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The 108th General Body meeting of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi (CISCE) was held on 30th November 2015 at New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Dr. G. Immanuel, Chairman of the Council and was attended by a large number of members of the General Body.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India was represented by Dr. (Mrs.) Satbir Silas Bedi, Joint Secretary and Mr. YSK Seshu Kumar, Joint Secretary and officiating Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Directors of Education from the States of Delhi, Chandigarh, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The members appreciated the excellent results achieved by the students in the 2015 ICSE (Class X) and ISC (Class XII) examinations and applauded the efforts of the Council and the affiliated schools.

The Chief Executive & Secretary Mr. Gerry Arathoon presented the annual report to the members and highlighted the major achievements and new initiatives taken during the year, amongst them being the LICR (Live Ink Character Recognition) Solution. This state of the art technology will be used for the upcoming ICSE and ISC 2016 Examinations, for instant and accurate digitization and totaling of marks awarded by examiners evaluating the answer scripts. These marks, in the form of encrypted data will be transferred instantly to the central database.



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The members were also informed that as far as the syllabus at the ISC level is concerned, the Council is following the Common Core Curriculum prescribed by the Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE), for Science and Commerce stream subjects. A further modification has been introduced in the syllabi for Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology, for the ISC Year 2018 Examination, wherein apart from reorganizing the sequence of topics to be covered in Classes XI and XII unit-wise weightage of marks has been now provided. Based on these modifications, sample papers have also been prepared.

Mr. Gerry Arathoon further informed the members that in keeping with the requirements of many Universities for Higher Education after Class XII, the break-up of marks of the Theory and Practical components at the ISC level, for the subjects Computer Science, Fashion Designing, Physical Education, Indian Music (Hindustani), Indian Music (Carnatic) and Western Music has been revised from the existing 50% Theory and 50% Practical to 70% Theory and 30% Practical to facilitate college admissions. This change will be effective from the ISC Year 2016 Examination onwards.

Mr Gerry Arathoon also apprised the members of the modifications that have been brought about in the History & Civics, Geography, Mathematics and Physics syllabi at the ICSE level from the examination year 2018. The syllabi for the above subjects have been modified so as to ensure that in addition to conforming to present day educational trends, the syllabus is also relevant, flexible and meaningful in content.



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Dr. (Mrs.) Satbir Silas Bedi and Mr. YSK Seshu Kumar from the MHRD and other members also discussed the concerns arising out of the "No detention policy" upto Class VIII introduced by Right to Education Act, 2009. Mrs. Renu Sharma, Deputy Director of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi also highlighted the fact that due to the "No detention policy" the results of the students have shown a continuous decline in the past 4-5 years and the students are failing in Classes IX & XI.

CISCE is imparting high quality education to the students of our country and even other nations for the last 58 years. The alumni of the Council are serving the country and abroad in very high positions and contributing to the progress and development of the nation.

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