



# COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

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## PRESS RELEASE

Due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic, all schools have been closed from March 2020 till date. However, despite the closure, most of our schools have continued with the teaching - learning process in an online/offline/blended manner, as indicated by a survey conducted by CISCE on the status of online teaching, assessment and completion of syllabus.

For the final run-up to the Examinations, CISCE has requested the Chief Ministers of all State Governments/UTs to allow schools to reopen partially, specifically for the students of Classes X & XII from **January 4, 2021**. With the students physically attending school, this time will be utilized for Practical Work, Project Work, SUPW Work and for 'Doubt Clearing' lessons. This will be extremely beneficial to the students who will now get the time to interact directly with their teachers.

If allowed to reopen, the schools will be informed to follow the directives of the State Government regarding Covid – 19 and to conform to the Safety Guidelines and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the State Health Department to prevent the spread of Corona Virus.

CISCE has also requested the Chief Election Commissioner of India to share the election dates of the States that are due to have their elections in the months of April – May 2021. This will enable CISCE to finalize the schedules for ICSE-Class X and ISC-Class XII year 2021 Examinations and to ensure that there are no clash of dates, interruption of the Examinations or any inconvenience that may be faced by the candidates taking these examinations.

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