.

For further information, contact at 011-43354913 or cbsehiq2026@gmail.com. Please visit the CBSE Academic website: www.cbseacademic.nic.in and click on the link https://academic.cbseit.in/hiq for updates.

All the heads of schools are requested to encourage students to participate in the CBSE Heritage India quiz 2026-27.

With best wishes

Dr. Praggya M. Singh
Professor & Director(Academics)

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Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organisations and Institutions 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, New Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
5. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005
6. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054
7. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160017
8. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim –737101
9. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791111
10. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair – 744101
11. The Director of School Education, Ladakh, Room No.101-102, Ground Floor, Council Secretariat, Kurbathang, Kargil – Ladakh
12. The Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, B block, Anjaneya Towers, VTPS Rd, Bhimaraju Gutta, Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh – 521 456
13. The Director, Jharkhand Education Project Council, Old HEC High School, JSCA Stadium Road, Jagannathpur, Sector-III, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 (Jharkhand)
14. Navy Education Society, Dte of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066
15. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A –Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
16. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
17. DS to Chairperson, CBSE
18. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE
19. All Regional Directors/ 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
20. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ PPS/SPS/Under Secretary/Assistant Secretary, CBSE
21. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
22. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website
23. In-Charge, Library
24. Record File

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Annexure 1

User Manual the CBSE Heritage India Quiz

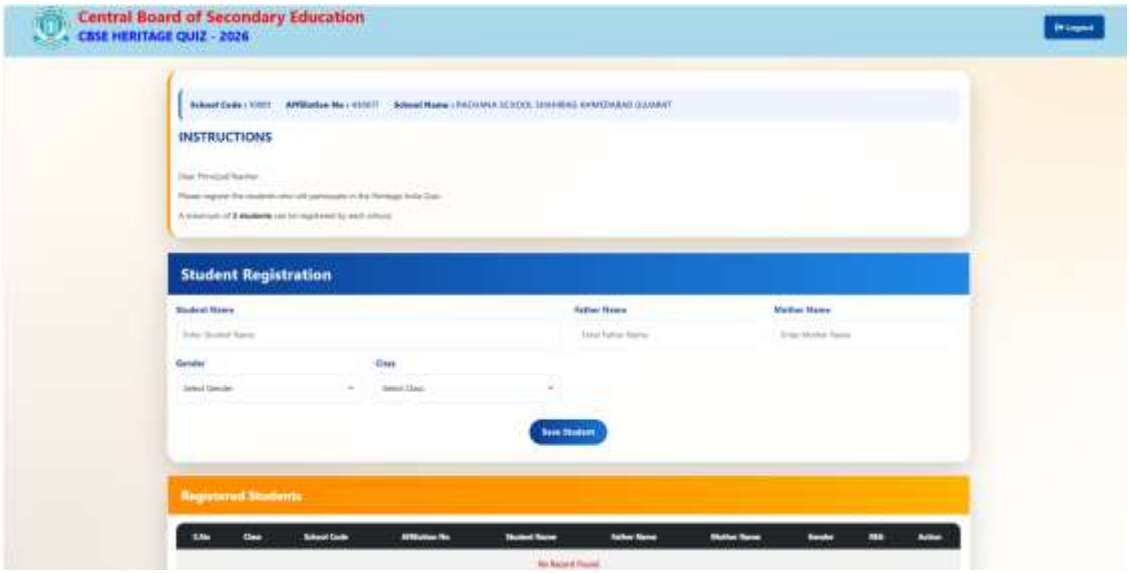
1. **Accessing the CBSE Science Exhibition Portal:**
   Visit the CBSE Academic website (https://academic.cbseit.in/hiq), click on the **CBSE Heritage India Quiz** link provided along with the official circular.



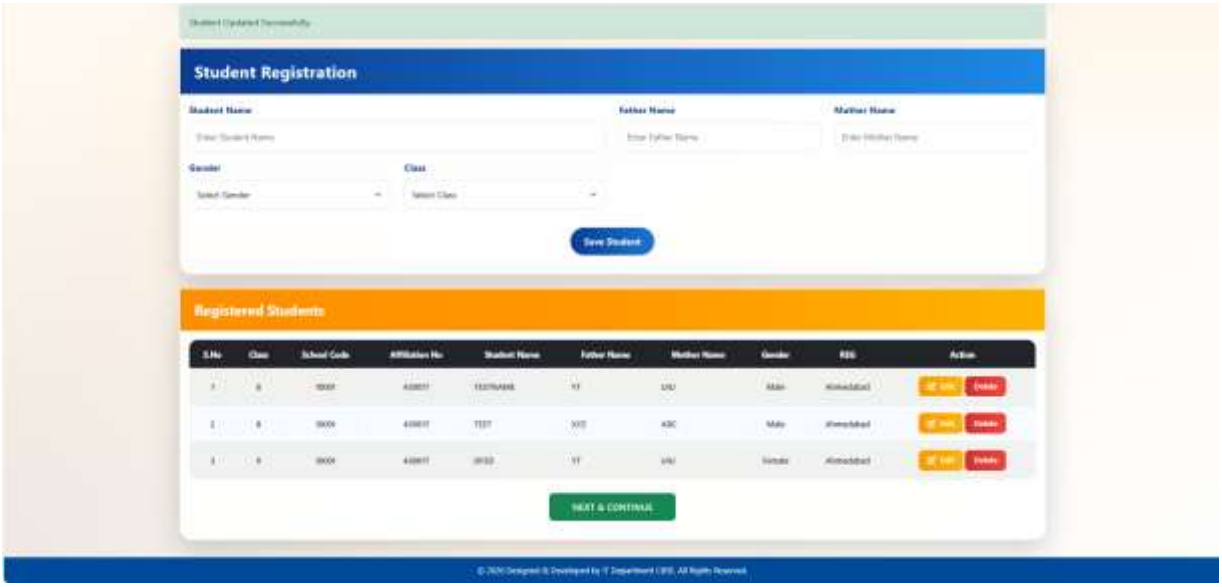
2. Next click on login button and use the school LOC Credentials to log in**.**



3. **Filling in the Students / Team Details:** After logging in, the School Details section will be displayed. Schools shall verify the pre-filled school information and enter the required details in the respective fields**.**



4. Click on the **Save Student** button to save student details.



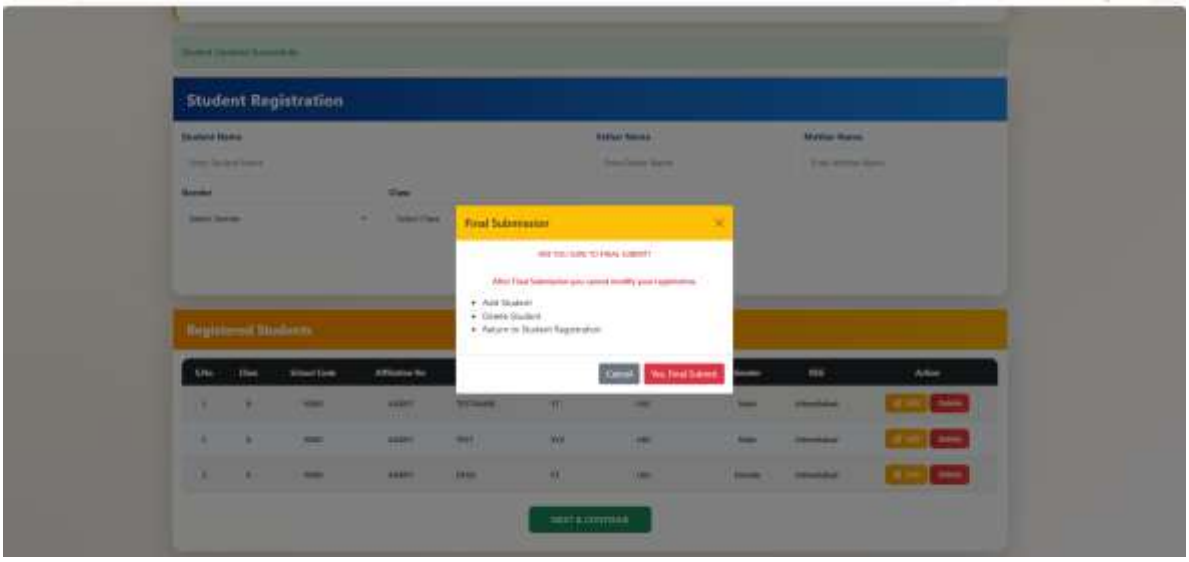
5. **Reviewing and Final Submission of School Details.**

After completing the registration details, schools can edit/delete the student details.

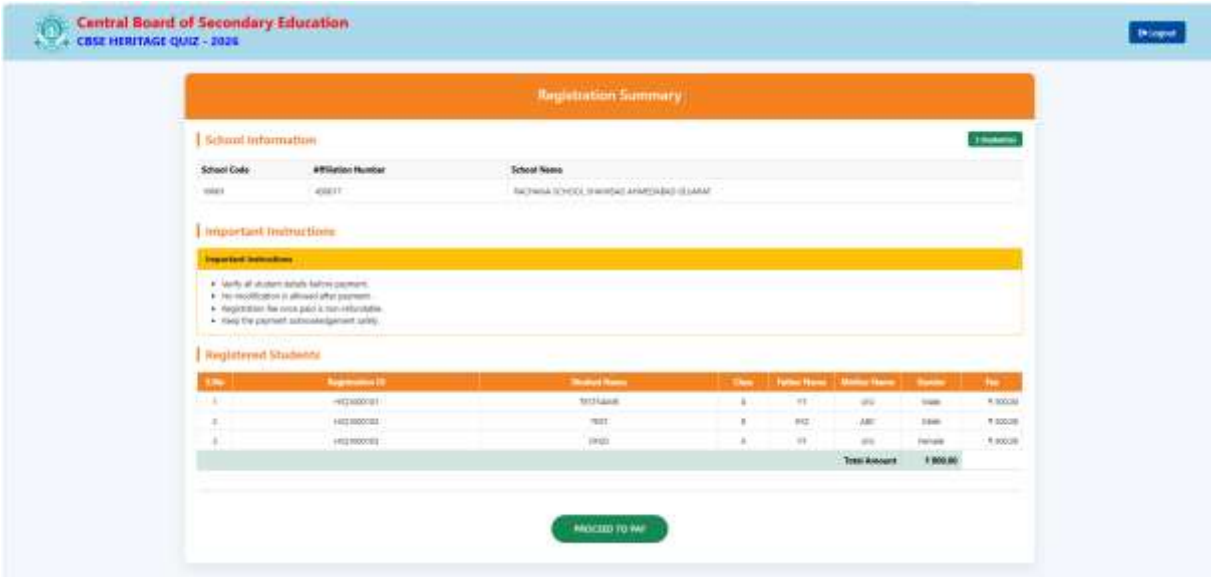
If all the information is correct, click on **Next and Continue** button and then **Yes Final Submit** button to submit the details.

If any corrections are required, click on **Cancel** to modify the information before final submission.

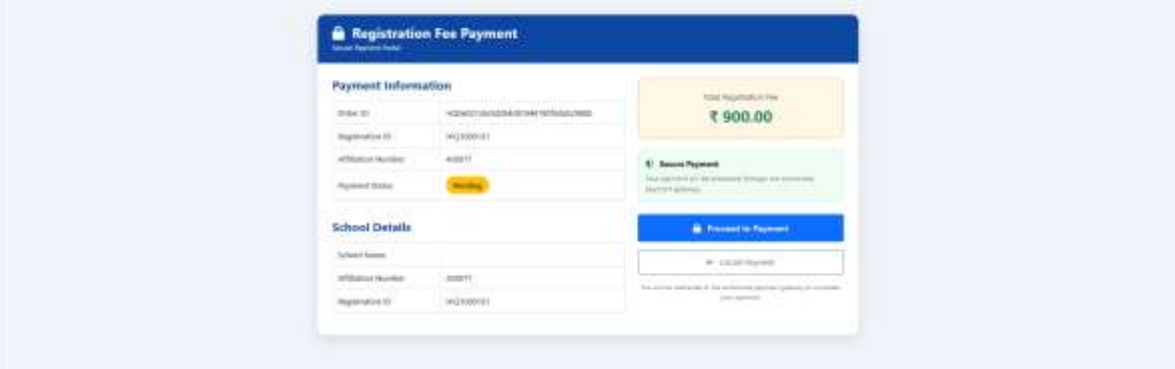
Schools are advised to verify all details carefully before proceeding with the final submission.



6. **Payment of Registration Fee:** After confirmation, the school has to pay the registration fee for participation in the **CBSE Heritage India Quiz**. For payment click on button "**Proceed to Pay**", you will be redirected to the payment gateway page.

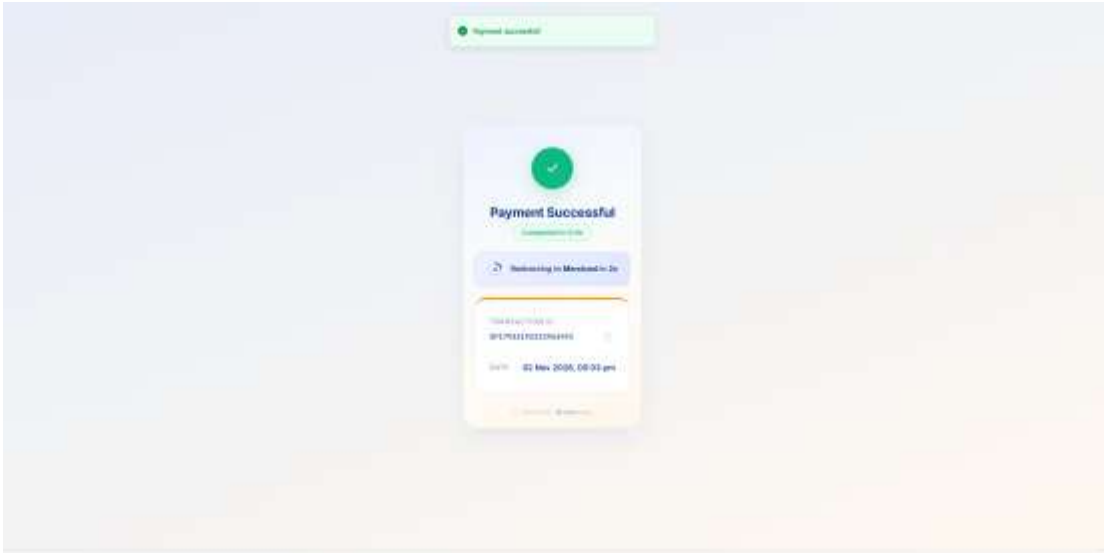


7. From the payment gateway page, select the preferred payment method and follow the on-screen instructions to pay the registration fee.





8. **Payment Confirmation Receipt:** Upon successful payment, the school will be redirected to the CBSE Heritage India Quiz. A payment confirmation receipt containing the transaction details will be generated. Printout of same may be taken by the school.



9. **Thanks and Logout:** After payment dashboard will appear and user can logout.