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To: All Heads of CISCE Affiliated Schools

Dear Principal,

Subject: Implementation of INSPIRE Awards - Manak Scheme Year 2023 - 2024.

CISCE is in receipt of an email dated September 4, 2023 from the National Innovation Foundation – India, an Autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, regarding the implementation of INSPIRE Awards – Manak. The scheme is aligned with the Action Plan for "Start – up India" initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. A copy of the email is attached herewith for you kind perusal.

The INSPIRE Awards – MANAK, are being executed by the Department of Science and Technology with the National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF) for the students studying in classes 6 to 10. The objective of the scheme is to scout, evaluate, select, exhibit, provide support and reward one million original ideas / innovations rooted in science and societal applications which will enable our nation to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children.

You are requested to motivate students of your school to participate in the programme.

For further details kindly refer to the INSPIRE Awards – Manak website www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in or INSPIRE MANAK App https://shorturl.at/adwGJ

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Arathoon

Chief Executive & Secretary

Encl.: As above.

From: mahesh@nifindia.org <mahesh@nifindia.org>

Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 4:14 PM

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Cc: Tushar Garg <tusharg@nifindia.org>; devendrat@nifindia.org <devendrat@nifindia.org>;

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Subject: Implementation of Govt. of India's INSPIRE - MANAK Scheme 2023-24 - regarding

Dear Shri G. Immanuel Ji,

As you are already aware that the INSPIRE Awards - MANAK is a flagship scheme of the Government of India (GoI), jointly implemented by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), GoI and the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India, an autonomous body of DST to promote Science and Technology based ideas and innovations by the school students. The scheme is aligned with the Action Plan for "Start-up India" initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

The objective of the scheme is to scout, evaluate, select, exhibit, provide support and reward one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children. This will help address the societal needs through science and technology and nurture them to become sensitive and responsible citizens and innovation leaders of tomorrow.

Similar to previous years, we would require your support for the ongoing season of the annual INSPIRE Awards – MANAK 2023-24 towards mobilizing the ideas and innovations from Schools affiliated to CISCE across the country.

Under the scheme, every school may submit best five ideas/innovations among the students studying in class 6 to 10 through portal (<a href="www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in">www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in</a>) or INSPIRE MANAK App (<a href="https://shorturl.at/adwGJ">https://shorturl.at/adwGJ</a>). The online nomination has already been started from 1st May 2023 onwards and the last date has been extended until 30th September 2023 on the request of States/UT's.

I request you to issue a circular (previous year's circular is annexed for reference) to all your affiliated schools to actively participate in the INSPIRE -MANAK program.

I seek your active support to mobilize maximum number of original ideas/innovations, so that maximum students can get benefit of the scheme. It would also ensure that CISCE Board affiliated schools are adequately represented in this flagship scheme of the Government of India.

I look forward to your kind cooperation to make this initiative a grand success and imbue in our young children, the seeds of creativity and innovation.

With warm regards, Mahesh Patel

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