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INSPIRE-MANAK AWARDS (GRADES VI TO XII)

Dear Parents & Students,

We are pleased to announce the INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme for the academic year 2026-27. INSPIRE-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) is an initiative of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, implemented with the National Innovation Foundation (NIF)-India. The scheme aims to encourage creativity, scientific thinking, and innovation among school students in Grades VI to XII.

The official INSPIRE-MANAK portal has opened nominations for FY 2026-27. Students are encouraged to identify real-life problems in their surroundings and develop original, science- and technology-based ideas with potential societal applications.

Action Points for Participation

- 1. Eligibility and Participation:** Students of Grades VI to XII may participate individually. The idea/innovation must be original and developed by the student.
- 2. Idea Generation:** Students are encouraged to observe problems in their home, school or community and think of novel, practical solutions. Ideas may focus on improving an existing device/system or addressing a local technological problem.
- 3. School-Level Screening:** The school will conduct an internal screening/idea competition to identify the best original ideas for nomination. A maximum of five best ideas can be nominated by one school.
- 4. Special Provision for Grades XI & XII:** Within the maximum five nominations from a school, a maximum of two ideas may be from students of Grades XI or XII, and these students must be from the Science stream.
- 5. Submission of Ideas:** Students with promising ideas are requested to submit a brief synopsis/description of their idea to the respective grade mentor for school-level screening. The last date for the internal submission is 30-8-26.
- 6. Originality:** Students must ensure that the idea is their own original work. They are encouraged to explain the problem identified, the proposed solution, its usefulness and how it can improve the existing situation.

Teachers/Mentors for School-Level Guidance

Class	Teacher/Mentor
Grade VI	Tr. Aruna C V
Grade VII	Tr. Srikala Pai
Grade VIII	Tr. Babitha Kumari
Grade IX And X	Tr. Nayana H
Grade XI and XII	Tr. Chaitra N Rao
Overall In-charge	Tr. Manju T S

Important: The official portal currently states that nominations for FY 2026-27 are open. Students and parents may refer to the official INSPIRE-MANAK website for guidelines and updates.

Official Website: <https://inspireawards-dst.gov.in/>

Resource for Inspiration: “Abhinav Kahaniya” – a comic resource on innovative ideas. Students may use it for inspiration while developing their own original ideas.

We believe that every student has the potential to become an innovator. We encourage all students to participate enthusiastically, think creatively and use science and technology to find meaningful solutions to problems around them.

Thanking you,

Sd/-Principal
Mrs. Srilatha S Alva