INSPIRING INNOVATORS OF TOMORROW

INSPIRE AWARDS – MANAK

is an initiative to foster a culture of innovation and creative thinking amongst school students to address societal needs through Science and Technology.

1. Awareness and capacity building of District, State and School level functionaries across the county through regional workshops, audio-visual tools and literature.

2. Organising internal idea competitions in schools and nominations of two to three best original ideas, in any Indian language, by the respective Principal/Headmaster online through E-MIAS (E-Management of INSPIRE Awards MANAK Scheme) portal.

3. Registration of new/unregistered schools on E-MIAS portal.

4. Shortlisting of top 1,00,000 (one lakh) ideas, with potential to address societal needs through Science & Technology by NIF.

5. Disbursement of INSPIRE Award of INR 10,000 to the accounts of shortlisted students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme.

6. Organising District Level Exhibition and Project Competition (DLEPC) by District/State authorities and shortlisting of 10,000 best ideas/innovations for State Level Exhibition and Project Competitions (SLEPC).

7. Organising State Level Exhibition & Project Competition (SLEPC) for further shortlisting of top 1,000 ideas/innovations for the National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC). At this stage, NIF will facilitate mentoring support to students for development of prototypes in coordination with reputed academic and technology institutions of the country.

8. Selection of ideas/innovations will be based on novelty, social applicability, environment friendliness, user friendliness and comparative advantage over the existing similar technologies.

9. Showcasing 1,000 best ideas/innovations at the National Level Exhibition & Project Competition (NLEPC) and shortlisting of top 60 innovations for national awards and future direction.

10. Consideration of top 60 ideas/innovations by NIF for product/process development and their linkage with other schemes of NIF/DST and their display at the Annual Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINEL).