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Dear Principal

**Subject: CBSE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CONTEST 2016 [CCCC-2016]**



**Crossword puzzles** help students enhance their vocabulary, lateral thinking, reasoning and analytical abilities. Deciphering solutions from the given clues help young minds develop cognitive skills such as making inferences, evaluating alternatives and drawing conclusion. Learning becomes enjoyable as different mental faculties are challenged and solving a crossword puzzle

results in a sense of personal achievement, which is vital for personality development. Crossword is also an interesting and effective educational tool for students and teachers alike.

The CBSE Cryptic Crossword Contest 2016 is open to students studying in classes IX to XII. The contest is coordinated by Extra-C and would be conducted in two phases:

**A. City Round:** Inter-school contest in select cities during **April-August, 2016**, as per the calendar attached at Annexure I.

Schools located in the vicinity of the designated cities may also participate. Each team consists of two students who would solve a written cryptic crossword puzzle in 60 minutes. Winners and the first runner-up teams would receive certificates and prizes.

**B. National Round:** A two- day event in New Delhi during **November-December 2016**.

- **The quarter final:** A written cryptic crossword puzzle to be solved in 60 minutes by all the qualifying teams. Top 16 teams will qualify for the semi-finals.
- **The semi-final:** The teams will be divided into 4 groups of four teams each who will participate in four separate, onstage cryptic crossword contests of 60 minutes duration based on a power point format.
- **The final:** Top team from each semi-final and the two best runners-up compete in the onstage final.
- **Winners and runners-up** are eligible for following prizes and all participants will receive certificates
  - i. National Winners: Prizes worth Rs. 25,000 each, trophies and certificates
  - ii. National Runners-up: Prizes worth Rs. 15,000 each, trophies and certificates

### Solve puzzles to:

- ✓ Improve logical reasoning
- ✓ Enhance vocabulary
- ✓ Strengthen memory
- ✓ Stimulate problem solving skills
- ✓ Sharpen focus and concentration
- ✓ Enhance lateral thinking and creativity
- ✓ A sense of accomplishment and satisfaction



- iii. National Finalists (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>): Prizes worth Rs. 10,000 each, trophies and certificates
- iv. City Round Winners: Trophies and certificates

**C. Other Information:**

- ✓ Registration, sample of the CBSE Cryptic Crossword Contest formats and other updates about various rounds of the contest can be accessed on: [www.crypticsingh.com](http://www.crypticsingh.com).
- ✓ Second class rail fare for two students and one school escort will be reimbursed to the teams competing in the National Round.

In case of any clarification, you may contact Mr Ajay Mishra, Deputy Secretary (A&F), CBSE at- 011-23231821 and email: amishra@cbse.gov.in

**Sd/-**

**(Sugandh Sharma)**

**Associate Professor and Additional Director (I&R)**

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**CCCC-2016 CITY ROUND CALENDAR**

<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>
18.04.2016	Ranchi
19.04.2016	Bokaro and Gaya
21.04.2016	Bhagalpur
25.04.2016	Muzzaffarpur and Jamshedpur
26.04.2016	Patna
28.04.2016	Delhi and Gurgaon
29.04.2016	Ghaziabad, Noida and Ludhiana
02.05.2016	Jaipur, Chandigarh and Agra
03.05.2016	Kota and Shimla
02.06.2016	Srinagar
09.07.2016	Varanasi
11.07.2016	Bhopal
12.07.2016	Indore
12.07.2016	Hyderabad
14.07.2016	Bengaluru
15.07.2016	Mysuru
25.07.2016	Chennai
26.07.2016	Coimbatore
28.07.2016	Cochin
01.08.2016	Pune
03.08.2016	Navi Mumbai
04.08.2016	Mumbai
05.08.2016	Nasik
09.08.2016	Kolkata
11.08.2016	Guwahati
22.08.2016	Vadodara
24.08.2016	Surat
26.08.2016	Ahmedabad
02.09.2016	Bhubaneswar