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NOTIFICATION

FUTURE TECH OLYMPIAD 5.0 (2026–2027)

Skilling Students for the Future: Integrating Technology & Sustainability

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

Following the successful conduct of four 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**.

This National-level Olympiad provides 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:

- The **Top 10 schools** with maximum student **participation** will be felicitated.
- Top-performing students will be awarded **Gold, Silver and Bronze medals**.
- All participating students will receive **Certificates of Participation**.
- **Teachers-in-charge** of the best-performing schools will be **specially recognized**.

ELIGIBILITY AND 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 AND 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.
- Upon completion of the required learning path, students will be eligible to take the Future Tech Olympiad.
- Details regarding the learning path will be provided to the schools after they register, and during an orientation.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The Future Tech 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.

Biswajit Saha

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

Encl. **Ann. 1:** Timeline of FTO 5.0 (2026-2027)
Ann. 2: Brochure of FTO 5.0 (2026-2027)
Ann. 3: Brief report of FTO 4.0 (2025-2026)

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. Commissioner,Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan,18,Institutional Area,Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg,Delhi-16
2. Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida–201309
3. Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi–54
4. Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh – 160017
5. Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101
6. Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791111
7. Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair – 744101
8. Director,Central Tibetan School Administration,ESSESS Plaza,Community Centre,Sec-3,Rohini, Delhi-85
9. Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001
10. Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi – 110001
11. 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. Secretary, Army Welfare Education Society (AWES), Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt – 110010
13. Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
14. Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751005
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.

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