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CUET Orientation Program for Principals and Counsellors across India by CBSE

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) held a successful offline guidance event at its Integrated Office in Dwarka, New Delhi, on 17th April 2025, centred on the Common University Entrance Test (CUET). The event garnered significant interest, with over 450 principals and counsellors from CBSE-affiliated schools across 26 cities and 10 Indian states in attendance.

This noteworthy initiative aimed to update educators on the evolving dynamics of admissions to higher education institutions, with a specific focus on undergraduate admissions through CUET. More than just an informational session, the event served as a collaborative platform for educators to exchange insights and strategies related to student counselling and career development. Its overarching objective was to better equip educators to support students in making informed decisions about their academic and professional futures.

In his opening address, Shri Himanshu Gupta, Secretary, CBSE, stressed the importance of educators staying abreast of developments in the educational landscape. He noted that keeping up-to-date is vital for school leaders and counsellors to effectively guide students as they explore higher education opportunities.

Further reinforcing this point, Shri Rahul Singh, Chairman, CBSE, acknowledged the intense pressure students face while preparing for multiple entrance examinations. While he recognised that the CUET guidance event may not offer a complete solution, he described it as a meaningful and necessary step forward. He explained that the initiative forms part of CBSE’s broader commitment to engaging directly with schools in order to better understand the support students and parents need for holistic development and future readiness. He also encouraged feedback from participants to further strengthen similar initiatives in the future.

The guidance sessions featured valuable presentations by Board Directors, senior officials, and esteemed subject matter experts.

Ms. Meenu Arora, Director of Private Schools at Medhavi Professional Services, opened the session with an overview of CUET 2025, highlighting key updates from previous years. She was followed by Ms. Ojsvi Sharma, Career Counsellor at Medhavi, who elaborated on the application process and examination structure, paying particular attention to subject prerequisites specified by various universities. Mr. Thomas John, AVP & HOD of Student & Counsellor Success at Medhavi, then shared effective strategies for CUET preparation. Ms. Arora returned later to discuss affordable and practical ways of integrating CUET preparation into the existing CBSE curriculum.

The program concluded with a dynamic Q&A session and a structured learning assessment for attendees. In summary, the CBSE CUET guidance event marked a significant step in the board’s sustained efforts to empower educators with the tools and knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of higher education admissions. Continued collaboration and feedback from principals and counsellors will be vital in shaping CBSE’s future strategies for enhanced student support.

