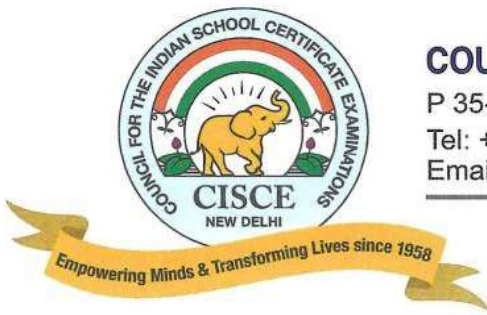




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To: All Heads of CISCE Affiliated Schools

Subject: Teachers' Day Celebrations 2026 - Poetry Writing Competition and Teachers' Pledge

Dear Principal,

Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) announces a set of special initiatives to observe **Teachers' Day 2026**. These initiatives are designed to highlight and celebrate the decisive and invaluable role of teachers in shaping future generations.

1. Theme for Teachers' Day

All CISCE affiliated schools are advised to conduct their Teachers' Day celebrations on the theme "**Teachers: Architects of Tomorrow**". This chosen theme will serve as a unifying focus across schools and reinforce the vision of meaningful observance.

2. Poetry Writing Competition

A Short Poetry Competition will be conducted by the Council on **03 September 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** in two categories:

- Category I: Classes IX and X
- Category II: Classes XI and XII

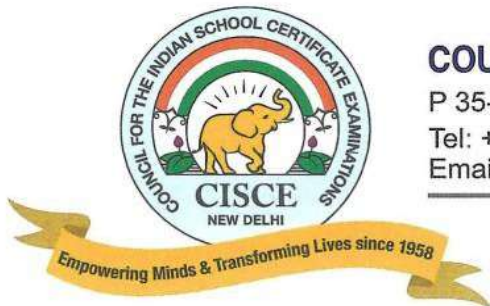
The Rules and Regulations of the competition are enclosed as **Annexure I**. Winning entries at the school level (one per category) must be submitted online to the Council, accompanied by a Certificate of Originality issued on the official school letterhead and signed by the Head of the School. The prescribed format is enclosed as **Annexure II**.

At the Council level competition, each category shall carry prize money of **₹5,000** for the First Prize, **₹3,000** for the Second Prize, and **₹2,000** for the Third Prize. The Council will compile **50 selected poems in each category** into a commemorative e-book, duly acknowledging the student authors and their respective schools, and release them in digital format.

[Note: The **winning entries for 2025** may be accessed at the following link: [A Classroom Called Life – Poetry Book](#)]

3. Teachers' Pledge

Heads of Schools shall administer the Teachers' Pledge (**Annexure III**) to affirm teachers' commitment to fairness, integrity, holistic education, and nation-building.



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4. Digital Engagement

Schools are encouraged to motivate teachers, staff, and students to follow CISCE's official social media handles and engage actively with Teachers' Day posts. Schools may also upload photographs and videos of Teachers' Day celebrations as comments/replies, amplifying visibility and collective participation.

The official social media handles of the CISCE are provided below for your reference.

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CISCE.Official>
- Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/cisce_official/
- X (formerly Twitter) - www.x.com/CISCE_Official
- LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cisce-official/>
- YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@CISCEDELHI>
- Threads - https://www.threads.com/@cisce_official

The Council earnestly seeks the support of all affiliated schools and stakeholders to make this initiative impactful, inspiring, and reflective of CISCE's vision of academic excellence and nation-building.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel
Chief Executive & Secretary

Encl:

- 1. Annexure I** - Rules and Regulations for the Council Level Short-Poetry Competition.
- 2. Annexure II** - The prescribed format of the Certificate of Originality
- 3. Annexure III** - Teachers' Pledge

ANNEXURE I

Rules and Regulations for the Short-Poetry Competition

1. **Poem Length:** Each poem shall be between **8 and 20 lines** and consist of **40 to 200 words**.
2. Students should provide a **suitable title** for each poem.
3. **Language:** All submissions shall be in **English**.
4. **Topic:** The **topic of the competition** shall be announced by the Council on **03 September 2026 at 09:50 am** on the **official social media handles** [Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Threads and LinkedIn].
5. **Participation:** Schools and teachers shall actively encourage students to participate in this event **as a creative and reflective exercise**, distinct from board examinations or inter-school competitions. Students of Classes X and XII who are registered with CISCE and have been issued a valid **CISCE UID** are eligible to participate. For Classes IX and XI, students may participate using their school enrolment number where a CISCE UID is not available.
6. **Categories:** The competition shall be conducted in **two categories**:
 - **Category I:** Classes IX - X
 - **Category II:** Classes XI - XII
7. **School-Level Competition:** Each school shall conduct the competition **offline on 03 September 2026 at 10:00 am**. The duration of the competition will be **1 hour** (till 11:00 am). The logistical arrangements shall be determined by the Head of the School. She/He shall appoint a teacher as the nodal person to conduct the Poetry Writing competition.
8. **Evaluation at School Level:**
 - A **jury of three teachers**, appointed by the Head of the School, shall evaluate the entries.
 - Results of the school level competition shall be announced on **05 September 2026**, preferably during Teachers' Day celebrations.
 - The decision of the **Head of the School** shall be final.
9. **Evaluation Criteria:** Poems shall be assessed based on the following five criteria, with equal weightage:

- 1) Creativity and Originality (20 Marks)
- 2) Relevance to the Theme (20 Marks)
- 3) Language and Expression (20 Marks)
- 4) Structure and Form (20 Marks)
- 5) Emotional and Aesthetic Appeal (20 Marks)

10. **Originality: Plagiarized or copied content** shall be summarily disqualified.

11. **Certificates:** Schools shall issue a **Certificate of Appreciation** to the top three entries in each category.

12. **Submission of Selected Entries to the CISCE**

- Schools shall submit the selected entries, along with the requisite student details, through the respective online form by **07 September 2026 (11:59 p.m.)**; ***no entries will be accepted after the deadline.***
- Poems must be **typed**, converted to **PDF**, and **uploaded** along with **Certificate of Originality** in the prescribed format (annexed herewith).
- The uploaded PDF files shall be named exactly as follows: Certificate of Originality - Category I/II and Poem - Category I/II, as applicable. **Do not include the student's name, school's name, or any other identifiers in the file name.**
- While typing the poem, type it exactly as in the original manuscript. **Do not add, delete, or alter any word or punctuation.** This shall be verified by the Head of the School.
- Each PDF shall contain **only the title of the poem and the poem itself**. Do not include any identifying details such as the student's name or the school's name in the PDF containing the poem. This is to ensure **blind evaluation**. This shall be verified by the Head of the School.
- The Certificate of Originality shall be printed **on the official Letter Head of the school**. All required details must be filled in, signed and stamped by the Head of the School, and then converted to PDF for submission.
- The size of each PDF file shall not exceed **1 MB**.
- There will be **separate submission links for category I and II**. Heads of the School shall take utmost care to ensure that the submissions are done using the

designated links only. These links will be open till 07 September 2026 (11:59 pm) and available on the official social media handles.

- **Submission Link for Category I** (Classes IX and X) -
<https://forms.gle/XZMfaT1A5CEQKfxm9>
- **Submission Link for Category II** (Classes XI and XII) –
<https://forms.gle/1r5G9EZsAvV4Mk6A7>

13. Final Evaluation

- CISCE shall appoint a **panel for each category** to conduct the final evaluation.
- The results shall be announced by **30 September 2026**.
- The decision of the **Chief Executive & Secretary, CISCE**, shall be final and binding.

14. The **copyright** of the final entries shall rest with the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE).

15. The **CISCE reserves the right to publish, reproduce, and disseminate the entries in both print and digital formats** for academic, cultural, and promotional purposes, with due acknowledgment of the original creator.



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TEACHERS' DAY 2026

Theme - **Teachers: Architects of Tomorrow**



Short Poetry Competition

03 September 2026 | 10:00 - 11:00 am

Topic to be announced on the official social media platforms of the Council on **03 September 2026** at 09:50 am.



Teachers' Pledge

05 September 2026

To be Administered by the Head of the School

