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Dated: Shimla-1 the Sept., 2019

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To

All The Dy. Director of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh

Subject: -


**Regarding The Gandhian Challenge by NITI Aayog,s Atal  
Innovation Mission and UNICF.**

Memo:

Please find enclosed herewith a letter received from Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission Additional Secretary NITI Aayog GOI regarding the subject cited above. NITI Aayog,s Atal Innovation mission and UNICF have joined hands to **launch an innovation challenge- The Gandhian challenge**. Children from and around the nearly 8000 Atal Tinkering Lab schools will make Mahatma Gandhi,s values- including truth, non-violence, service and leadership-come alive by designing and innovating for a new World built on these powerful guiding principles.

The call for applications will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2019 for three weeks and is open to all students of 6<sup>th</sup> on wards of ATL affiliated school. In this connection you are directed to make wide publicity in the schools of your district and to make students apply for this competition as per the detailed information given in the letter received from NITI Aayog,s.


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ATTENTION MAY PLEASE BE GIVEN IN THE MATTER.

  
(Dr. Sonia Thakur) HAS  
Jt Director of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh.

Copy for information to-


1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 w.r.t. letter no. referred above.
2. Supdt. IT Cell, Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh is hereby requested to upload the same on departmental website.

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Jt. Director Higher Education (A)  
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Dated Una 01 September 2019

All the Principals of Govt. Senior Secondary Schools in Una District  
to apply online under intimation to this office accordingly.

  
Dy. Director of Higher Education,  
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संसद मार्ग, नई दिल्ली  
Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission  
Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog  
Government of India  
Sansad Marg, New Delhi

Date: 18-09-2019

Respected Shri Sanjay Murti

With a vision to 'Cultivate one Million children in India as Neoteric Innovators', Atal Innovation Mission is establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools across India. The objective of this scheme is to foster innovation in young minds; and inculcate skills such as design, computational thinking, etc.

This year is a momentous one for India's children. It marks the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Thus, NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission and UNICEF have joined hands to launch an **innovation challenge – The Gandhian Challenge.** Children from and around the nearly 8000 Atal Tinkering Lab schools will make Mahatma Gandhi's values - including truth, non violence, service and leadership - come alive by designing and innovating for a New World built on these powerful guiding principles.]

Our aim is to enable children to read, understand and envision a New World inspired by the beloved 'Bapu' and ideate solutions to address the challenges facing our planet. The winners of this challenge will be invited to Delhi and will interact with the heads of NITI Aayog, AIM and UNICEF and spend a day in their offices.

The call for applications will open on 2nd October '19 for three weeks and is open to all students from Grade 6 onwards. The application can be submitted only by schools affiliated to ATL however students of other schools can reach out to ATLs in their vicinity to apply. The two themes for the challenge are:

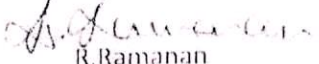
1. **Art & Innovation** - For Example : Letters, poems, painting, videos, photos
2. **Science, Technology & Innovation** - For Example : Robotics, IoT, sensors, 3D printers

The contest will be hosted on and supported by the Government's citizen engagement portal, My Gov.

You are requested to kindly spread the word of this challenge to Academic Institutions and Boards dealing with school education (Grade 6 to 12) and other relevant stakeholders associated with you, to get support in maximising our reach to the students of your state. With your help we hope to encourage students to participate with enthusiasm thereby spreading Mahatma Gandhi's principles far and wide.

We are extremely grateful for your support in taking this initiative forward.

Yours Sincerely,

  
R. Ramanan

Shri Sanjay Murti, IAS Principal Secretary (Education)  
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