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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: INSPIRE Awards-MANAK Scheme – regarding

Background and Introduction

*Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research* (INSPIRE) scheme is one of the flagship programme of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The INSPIRE Awards – MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge), being executed by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India with National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF), an autonomous body of DST aims to motivate students in the age group of 10-15 years and studying in classes 6 to 10 to become future innovators and critical thinkers.

Objective of the scheme

To select, provide support and reward one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children. This will help address the societal needs through science and technology and nurture them to become sensitive and responsible citizens and innovation leaders of tomorrow.

Action to be taken

School Heads are encouraged to motivate their 10-15 year olds to participate in the programme and imbue in them the seeds of creativity and innovation. Maximum five best ideas/innovations from a school are solicited at the online portal [www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in](http://www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in) (Dr. Joseph Emmanuel)

Director (Academics)
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