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Date: 13/07/2026

To:

State Nodal Officers (INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme) of all States/UTs

Subject: Opening of Online Nominations for 2026-27 under the INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, INSPIRE-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) is a flagship programme of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) aimed at fostering creativity and innovation among school students of Classes VI to XII. Under the Scheme, recognized schools may nominate up to five best original and innovative ideas every financial year through the E-Management of INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme (E-MIAS) web portal.

2. The Scheme aims to identify innovative ideas having the potential to address societal needs and provide selected students opportunities for participation in District, State, and National Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions. Shortlisted students are also provided mentorship at premier academic and research institutions for further development of their ideas and prototypes.

3. It is informed that **online nominations for the year 2026-27 will open from 15th July, 2026 and remain open till 15th September, 2026.** Schools may submit their nominations through the E-MIAS portal at www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in.

4. You are requested to direct all concerned State and District-level functionaries to widely disseminate this information among schools under their jurisdiction and encourage them to submit nominations well before the deadline to avoid last-minute inconvenience due to heavy traffic on the portal.

5. Your continued cooperation is also solicited in expanding the outreach of the Scheme by facilitating the registration of schools yet to be covered under INSPIRE-MANAK in your State/UT and ensuring wider participation during 2026-27.

Yours sincerely,

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