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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: INSPIRE Awards – MANAK Scheme 2019-20 – regarding

A copy of the letter D.O.No.01/01/2019-IAM dated May 21, 2019 of Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, on the subject mentioned above is enclosed for information and further necessary action. All schools are encouraged to motivate their 10-15 year olds to participate and send online nominations.

(Dr. Joseph Emmanuel)
Director (Academics)

Encl: As stated above.

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim –737101
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair – 744101
8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Island
9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini
10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202,Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
12. The Under Secretary (EE-1), MHRD, Govt. of India, Department of SE&L, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01
13. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
14. All Joint Secretaries/ Deputy Secretaries/ Assistant Secretaries/ Analysts (Academic, Training and Vocational Unit), CBSE
15. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic website
16. The Senior Public Relations Officer, CBSE
17. PPS to Chairperson, CBSE
18. SPS to Secretary, CBSE
19. SPS to Director (EDUSAT, Research and Development), CBSE
20. SPS to Director (Information Technology), CBSE
21. SPS to Controller of Examinations, CBSE
22. PS to Director (Academics), CBSE
23. SPS to Director (SE & T), CBSE
24. SPS to Director (Professional Exams), CBSE

Director (Academics)
Subject: Implementation of INSPIRE Awards - MANAK scheme 2019-20 - regarding

Dear Ms. Rina Ray,

As you are already aware that "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research" (INSPIRE) scheme is one of the flagship programmes of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. The INSPIRE Awards - MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge), being executed by DST and 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. The scheme is aligned with the Action Plan for "Start-up India" with an intent to promote research and innovation among young students. The objective of the scheme is to scout one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children and support, incubate, reward the most innovative ideas/innovations amongst them.

2. 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. Under the scheme, two or three best ideas among the students from each of the more than five lakh schools in the country is solicited at the online-portal. The receipt of online nomination through E-Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme (E-MIAS, www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in) has already been started from 15th February 2019. The school will be able to submit their nominations till 31st July 2019.

3. I request you to kindly announce to all your concerned institutions including Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and others to actively participate in the INSPIRE Awards - MANAK program.

4. I look forward to your kind cooperation to make this initiative a grand success and imbue in our young children, the seeds of creativity and innovation.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ashutosh Sharma)

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