



**Circular: Participation in Inspire Manak Awards 2025-26**

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Dear Guardians

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This is to inform you about **Inspire Manak Awards 2025-26.**

'Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research' (INSPIRE) scheme is one of the flagship programmes of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. The INSPIRE - MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge), being executed by DST with National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF), an autonomous body of DST, aims to motivate students in the age group of 10-18 years and studying in classes 6 to 12. The objective of the scheme is to target one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children.

This scheme is being operationalised as per the following steps:

1. **Registration of best 5 ideas as per the parameters listed in point 6 below by school on E-MIAS (E-Management of INSPIRE MANAK Scheme) portal that have potential to address societal needs through Science & Technology.**
2. **Shortlisting of top 1,00,000 (one lakh) ideas by NIF from all over the nation..**
3. **Disbursement of INSPIRE Award of INR 10,000 into the bank accounts of short-listed students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme.**
4. **Organisation of 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).**
5. **Organisation of 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 provide mentoring support to students for development of prototypes, in coordination with reputed academic and technology institutions of the country.**
6. **Selection of ideas/innovations will be based on novelty, social applicability, environment friendliness, user friendliness and comparative advantage over the existing similar technologies.**
7. **Showcasing 1,000 best ideas/innovations at the National Level Exhibition & Project Competition (NLEPC) and shortlisting top 60 innovations for national awards and future direction.**
8. **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 & Entrepreneurship (FINE).**

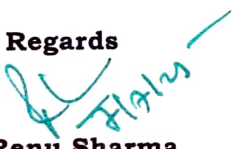
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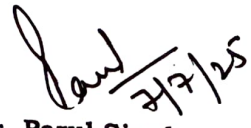
Students you can give a proper direction to your scientific curiosity through this programme.

**Thus think out of the box and submit your idea in form of a written abstract of 50-100 words by 15th July 2024 to Ms. Aditi Gupta.**

Thankyou for your cooperation.

**With Regards**

  
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