



सत्यमेव जयते

डा. संजय मिश्रा  
सलाहकार और प्रमुख (किरण)

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No. 01/01/2019-IAM

To,

Principal Secretary/Secretary (Education) of all States/UTs (*in Name covers*)

**Subject: Opening of online nominations for 2020-21 under INSPIRE Awards MANAK Scheme.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that INSPIRE Award MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge), is a flagship scheme of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India and implemented by National Innovation Foundation (NIF), Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It aims to instill creative/innovative thinking among school students in the age group of 10-15 years and studying in class 6-10.

2. The MANAK Scheme envisages to target one million original/innovative ideas from students studying in more than five lakh middle and high schools across the country and selecting the best ideas having potential to cater to societal needs and applications. Thereby motivating and rewarding these students to take the novel ideas forward for prototype and product development.

3. It may kindly be noted that the registered schools under the INSPIRE Award MANAK Scheme, in each academic year, can nominate 2-3 best ideas from their schools through online mode, in E-Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme (E-MIAS) web portal of the Department using the link: [www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in](http://www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in).

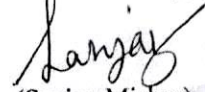
4. The online nominations for 2020-21, have been resumed from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020. The schools can now submit their online nominations at above web portal. I request you to please direct all the concerned State and District functionaries, to apprise all the schools under their purview about the opening of online scheme MANAK 2020-2021.

5. I understand that due to Covid-19, students may not be attending schools, however this time can be used by them for generation of innovative ideas which can be submitted to the online portal when schools reopen.

6. I also look forward to your kind cooperation in further expanding the outreach of this unique scheme, by expediting the registration of schools yet to be covered under this scheme, from your State/UT, so that, young students with an appetite for creativity and innovation can be provided with rightful platform to showcase their talent.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Sanjay Mishra)

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1. All the State Nodal Officers (INSPIRE Award MANAK Scheme) (*in Name Covers*)
2. Dr. Vipin Kumar, Director National Innovation Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.


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Dated

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All the Principals/ Headmasters of Govt. Senior Secondary Schools/  
Govt. High Schools/ Private Schools in Una Distt. for information and necessary action.

  
Deputy Director of Higher Education,  
Una Distt. Una (HP).