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Press Release

National Independence Month Academic Integrity Order, Institutional Discipline Reinforcement & Examination Security Guidelines – August 2025

It is hereby notified for the information of all affiliated study centres, regional academic coordination units, district-level oversight cells, institutional heads, faculty members, discipline officers, examination superintendents, laboratory in-charges, digital governance teams, counsellors and all academic stakeholders functioning under the Central Board of Open Schooling & Examination (CBOSE), that in alignment with the Ministry of Education, Government of India, and pursuant to the national observance of the **Independence Month – August 2025**, the Board is issuing the **National Independence Month Academic Integrity Order, Institutional Discipline Reinforcement & Examination Security Guidelines** applicable for the entire month of August 2025.

The month of August holds national significance as India celebrates its Independence Day, and therefore institutions must reinforce values of constitutional responsibility, discipline, academic honesty, national ethos, public-service character building and examination integrity. The Ministry of Education has emphasized that educational institutions serve as the primary environment where students must internalize principles of ethical conduct, respect for the nation, commitment to transparency and responsibility toward society. Accordingly, institutions must maintain exemplary standards of governance, discipline and academic ethics throughout the month.

Institutions must ensure that academic activities, cultural programs, exhibitions, workshops and community engagement initiatives organized during the National Independence Month remain fully aligned with national values, not compromising discipline or academic routine. Institutions must ensure that Independence Day celebrations are conducted with dignity, proper decorum, safety arrangements and adherence to government instructions. Flags must be hoisted respectfully, following the Flag Code of India. No institution shall allow any disorderly or politically influenced activity within campus premises during national events.

The Board directs all institutions to strengthen **Academic Integrity Systems**, ensuring that teaching, assessment, assignments, internal evaluations, project submissions and classroom processes reflect honesty, originality and fairness. Teachers must reinforce the importance of ethical learning, discourage plagiarism, promote research-mindedness and foster respect for intellectual work. Students must be guided not to copy assignments, manipulate data, misuse digital material or engage in unfair practices. Institutions must adopt structured anti-plagiarism policies using digital tools approved under national norms.

Institutions must conduct **Discipline Reinforcement Sessions**, ensuring that students understand the importance of punctuality, class attendance, respectful behaviour, uniform

regulations (where applicable), campus cleanliness, digital etiquette and responsible participation in academic activities. Teachers must serve as role models, maintaining punctuality, integrity, professional conduct and respectful communication.

The Board further directs institutions to reinforce **Examination Security Protocols**, as the mid-term examination cycle for several programs commences during this period. Institutions must ensure strict handling of question papers, secure storage of confidential material, correct seating plans, CCTV functioning, invigilator readiness and entry-exit discipline. The strong room must be inspected and validated for moisture control, electrical safety, humidity protection and sealed-packet integrity. Examination halls must be prepared in advance, ensuring no last-minute confusion.

Institutions must maintain **Digital Security Discipline**, ensuring that all digital records — including learner profiles, data uploads, attendance logs, assessment entries and confidential documents — are protected against unauthorized access, cyber misuse or accidental loss. Institutions must monitor communication groups to prevent rumours, misinformation or academic disruptions.

August also marks a high-risk period for **student indiscipline**, including absenteeism due to events, excessive celebrations, misuse of mobile devices, digital distraction and disruptions caused by social gatherings. Institutions must exercise preventive vigilance. Teachers must maintain strict supervision in corridors, laboratories, playgrounds and common areas. Students must not be allowed to engage in activities posing risk to safety or campus order.

Institutions must emphasize **cleanliness and sanitation**, ensuring that campus grounds, classrooms, laboratories, washrooms and drinking-water areas remain hygienic. August often brings high humidity, requiring frequent cleaning, ventilation checks and maintenance of electrical equipment.

The Board directs institutions to organize **National Values Awareness Sessions**, covering constitutional duties, respect for nationhood, community responsibility, ethical behaviour, national unity, discipline and public service. Such sessions must remain apolitical, educational and aligned with Ministry-approved content.

Institutions must maintain compliance with **Safety Standards**, ensuring fire systems, first-aid kits, emergency exits and CCTV coverage remain operational. Students must receive guidance on personal safety, emergency response and responsible conduct during crowd gatherings.

Institutions must conduct **Attendance Consolidation Reviews**, ensuring that student attendance records are accurate, digital systems are updated and early intervention is provided for students showing inconsistent attendance patterns. Teachers must contact parents, provide counselling and take corrective steps.

Institutions must conduct **Faculty Professional Integrity Reviews**, ensuring that teachers maintain academic ethics, complete syllabus on time, avoid favouritism, refrain from excessive leave, maintain classroom discipline and uphold professional behaviour. Teacher performance must be documented for accreditation records.

Institutions must ensure **Infrastructure Stability**, inspecting roofs, corridors, electrical panels, laboratory equipment, IT rooms, digital systems and campus grounds for maintenance requirements. Institutions must complete all essential repairs during August to ensure readiness for the September–December examination terms.

The Board directs institutions to maintain open communication with parents, informing them of academic schedules, discipline policies, safety measures and examination strategies.

Institutions must discourage unnecessary gathering of parents during campus hours and maintain orderly interactions.

Institutions must ensure **student well-being**, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall, humidity-related illness or stress due to increased academic workload. Counsellors must monitor student anxiety, behavioural concerns and psychological challenges. Students must be encouraged to maintain healthy routines, balanced study habits and safe travel practices.

Institutions located in sensitive or high-traffic zones must maintain strict **Gate Security Protocols**, ensuring controlled entry, identity verification, visitor management and restricted access to examination zones. No unauthorized person shall be permitted within academic or administrative blocks.

Institutions must document all Independence Month activities, safety measures, discipline initiatives, academic integrity programs, attendance reviews, faculty sessions and examination preparations in their **August Compliance Register**, which shall be subject to audit.

This Notification must be displayed prominently on institutional notice boards, academic offices, digital communication groups, faculty rooms and counselling spaces. Heads of institutions must ensure strict adherence to all directives contained herein.

This Notification supersedes all previous August-related orders.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

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