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NOTIFICATION

FUTURE TECH OLYMPIAD 5.0 (2026–27)

Skilling Students for the Future: Integrating Technology & Sustainability

CBSE has been committed to equipping students with knowledge and skills in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and Cyber Security, preparing them to navigate an increasingly technology-driven world.

Following the successful editions of the Future Tech Olympiad, **CBSE, in collaboration with IBM** is pleased to announce the **fifth edition of the Future Tech Olympiad**, scheduled till 5th January 2027.

The National-level Olympiad will provide students with an opportunity to strengthen their understanding of emerging technologies through a designated learning pathway on IBM SkillsBuild, followed by an assessment. It aims to foster technological awareness, data literacy and responsible technology use, while encouraging students to explore real-world applications, including sustainability.

CBSE encourages schools to motivate students to participate and develop the skills needed to thrive in a technology-driven future.

Key Highlights

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Eligibility & Coverage

- Students of **Classes VII to XII** from all CBSE-affiliated schools are eligible for participation.
- The Olympiad will cover **Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Cyber Security, Sustainability** and other emerging technologies.

Registration & Pre-requisites

- Schools must register their students online at www.futuretecholympiad.com by **10th December 2026**, and must select suitable test dates before **5th January 2027**.

Mandatory Pre-requisite:

- All participating students must complete a designated Learning Path on IBM SkillsBuild before appearing for the Olympiad. These modules provide essential preparation for the Future Tech Olympiad.
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Important Information:

- The Olympiad is offered **free of cost** to students in all CBSE schools.
- Schools registering for the Olympiad will be contacted by the team from **IBM SkillsBuild, implementation partner 1M1B**.
- Principals must encourage and motivate maximum no. of students to participate in this Olympiad, thereby fostering curiosity, innovation, and skills for the future.
- For queries, please write to contact@futuretecholympiad.com
- More information and registration are available at www.futuretecholympiad.com
- You may refer to the attached program guide for more information.

This Olympiad will provide an opportunity for students to develop future-ready skills, gain national-level recognition and prepare for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

Enclosure: 1. Brochure of FTO 5.0 (2026-2027)
2. Report of FTO 4.0 (2025-2026)

Biswajit Saha

(Dr. Biswajit Saha)
Professor & Director (Skill Education)

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:

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3. Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi–110054
4. Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh – 160017
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6. Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791111
7. Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair – 744101
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15. Deputy Secretary to Chairman, CBSE - for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE
16. All the Heads of Department of the Board
17. 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
18. Deputy Secretary (Media & Public Relations), CBSE – with a request to give wider publicity to this circular
19. Joint Secretary (IT), CBSE, HQ with a request to upload this notification on CBSE Academics website
20. Incharge, Hindi Cell, CBSE HQ – for Hindi Translation of this notification.

Professor & Director (Skill Education)

Timeline

10th Dec 2026	till 5th Jan 2027	February 2027	March 2027
Registration Till	FTO Test in schools	Results Declaration	Certificates & Medals distribution

Registration : Step-by-step process

1. **Visit registration page**
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FTO Learning Channel Link
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FUTURE TECH OLYMPIAD

Empowering Minds, Shaping the Future

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FTO 5.0 will also integrate Sustainability and test the knowledge on the same

Having already engaged over 2,38,000 students, we are thrilled to announce the launch of the fifth edition of the Future Tech Olympiad. Join us in empowering students to become the thinkers, innovators, and leaders of the future.

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FUTURE TECH OLYMPIAD

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Program Flow

1

School Registration

Schools need to choose an online test date & share participating students Name, Class, and Email IDs

Students will be onboarded & given access to IBM SkillsBuild

(1M1B representatives to assist)

2

Students to attend orientation webinar

3

Students will be encouraged to finish learning-path on SkillsBuild.

(Share screenshot with 1M1B)

4

Schools to Conduct FTO in computer labs as per chosen date & time

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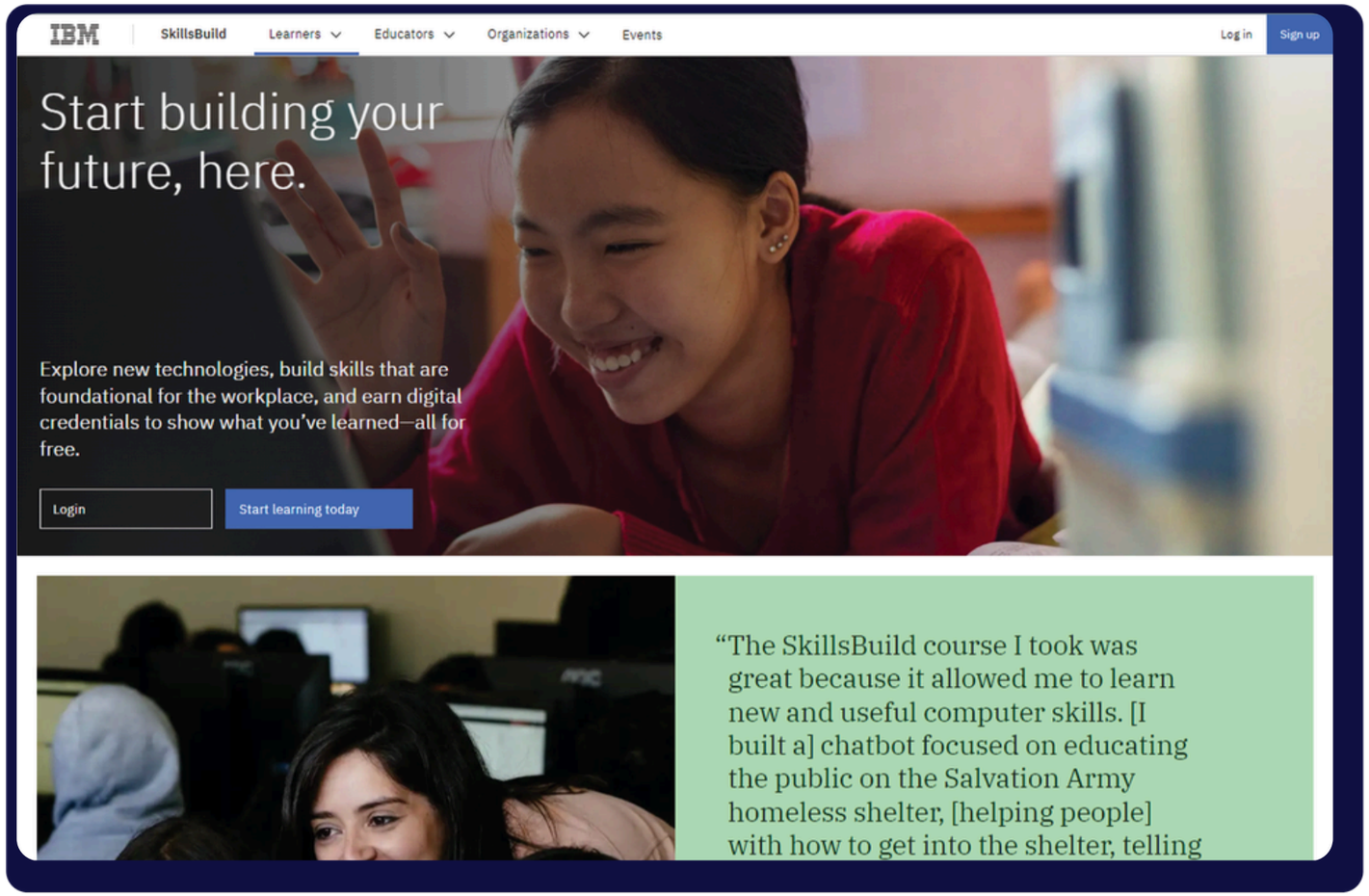
Results Announced

Certificates and medals will be provided to top 750 students.

Resource to prepare for FTO

IBM SkillsBuild

https://tinyurl.com/1m1bfto



FTO Learning channel

Welcome to this channel!
Here, you'll discover your **learning path in AI, technology, and sustainability** with courses designed to build future-ready skills and in the the Olympiad.

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Overview

- Olympiad Date: 20th September 2026 Onwards
- Test Mode: Online
- Eligibility: Class 7th to 12th
- Style: MCQ (Multiple Choice Questions) Based
  - Class 7th & 8th (40 Questions- 30 mins)
  - Class 9th to 12th (60 Questions- 45 mins)

- Enrollment Fees: **Free of cost**

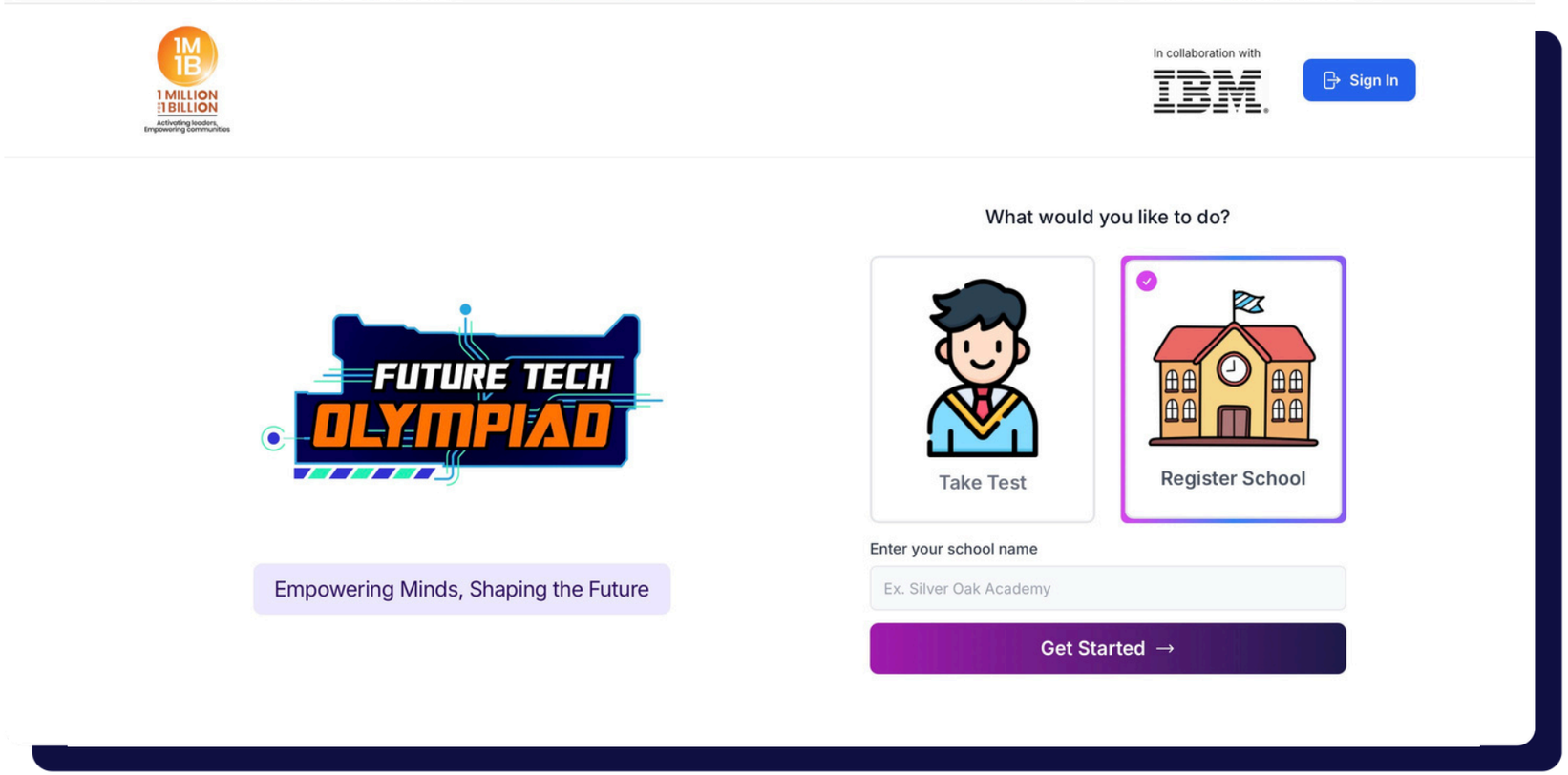
The following topics will be covered in the FTO 5.0:

- Digital Citizenship
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning
- Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)
- Blockchain and Internet of Things (IoT)
- Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
- Sustainability and Green Technology
- Robotics and Automation
- Cloud Computing and Data Analytics

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For More Details Visit

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to REGISTER:
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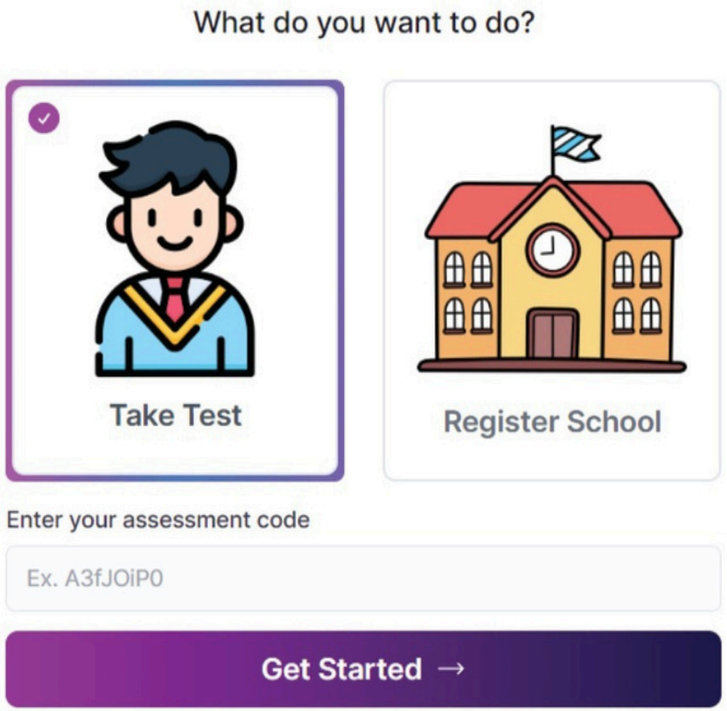
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Guide for students to appear in the Olympiad

1

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2



3

Participate in Olympiad
Students need to enter ‘Assessment Code’ shared by the school; student’s name will appear on the screen, verify it, and start taking a test.

4

Submit
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(Schools need to download the assessment codes from the “School Dashboard” which will be generated automatically soon as school upload the list of students.)

OR
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Future Tech Olympiad 4.0 Report

2025 - 26

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Earlier Olympiad Editions at a Glance

Over the past four editions, the Olympiad has provided students with a national platform to strengthen their understanding of emerging technologies and develop future-ready skills.

Year	Student participation
2022–23 (FTO 1.0)	35,000+
2023–24 (FTO 2.0)	51,000+
2024–25 (FTO 3.0)	75,000+
2025–26 (FTO 4.0)	75,500+



The Future Tech Olympiad 4.0 at a glance

CBSE in collaboration with IBM is running since 2022. 2025 marked the fourth edition of the Olympiad with Sustainability and AI as a key theme, encouraging students to explore how technology can solve real-world environmental challenges using Future technologies and help build a better tomorrow.

Circular for the same was released by CBSE to drive participation on 17th October 2025. Circular Link:

https://cbseacademic.nic.in/web_material/Notifications/2025/102_Notification_2025.pdf

75,502
Students registered

4th
Edition, with Sustainability as the key theme

VII – XII
Classes that could take part



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NOTIFICATION

FUTURE TECH OLYMPIAD 2025:
Integrating Technology & Sustainability, Skilling Students for the Future

In today's rapidly evolving world, the most valuable future skills lie at the intersection of technology and sustainability. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is committed to providing opportunities that equip students with skills relevant to the future of work and sustainable development.

In this context, CBSE, in collaboration with IBM is pleased to announce the 2025 edition of the Future Tech Olympiad, scheduled from 15th September – 28th November 2025. The Future Tech Olympiad is a national-level platform designed to test and celebrate students' knowledge of emerging technologies and future-ready skills.

This year's Future Tech Olympiad is specially focussed on Sustainability, encouraging students to explore how technology can solve real-world environmental challenges and help build a better tomorrow.

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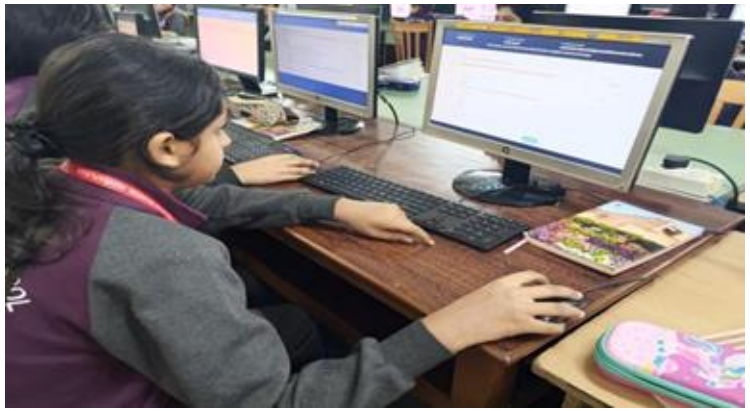
B K Public School, Jahangirabad, Uttar Pradesh



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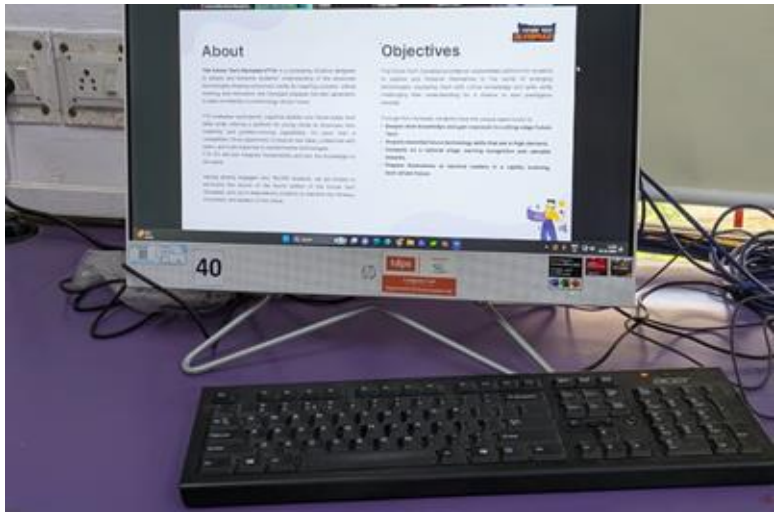
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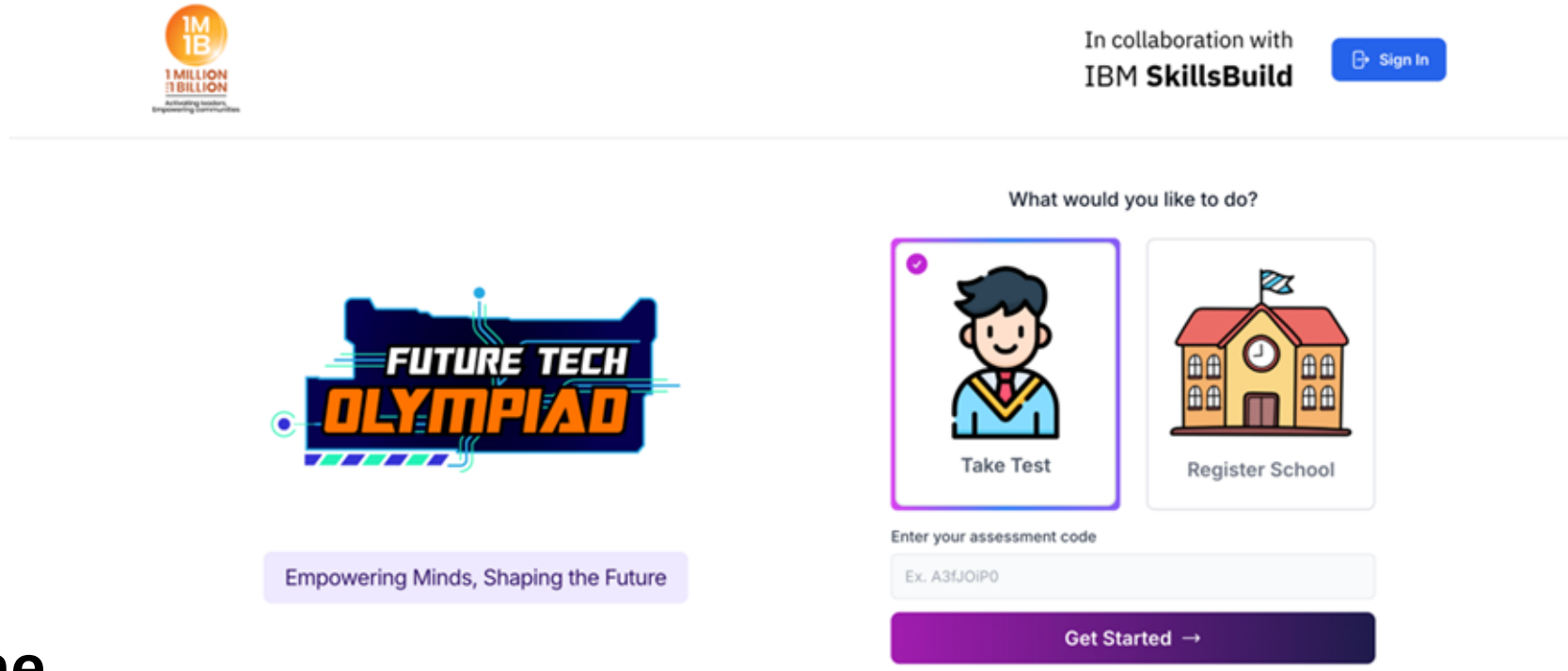




The Future Tech Olympiad

Process

Schools registered their students on the Future Tech Olympiad platform and selected a suitable date and time slot. Students then attempted the assessment digitally from their school premises as per the scheduled timing.



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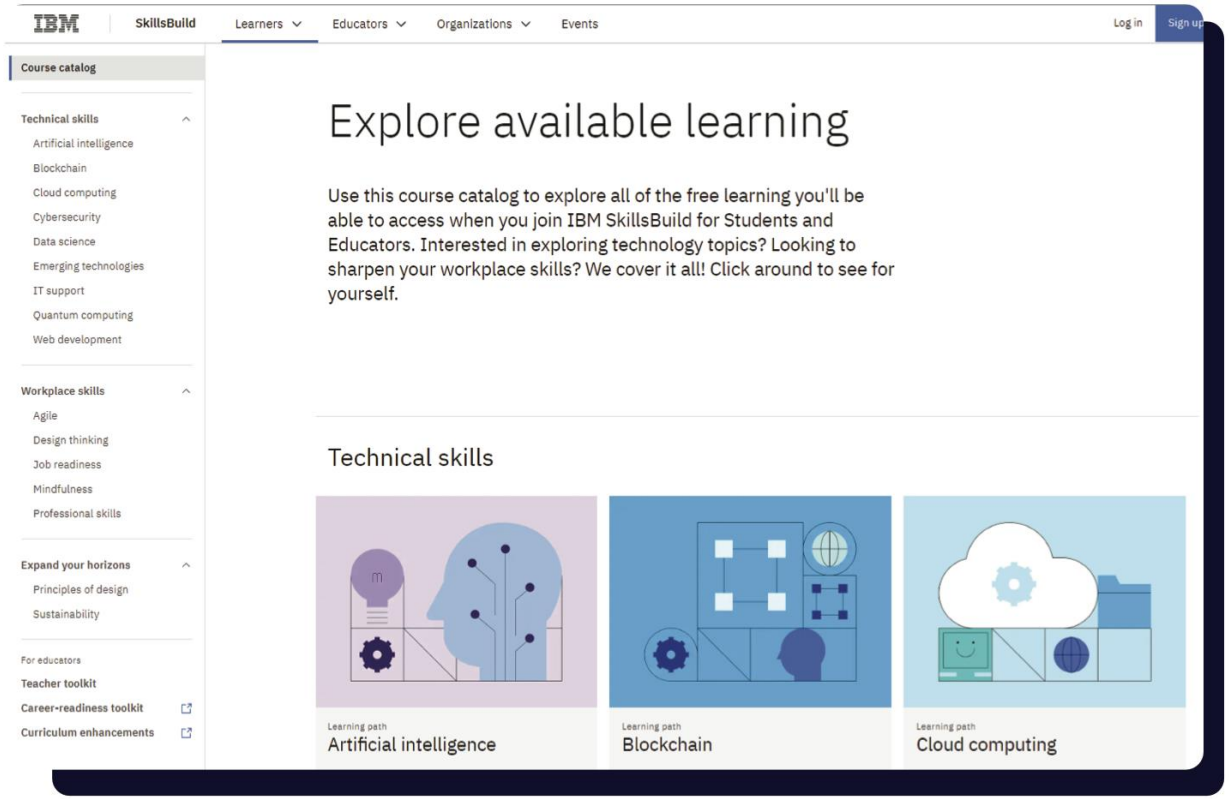


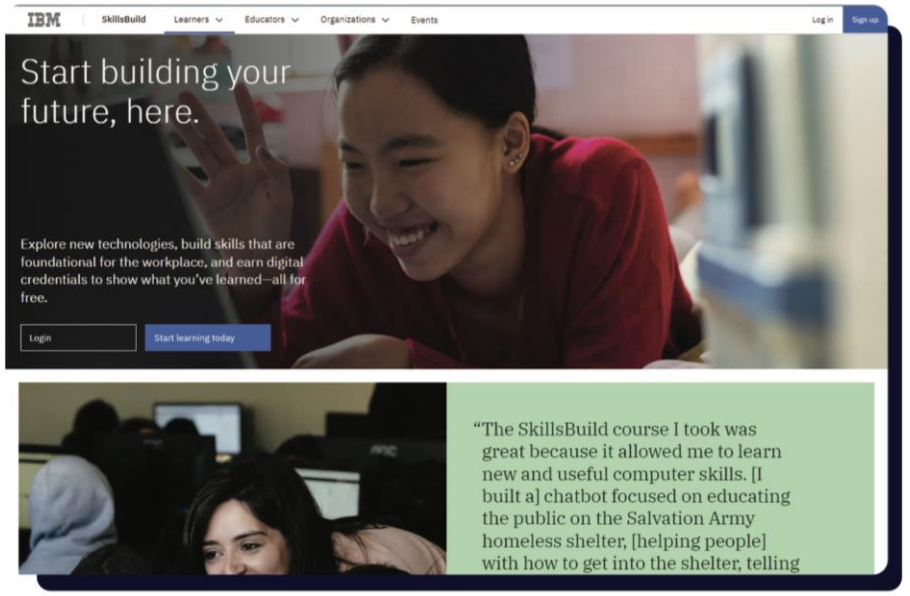


Students were provided IBM SkillsBuild resources to prepare for the FTO

Resource to prepare for FTO

For School Coordinators & Students







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