

COUNCIL OF BOARDS OF SCHOOL EDUCATION IN INDIA

Ref. No. COBSE/C.331/2015

27 July 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: 44th Annual Conference of COBSE from 5-7 November 2015 at Pune

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the **44th Annual Conference of COBSE** is being hosted by the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations **from 5 – 7 November 2015 at Pune (Maharashtra)**.

2. The theme of the Conference is **"Best Practices to Upgrade the Quality of Secondary Education"**. The Venue of the Conference is: **Yashwant Rao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHDA), Pune (Maharashtra)**.

3. With 37 State Boards of School Education and more than two lakh secondary schools it is quite reasonably expected and assumed that innovations of different kinds are being practiced in different parts of the country. Also with the launching of RMSA in 2009 a favourable environment has been created for innovative practices. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Maharashtra Board and in the context of COBSE's 44th Annual Conference, it was decided by COBSE to hold a contest on **Best Practices To Upgrade The Quality Of Secondary Education** and make it a theme of this year's Conference. Best Practice is generally understood as something that works effectively in a particular situation or environment to resolve a pressing issue at hand. Best Practice may at times reveal frugal and home spun solutions involving the use of lateral thinking or '*jugaad*' innovation. As such, the objective is to compile such innovative practices and disseminate them widely for replication, and promote enabling environment for out-of-the-box thinking and innovative methods in resolving local-specific challenges. Further, we are also trying to collect a few innovative practices by inviting experts and educationists to contribute to our endeavour. Finally, it is very much in the COBSE plan to present Board level and inter-Board level award winning entries in the proposed Conference.

4. The details regarding the venue are as under:

- Distance from Pune Airport to YASHDA Pune 18 kms
- Distance from Mumbai Airport to YASHDA Pune 150 kms
- Distance from Pune Railway Station 08 kms

5. Maharashtra Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education, Pune would be making adequate arrangements for board/lodging for the participants. It may further be noted that the participation of the participating board will be **restricted to two officials only**. You may kindly confirm your programme to COBSE [Fax: 011-27353351; mailto: cobseindia@gmail.com]. The programme of the Conference is being finalized by COBSE in consultation with the Maharashtra Board.

6. The Maharashtra Board has further informed that **participants may bring their family or friends with prior consent of Chairman, Maharashtra Board ONLY due to some unavoidable reasons**'. This may please be scrupulously observed by all the members.

7. Kindly do let us know the material that may be relevant to the theme of the Conference and send a copy of the same to us. We would like to document it in "Sahodaya" and circulate among the participants for their benefit.

Looking forward to your participation and with regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Puran Chand)
General Secretary

To: 1. Chairpersons of all member-Boards/Councils

2. Associate Members