PV/INSPIRE/CIR/2022
12th August, 2022

To: Heads of all CISCE Affiliated Schools

Dear Principal,

Subject: Implementation of INSPIRE Awards – Manak Scheme Year 2022 – 2023

CISCE is in receipt of a letter no. NIF/CIO/2022/137733 dated August 04, 2022 from the National Innovation Foundation – India, an Autonomous body of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, regarding the implementation of INSPIRE Awards – MANAK. A copy of the letter is attached herewith for your kind perusal.

The INSPIRE Awards – MANAK, are being executed by the Department of Science & Technology with the National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF) for the students in the age group of 10 – 15 years and studying in classes 6 to 10. The objective of the scheme is to target one million original ideas / innovations rooted in science and societal applications which will enable our nation to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children.

You are requested to motivate students of your school to participate in the programme.

For further details kindly refer to the INSPIRE Awards – Manak website: http://www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Arathoon
Chief Executive & Secretary

Encl.: As above
Date: August, 04, 2022  
NIF/CIO/2022/137733

To,
Dr. G. Immanuel  
Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE),  
Pragati House, 3rd Floor, 47-48, Nehru Place,  
New Delhi – 110019

Subject: Supporting the implementation of INSPIRE Awards - MANAK Scheme 2022-23 – reg.

Dear Dr. G. Immanuel,

I would like to convey my gratitude towards the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) for its continued support, year on year, being extended to the annual INSPIRE Awards – MANAK scheme, jointly implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India.

With continued support of CISCE towards mobilizing the ideas and innovations under Inspire Awards – MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge), we are receiving overwhelming response from the school students. To achieve the same level of success once again, we would require your support for the ongoing season of the annual INSPIRE Awards – MANAK 2022-23 towards mobilizing the ideas and innovations from States and Union Territories across the country. Students in the age group of 10 - 15 years and studying in classes 6 to 10 should submit their ideas to their schools, which in turn should shortlist and submit the top 5 ideas through the E-MIAS web portal www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in in any Indian language.

Similar to previous years, we are aiming to target one million original ideas / innovations rooted in science and societal applications which will enable our nation to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children. The best one lakh ideas / innovations will receive Rs. 10,000/- each and will get a chance to participate in District Level Competition. Ten per cent students will be shortlisted further to participate in State Level Competition. Up to one thousand students will be mentored in different technological institutions and showcase their innovations at National level and finally, sixty innovative projects will be incubated completely (patent filing, value addition in technology and product development etc.) by NIF and will be displayed at the annual Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE). The scheme is aligned with the Action Plan for "Start-up India" initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
I request you to officially announce to all your affiliated schools to actively participate in the INSPIRE Awards-MANAK program. The online nominations for the year 2022-23 will remain open till 30th September, 2022. I seek your active support to mobilize the maximum number of original ideas/innovations, so that maximum students can get benefit of the scheme.

With warm regards,

[Signature]

Vipin Kumar