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Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh

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13 AUG 2026
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

Dated: Shimla 171001 the August, 2026

To

1. All the Deputy Director School Education (Secondary), in Himachal Pradesh
2. All the Deputy Director School Education (Elementary), in Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: **Intimation regarding opening of online Nominations for the INSPIRE MANAK Scheme for the year Year 2026-27 and request to issue necessary direction to all schools.**

Memo;

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter. No. EDN/SLN/SCERT/INSPIRE/2026-866-872 dated 15.07.2026, received from the Principal SCERT Solan district Solan Himachal Pradesh, on the subject cited above.

The INAPIRE MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and knowledge) Scheme of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, aims to promote creativity, innovation and scientific temper among school students. Under the Scheme, recognised schools may nominate up to five original and innovative student's ideas during the financial year.

The online nomination window for the Academic year 2026-27 is open from 15th July, 2026 to 15th September, 2026. The nominations may be submitted through the INSPIRE-MANAK (E-MIAS) web portal and the INSPIRE MANAK mobile APP, within the permissible limit of five nominations, a maximum of two student ideas from classes XI or XII (Science stream only) can be nominated from one school.

In view of the above, you are requested to issue necessary direction to all Principals, Headmasters/Headmistress and Heads of Government and Private recognised Schools under your jurisdiction to ensure wide dissemination of the scheme and timely submission of the maximum permissible number of quality nominations within the stipulated timelines.

You are further requested to ensure regular monitoring of the nomination status at district level and to encourage schools, particularly those which have not participated so far, to actively participate in the scheme so as to promote innovation, scientific iniquity and creative thinking among the students of Himachal Pradesh.

This may be accorded top priority.

Addl.Director School Education (Admin)
Himachal Pradesh

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Copy for information to:-

1. The Secretary, (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2 information please.
2. The State Project Director, Samagar Shiksha HP, Shimla-1
3. Principal SCERT Solan District Solan HP.
4. The Public Relation Officer, Shimla Distt Shimla with the request to issue press release with respect to opening of Online Nominations under INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme for the Academic Year 2026–27.
5. The Nodal Officer IT Cell, (Int) with the request to upload the same on the departmental website.
6. Guard File

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No./EDN/SLN/SCERT/INSPIRE/2026- 866872 Dated: 15/07/2026

To

The Director School Education
Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.

Subject: **Intimation regarding opening of online nominations for the INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme for the year 2026-27 and request to issue necessary directions to all schools.**

Sir,

This is with reference to F. No. DST&TCB/INSPIRE/MANAK/NOMINATIONS/2026-27 dated 13/07/2026, received from the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India regarding the subject cited above.

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 (E-MIAS) web portal. 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.

In this regard, we wish to inform your goodself that the online nominations for the year 2026-27 under INSPIRE-MANAK scheme are now open from 15th July, 2026 and will remain open till 15th September, 2026. Schools may submit nominations through the following platforms:

- INSPIRE-MANAK Web Portal: https://inspireawards-dst.gov.in
- INSPIRE-MANAK Mobile App: https://shorturl.at/um3IQ

Further within this limit of five nominations, a maximum of two student ideas from Classes 11 or 12 (Science stream only) can be nominated from one school.

In view of the above, you are kindly requested to issue necessary directions to all Deputy Directors of School Education (Secondary/Elementary), Principals, Headmasters, and Heads of all Government and Private recognized schools under your jurisdiction to ensure wide dissemination of the scheme and timely submission of the maximum permissible number of quality nominations through the INSPIRE-MANAK portal within the stipulated timeline.

Your kind support and guidance will go a long way in promoting innovation, scientific inquiry, and creative thinking among the school students of Himachal Pradesh.

State Nodal Officer
INSPIRE-MANAK
SCERT Himachal Pradesh

Sh. Roshan.
12.8.26

Principal
SCERT Himachal Pradesh

Copy for information to:

1. The Secretary (Education), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, please.
2. The State Project Director (Samagra Shiksha) Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, please,
3. Dr. Sandeep Bansal, Scientist C, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India please.
4. The Director, National Innovation Foundation- India Gandhinagar, Gujarat, please.
5. Dr. Nitin Maurya, Scientist NIF and Coordinator, INSPIRE-MANAK NIF-Noida Regional Office, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201309
6. Guard file.

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