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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

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CBSE/SE/JD(SP)/2026 **Dated: 15.09.2026**

All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Spreading Design Awareness among Students (Classes IX–XII) through National Design Contest 2026 – Collaboration with Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) - reg.

Dear Principal

FDDI, an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India is promoting Design Awareness among students of **Classes IX–XII through the FDDI National Design Contest 2026.** The initiative aims to develop observation, empathy, ideation, prototyping and iteration skills, encouraging creativity and design thinking. It is aligned with the NEP 2020 vision of experiential, multidisciplinary and skill-integrated learning.

Key Highlights of the National Design Contest

Eligibility:

- Open to students of Classes IX, X, XI, and XII from recognized/affiliated schools across India.

Themes (indicative) released by FDDI:

- **Everyday Problem Solving** – Identify a common everyday problem and design a solution.
- **Sustainability & Circularity** – Create innovative solutions for a more sustainable future.
- **Ergonomics and User-Centricity** – Present solutions that are innovative, functional, and thoughtfully designed with the human element at their core.
- **Local Craft and Materials** – Create products/designs/crafts using locally available materials.

Format :-

- Schools must submit entries through **Google Form** on behalf of their students by **30th Nov 2026.** https://acesse.one/hx4942x
- Winners of the **Regional Level** (Online and Offline, respectively) will qualify for the **National Level Competition**, the date and venue of which will be communicated to Regional Winners through their registered email IDs.
- **National Level Winners** (top 3 per theme, for both Online and Offline modes) will receive **Joint Certificates (CBSE & FDDI)**, **Medals**, **Prize Money**, and a **50% concession on the 1st-year tuition fee** for winners enrolling in any FDDI UG programme across its 12 campuses * *(Refer policy attached in the Google Form.)*

Important Dates and Competition Schedule

Activity	Date/Details
Last Date for Registration & Nomination of Students/Groups – Online & Offline Competition	30 November 2026
Regional Design Competition (Online) – Project Submission Link Opens	2 December 2026
Regional Design Competition (Online) – Project Submission Link Closes	8 December 2026
Regional Design Competition (Offline) – Competition & Same-Day Winner Announcement at the Designated FDDI Campus	12 December 2026

Activity	Date/Details
Regional Design Competition (Online) – Winners to Be Announced via Registered Email	19 December 2026
Selection of National Winners from Regional Winners – Online & Offline	To be communicated separately by FDDI

National Level Winner Prize Money

- **1st Winner (each theme):** ₹25,000
- **2nd Winner (each category):** ₹15,000
- **3rd Winner (each category):** ₹10,000

* Winners should be physically present to receive the prize money.

Action Points for Schools

- Nominate a **Nodal Teacher/Coordinator** to coordinate with FDDI teams.
- Register for **only one mode of participation – Online or Offline – not both.**
- Ensure the minimum required entries per theme (as per eligibility) are submitted through the Nodal Teacher/Coordinator by the notified deadline.
- Ensure that schools which participated in Season 1 (2025) do not resubmit the same project under Season 2 (2026).

For any further queries, please contact the FDDI Nodal Officer as mentioned in **Annexure A**.

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Professor & Director (Skill Education)

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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.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida - 201309.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi – 110054.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh – 160017.
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar - 791111.
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair – 744101.
8. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110085.
9. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi – 110001.
11. The Director, The Navy Education Society (NES), Dte of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
12. The Secretary, Army Welfare Education Society (AWES), Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt – 110010.
13. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
14. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751005.
15. The Joint 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. Deputy Secretary (IT), CBSE, Headquarters with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website.
20. Incharge, Hindi Cell, CBSE HQ – for Hindi Translation of this notification.

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Annexure A

CBSE REGIONAL OFFICES	NAME OF FDDI CAMPUS	Campus Nodal Officer Details		
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