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To

The Principals/Headmasters,
GSSS/GHS /Private Schools
Distt. Una(HP)

Subject:-Opening of online system for nominations under revamped INSPIRE Award Scheme.

Memo,

1.As you are aware ,INSPIRE award Scheme is being revamped under the name INSPIRE AWARD MANAK(Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) to align it with the action plan for "Start up India" initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

2.For the Year2016-17 online nominations through E-Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme system would become open to all the Schools wef 01 December,2016 to 28-02-2017.The changes are necessitated in view of concerns that project/models prepared by students under the existing INSPIRE Award Scheme,were standard repetition and readymade. Selection was being done by schools with no independent evaluation. Also, there was no provision for mentoring or converting the best ideas into prototypes.

3 One Lakh top ideas (based on originality and novelty) will be shortlisted for INSPIRE Award of Rs 5000/-each for preparation of a project/model and participation in District Level Exhibition & Project Competition & now the selection will be based on the concept submitted by the student during the nomination stage and NIF,an autonomous institution under DST,will assist in selection.

4.2-3 Best ideas from any class(6th to 10th) of each school will be submitted by the Heads while going through the process of nomination on E-MIAS.

5.The current financial year 2016-17 is termed as transition phase under which-student awardee who have already been given award money during the FY 2015-16 and, those students who likely to be given award money under the modified programme-both groups shall participate.

5.The Schools which are not registered so far with INSPIRE can also apply for fresh registration and all schools which are already registered must use their password as provided by DST for login and send the nominations. All schools whether they have received awards or not in previous years are eligible for nominations under new scheme.

So all the Principals/Headmasters of GSSS/GHS/Private are requested to send the nominations timely.

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- 1.The Director Higher Education Shimla for information please.
2. The State Nodal officer(INSPIRE) SCERT Solan for information please.

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INSPIRE AWARDS-MANAK
(Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge)

The INSPIRE Awards Programme has been renamed as INSPIRE AWARDS – MANAK. The programme shall target school kids with an outreach to 10 lakh innovations (2-3 best ideas from each school) from 5 lakh schools across the country. The programme shall cover students in the age group of 10-15 years and studying in classes 6-10 of all recognized schools, whether Government or private aided or unaided, run by Central Govt., State Govt., or local bodies viz. District Boards, etc.

- (a) The nominations from schools will be received through District & State Authorities on existing E-MIAS (E-Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme) portal at National Authority i.e. Department of Science & Technology (DST). A synopsis of the Project that the student would prepare will be annexed with the nomination proposal. The selection criteria adopted would be based on the innovation / creativeness / novelty of the Project that the student proposes to undertake as given in the Project synopsis submitted. A window on E-MIAS platform will be given to National Innovation Foundation (NIF) to receive and shortlist nominations.
- (b) NIF will shortlist top 1 lakh projects for an INSPIRE Award of Rs.5,000/- per student and participation at District Level Competition. The INSPIRE Award of Rs. 5000/- would be transferred to the bank account of the student through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- (c) District Level Exhibition & Project Competition (DLEPC): The DLEPC will be held at District level which will be organized by the District/State Authorities. NIF will associate as Jury to shortlist 10% (around 10,000) projects. The shortlisted 10% students will further participate at State level Competition.
- (d) State Level Exhibition & Project Competition (SLEPC) : The SLEPC will be held at State level which will be organized preferably at State Headquarters by the District/State Authorities wherein NIF/DST will associate as Jury members to shortlist 10% (around 1,000) Projects/Models for participation at National Level.
- (e) Development of Prototype Models: The 10% (1000) Models/Projects shortlisted from the SLEPC will be given Rs. 20,000/- each for development of Prototype Model. **NIF will coordinate with NITs, IITs, and IISERs for holding of workshops and impart training to assist the students for development of prototype models.** Rs. 20,000/- would be transferred to the bank account of the student through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- (f) National Level Exhibition & Project Competition (NLEPC): 1000 Prototype Models/Projects will participate at the Annual National Level Competition to be organised by DST. Jury members from DST, NIF and TIFAC (for Patent) will associate in the jury process and shortlist top 60 Models/Projects for National Awards and future ideation.

(g) Annual Festival of Innovation: NIF will coordinate for participation of the selected 60 Models/Projects at the Annual Festival of Innovation in Rashtrapati Bhawan.

(h) Product Development: NIF will examine the feasibility of Product/Process development and to link the top 60 ideas with other schemes of DST for which NIF will prepare separate proposal.

(i) Patent: TIFAC will explore the possibility of filing the patents of shortlisted projects/models from the NLEPC.

(j) All other guidelines/norms relating to DLEPCs, SLEPCs and NLEPC etc. shall remain same as was in INSPIRE Awards Scheme.
