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F. No. DST/S&TCB/INSPIRE-MANAK/NOMINATIONS/2025-26 Dated: 29th May, 2025

To,

State Nodal Officers (INSPIRE - MANAK Scheme) of all States/UTs (*in Name covers*)

Subject: Opening of online nominations for 2025-26 under INSPIRE - MANAK Scheme.

Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware that INSPIRE - MANAK Scheme is a flagship program implemented by this Department with a basic objective to instil creative/innovative thinking among school students.

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 these students to take these ideas forward for prototype and product development.

3. It has been decided to include students of Class XI and Class XII in the eligibility criteria of the Scheme. Thus, from this year onwards school students studying in class 6-12 will be eligible to submit their ideas. It may kindly be noted that the registered schools under the INSPIRE - MANAK Scheme, in each financial year, can nominate 5 best ideas from their schools, through online mode, in E Management of INSPIRE – MANAK Scheme (E-MIAS) web portal of the Department using the link: www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in.

4. **The online nominations for 2025-26, will resume from 15th June, 2025. The schools will be able to submit their online nominations till 15th September, 2025.**

5. I request you to please direct all the concerned State and District functionaries, to apprise all the schools under their purview, about the inclusion of class 11 and 12 students and opening of online nominations under the MANAK scheme for 2025-26 and the given deadline. **The schools may be suitably informed to register and submit their nominations well before the given deadline to avoid last minute inconveniences encountered due to heavy load in the E-MIAS web portal.**

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.

Yours sincerely

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