

CBSE/ACAD./US(AB)/2025/

Dated: 26.03.2025

Circular No. Acad-12/2025

Heads of All Schools Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Implementation of New Competency-Based Textbooks for Grades 4, 5, 7, and 8

In continuation of Circular No. Acad-29/2024 (dated 22.03.2024) and Circular No. Acad-73/2024 (dated 23.08.2024), it is hereby informed that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) will release new competency-based textbooks for Grades 4, 5, 7, and 8, in alignment with the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023, for the academic session 2025-26.

Additionally, NCERT has developed **Bridge Programmes (BP)** for **Classes 5 and 8** to ensure a smooth transition for students and educators to the updated curricular and pedagogical approaches across all subjects.

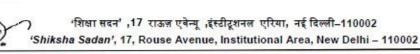
NCERT has intimated the following timeline for the availability of textbooks and teaching-learning material:

a. Bridge Programme :-

SI.		Hindi	English	Urdu	Sanskrit	Maths	TWAU	Arts	PE	VE	Science	Social
No.									WB			Science
1	BP for		25th Marc	ĥ		25th March						
	Grade 5	4		.11		ZJUTIMATCH						
2	BP for	\\/ill	Will be available by 25th March in all existing subjects									
	Grade 8	will be available by 25th Warth III all existing subjects										
3	BP for	Alro	Already available online in all existing subjects									
	Grade 6											

b. Textbooks :-

SI.		Hindi	English	Urdu	Sanskrit	Maths	TWAU	Arts	PE&	VE	Science	Social
No.									WB			Science
1	Grade 4	28th	28th	28th		10th	10th	10th	10th			
		March	March	March		April	April	April	April			
2	Grade 5	15th	15th	15th		15th	15th	15th	15th			
		June	June	June		June	June	June	June			
3	Grade 7	28th	28th	28th	28th	20th	NA	10th	10th	10th	10th	20th
		March	March	March	March	April		April	April	April	April	April
4	Grade 8	20th	20th	20th	20th	20th	NA	20th	20th	20th	20th	20th
		June	June	June	June	June		June	June	June	June	June







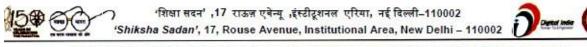
Schools are advised to take note of the above dates and make use of the new competency-based textbooks for Grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 for the upcoming academic session 2025-26 and utilize **Bridge Courses** for Classes 5 and 8 to ensure seamless adaptation to the revised curriculum. Suggestions pertaining to teaching material shared by NCERT are enclosed as Annexure-1.

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Enclosures: As stated above.

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. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054
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- 9. The Joint Secretary (BR/CER/Sainik Schools), Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 108 (I), South Block, New Delhi.
- 10. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS), N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odhisha-751005.
- 11. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi.
- 12. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A–Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001.
- 13. The Director AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt-110010
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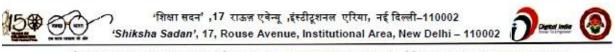




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Annexure-1

Suggestions received from NCERT

Before introducing Grade 5, 6 and 8 textbooks, it must be ensured that every school offers bridge programmes from April 1st, 2025, for smooth transition of students from the old curriculum to the new curriculum. We advise schools to chalk out a strategy for engaging students entering Grades 5, 6 and 8 in 2025-26 in playful and activity-based learning to ensure a holistic environment that encompasses arts, physical education, and well-being, skill education, and fresh insights into language, mathematics, science, environmental education, and social sciences.

This approach is not only anticipated to ease the students' adaptation to the new curriculum but also aims to spread awareness of the updated educational perspectives among parents and the community. Consequently, the revision of school timetables will be required. Therefore, it is crucial to inform School Heads, Teachers, and Parents about the suggested time allocations in Preparatory and Middle Stages per the NCF-SE 2023, and to encourage schools to adapt their schedules in accordance with the local needs and the specific context in which they operate.

NCERT is also planning to conduct Capacity Building Programme for the Key Resource Persons of CBSE, KVS and NVS on the new textbooks and bridge programmes from 25th March 2025 onwards through online mode. Detailed programme schedule will be shared shortly.

