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Date: 10.06.2026

Circular No: Acad-40/2026

The Heads of all Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Participation in *Rashtriya Kavya Utsav* – National Recitation Competition on Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya (ReP) for students of Classes IX–XII

Dear Principal,

The National Book Trust (NBT) under the aegis of Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India, is organising “**Rashtriya Kavya Utsav**”, **A National Recitation Competition** through Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya (ReP) for students of Classes IX to XII across the country from **1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026**.

The competition aims to promote reading habits, appreciation of literature and poetry, and expressive communication skills among students. It seeks to make poetry more accessible and engaging while fostering creativity, confidence, and literary expression among young learners.

Participation Details

Students are required to:

1. Select a poem from the list available on the **Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya (ReP)** platform.
2. Record a **60–90 second video** of their recitation.
3. Upload the video on the prescribed social media platforms using the designated official handles and hashtags.
4. Submit their entry through the official **ReP website/application**.

A concept note with detailed guidelines regarding eligibility, participation, evaluation criteria, and certification is available at Annexure A and the same may also be accessed through the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platform. The selected poems will be featured on the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya (ReP).

Please facilitate awareness regarding the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platform and its resources and display and share promotional material/banners, wherever feasible available at Annexure B.

You are requested to disseminate information regarding the competition among students of classes IX–XII and encourage maximum participation as part of literary and creative engagement activities.

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
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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
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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
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16. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
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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
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Rashtriya Kavya Utsav National Recitation Competition

(For Students of Classes IX–XII)

About the Competition

Rashtriya Kavya Utsav will be conducted on Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya (ReP) i.e. National Digital Library for students of Classes IX to XII across the country for two months from 01.06.2026 to 31.07.2026. The Competition aims to encourage students to develop a love for literature, poetry, and expressive reading. Through this competition, students are invited to recite poems available on the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platform and showcase their creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Our nation's youth must not only read these voices of wisdom, but also speak them, feel them and carry them forward.

Objective of the Initiative

- Poetry strengthens language skills, emotional expression, cultural awareness and value-based learning among students. The initiative will also encourage engagement with ReP.
- The competition aims to make poetry engaging and accessible while fostering reading habits, creativity, confidence, inspire patriotism and appreciation for literary expression and language among young learners across the country.

Eligibility Criteria

- **The competition is open to Students of Classes IX to XII for all schools in India**
- Each student may submit only **one entry** for **one poem** selected from the list of poems available on the link of Rashtriya Kavya Utsav on Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platform.

Participation Process

Step 1: Login

- Download the App of Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya on iOS/Android platform or login through Web portal ([Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya](#))
- Register yourself on App / portal

Step 2: Selection of Poem

- Open the link of Rashtriya Kavya Utsav / Click on the banner of Rashtriya Kavya Utsav.
- Select any one poem available under the Rashtriya Kavya Utsav link.
- Only poems available on **Rashtriya Kavya Utsav link** shall be considered valid for participation.

Step 3: Video Recording

- Participants must record **a clear video of duration 60 sec to 90 sec**, of themselves reciting the selected poem. The following guidelines for recording a video must be followed:
 - The face must be clearly visible throughout the recitation, with the frame covering up to the waist
 - Audio must be clear and audible
 - No background music, dubbing, voice enhancement or AI support is permitted
 - The recitation must be original and performed by the participant only

Step 4: Upload on Social Media

- Participants can upload their recitation video on any one of the following social media platforms:
 - Instagram
 - YouTube
 - X (formerly Twitter)
- The post may be uploaded using the participant's own account or that of a parent/guardian.

- ***Mandatory Requirements:***

- Participants must tag the official Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya handle

Official Handles:

- Instagram: @rashtriyaepustakalaya
- X: @e_pustakalaya
- YouTube: @Rashtriyae-Pustakalaya
- Use the official hashtag: **#RashtriyaKavyaUtsav**

Step 5: Submission of Entry

After uploading the video, participants must visit the official Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya website or Application and complete the submission form by providing:

- Participant details
- School details
- Contact information
- Link to the social media post/video
- Self declaration of parental consent

Only complete submissions with valid links shall be considered.

Note: *Parent/Guardian consent shall be mandatory before submitting the entry form, as once submitted, the entry and video cannot be withdrawn and may be used for display and promotion on Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya platforms.*

Competition Timeline

The competition shall remain open for submissions for a period of **eight weeks from 1st June-31st July 2026.**

Evaluation Process

All entries shall be reviewed by a designated moderation and evaluation committee.

Shortlisting and final selection shall be based on the following parameters:

- Clarity of speech
- Confidence and presentation
- Expression and emotional delivery
- Creativity and originality
- Overall impact of the performance

The decision of the organizing committee shall be final and binding.

Awards and Recognition

- Selected winners shall receive:
 - Digital Certificate of Excellence (recognized jointly by the Ministry of Education and National Book Trust-India)
 - Feature on the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya website and mobile application
 - Recognition and spotlight across official social media platforms
- Every valid entry will receive a digital participation certificate from Ministry of Education and National Book Trust-India.

Important Rules and Guidelines

- Only one entry per participant is permitted
- Only poems enlisted on Rashtriya Kavya Utsav on Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya are eligible
- Submitted content must be appropriate and respectful in nature
- Any inappropriate, plagiarized, or manipulated content shall lead to disqualification
- The organizing team reserves the right to accept or reject any entry without prior notice
- The final decision of the organizing committee shall be final and binding in all matters related to the competition



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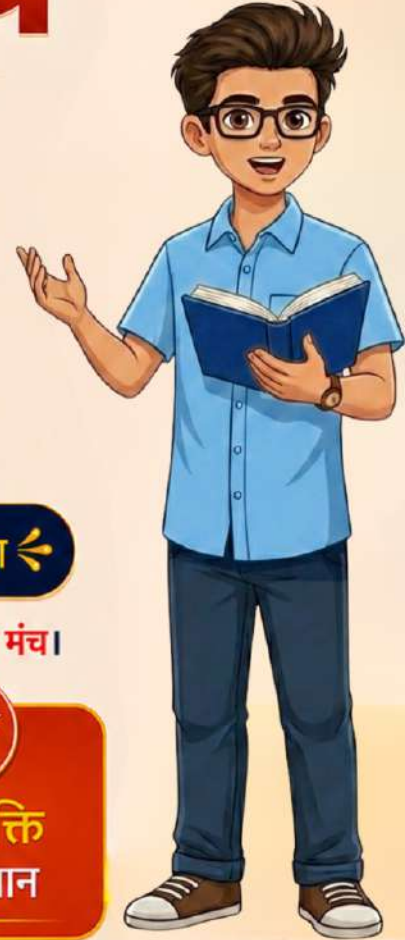
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