



## **CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

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**Circular no: 09/11**

**All the Heads of Institutions  
Affiliated to CBSE**

**Subject: Promoting Reading Habit among Students.**

Dear Principal,

CBSE issued circular no. 54, dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2009 highlighting the need for promoting reading habit among children. With the introduction of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation right from the primary classes, the importance of fostering interest for reading books among children of all ages has increased. It is essential that schools impress upon children that reading good books apart from the prescribed text books not only widens their horizon but also uplifts their spirit by instilling in them higher values. Keeping this in mind, the Board has already sent as an annexure to the circular mentioned above a list of recommended books in English for different age groups.

The Board had also requested the Association of Writers and Illustrators for Children to prepare a list of Indian Authors and their books as suggested Reading Material for Classes 5-12. The list received from the Association is annexed to this circular.

The list is a representative selection of the work of different Indian authors and has been made keeping in mind the interests of children as well as educationists. It includes genres such as science fiction, historical fiction, mystery, adventure, real life stories, environment, sports, plays etc. The Board is confident that the recommended books will provide good values to children through entertaining and interesting reading material they can identify with.

The Circular No. 54 mentioned above also contains information about the purpose of reading, the skills to be developed and the techniques and procedures that can be adopted to enrich the reading experience of students. As part of the

Formative Assessment reading projects can be undertaken in a systematic manner. You are requested to discuss the contents of this circular and the circular No. 54 under reference with your teachers and librarian and develop an effective action plan for promoting the reading habit among students.

Schools are also encouraged to prepare lists of other good books and also books in regional languages of their choice. The Board will also send a list of recommended books in Hindi in due course. The overall aim is to promote good reading habits in students for holistic development.

Yours sincerely

**(P. Mani)**  
**Education Officer (H&L)**

**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, New Delhi- 110016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, A-28, Kailash Colony, New Delhi.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi- 110054.
4. The Director of Public Instrucions (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 A&N Islands, Port Blair- 744101.
8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Islands.
9. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi- 110085
10. All the 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.
11. The Education Officers/ AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
12. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE website.
13. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE.
14. E.O. to Chairman, CBSE
15. DO/ PA to Secretary, CBSE
16. PA to CE, CBSE
17. PA to Director (Acad.)
18. PA to HOD (AIEEE)
19. PA to HOD (Edusat)
20. PRO, CBSE.

## Annexure

List of Suggested Books by Indian Authors

### Classes 5 & 6

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Category</b>
Adventure Stories (Prize- winners)	Arup K. Dutta	Mystery-adventure
5 Mystery Stories (Prize-winners)	Nilima Sinha	5 novels in one
Bridge at Borim	Surekha Panandikar	Long Fiction
A Pinch of Salt Shakes an Empire	Sarojini Sinha	Historical
Biological Clocks	Manorama Jafa	Non-Fiction (Environment)
A for Adventure	Surekha Panandiker	Adventure
The Story of Writing	Nita Berry	Information
There's Another Way	Different writers	Short Stories
Pyarelal Stories	Indira Ananthakrishnan	Humorous Stories
Juneli Series	Swapna Dutta	School Stories
Once Upon a Time in India	Different Writers	Indian folk tales
Gandhi for the Millennium Child	Different writer	Short Stories
The Road to Peace	Different writers	Short Stories

### Classes 7 & 8

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Category</b>
Race to Win (Prize winner)	Loveleen Kakkar	Fiction
Now or Never	Ramendra Kumar	Fiction (sports)

Caravan to Tibet (IBBY Honor)	Deepa Aggarwal	Adventure
Harshavardhan	Devika Rangachari	Historical fiction
Scientists of India	Dilip Salwi	Information
The Sword of Dara Shikoh	Subhadra Sen Gupta	Historical Stories
The Wonder of Water (Prize Winner)	Nita Berry	Non- fiction
Young Uncle Comes to Town	Vandana Singh	Humour
Indira Priyadarshini (Children's Choice)	Manorama Jafa	Biography
A bridge Inside a Casket and Other Tales	Manoj Das	Folk Tales
Mystery of the Falling Mountains	Niima Sinha	Mystery-adventure
Tiger Tiger	Pratibha Nath	Collection
Together We Marched	Nilima Sinha, Ira Saxena	Historical Stories
Letters from Grandparents	Eminent personalities	Collection
6 Plays (Prize winners)	Different authors	Short Plays

### Classes 9 & 10

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Category</b>
The Virus Trap (Prize winner)	Ira Saxena	Fiction
No Guns at my Son's Funeral (IBBY Honor)	Para Anand	Fiction
Somewhere Out There (IBBY Honor)	Karthika Das	Science fiction
Ranthambore Adventure	Deepak Dalal	Adventure
The Swamp (Prize winner)	A.K. Srikumar	Adventure
How I taught my Grandmother to Read	Sudha Murthy	Short Stories
The Story of Time (Prize winner)	Nita Berry	Non-fiction

Jodha Bai	Subhadra Sen Gupta	Historical fiction
Not Out	Nimish Dubey	Sports stories
Mystery of the Ancient Platter	Deepavali Debroy	Mystery Adventure
Indian Folk Tales and Legends	Pratibha Nath	Folk Tales
Curse of Grass	Ira Saxena	Environment
Children who Made it Big	Uma Anand	Play
Let's Do a Play	Uma Anand	Play

### **Classes 11 & 12**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Category</b>
I am Sona	Manorama Jafa	Fiction
Sahyadri Adventure Vol. 1 Anirudh's Dream Vol. 2 Koleshwar	Deepak Dalal	Historical fiction