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To

The Principal / Head of Institutions,
All Study Centres affiliated to CBOSE
(Through CBOSE Website)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ORIENTATION ON OPEN SCHOOLING REFORMS

Madam/Sir,

The Central Board of Open Schooling & Examination (CBOSE) inaugurated the academic year 2023 with a landmark national event titled *National Orientation on Open Schooling Reforms 2023*. This event was conceived as a large-scale academic and administrative initiative aimed at strengthening the Open Schooling ecosystem across India. The programme brought together principals, institutional heads, counsellors, district coordinators, academic advisors, and policy contributors to discuss the evolving nature of education in the context of flexible learning, re-entry systems, blended teaching, and individual-paced study models. The event was conducted in hybrid mode, allowing thousands of participants from remote districts and rural centres to attend without geographical barriers.

The orientation opened with an address by senior CBOSE officials who emphasized the need for an inclusive and adaptable education model that addresses the realities of modern learners, particularly working youth, adult learners, women aspirants, school dropouts, and individuals who require a second opportunity to complete formal education. The speakers explained how CBOSE, being aligned to the broader vision of NEP 2020, continues to expand its policies to support competency-based learning, multi-disciplinary choices, skill integration, and the importance of flexible assessments that respect the pace and circumstances of each learner.

During the event, a detailed presentation was delivered on newly introduced reforms for the 2023 session. This included a comprehensive shift towards learner-centric processes, enhanced digital platforms for assignments, expanded credit transfer options, and structured admission sessions designed to reduce academic discontinuity. The orientation also discussed improved subject flexibility, allowing learners from diverse backgrounds to choose customized academic pathways that match their professional needs,

personal goals, and skill development interests. Institutions were guided on how to help learners build subject combinations that could support future vocational or higher education aspirations.

An important part of the event focused on strengthening the academic support structure. CBOSE introduced new guidelines for counselling, mentoring, and remedial study sessions that institutions must provide to learners studying independently. This also included a demonstration of the updated digital portal where learners can access study materials, track academic progress, and engage in virtual support sessions. A special address highlighted how the shift toward blended learning, combining home-based self-study with institutional support, is becoming a cornerstone for Open Schooling in India.

One of the most significant discussions revolved around examination reforms. The officials elaborated on improvements in the annual exam system, upcoming changes in the On-Demand Examination model, greater transparency in evaluation, and the introduction of digital verification to ensure authenticity of marksheets and certificates. The audience was informed about the streamlined documentation process and the enhanced mechanisms for rechecking, reassessment, and result grievance redressal.

Towards the end, participants engaged in an interactive session with the CBOSE academic panel. This session allowed institutions to seek clarifications regarding admission cycles, subject mapping, learner categories, assignment deadlines, and the integration of practical and project-based assessments. The panel assured participants that CBOSE would continue expanding academic support, digital access, and capacity-building initiatives throughout 2023.

The event concluded with an official statement reinforcing CBOSE's commitment to expand Open Schooling opportunities nationwide and to support every learner—regardless of age, background, or circumstances—towards completing their education in a flexible, inclusive, and empowering framework. With this orientation, CBOSE set the tone for a transformative and learner-focused academic year ahead.

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