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To. Shri Showkat Ahmad Parray, IAS Collector & District Magistrate District Administrative Complex Mini Secretariat, Bathinda Punjab-151001

Sub: Implementation of Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India's INSPIRE-MANAK program 2025-26 reg.

Dear Shri Showkat Ahmad Parray,

Greetings from National Innovation Foundation (NIF) - Indial

I seek your help in mobilising participation of students from your district in the annual INSPIRE - MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge) competition, the biggest such competition of technological Ideas and innovations by school students (Class 6-12).

INSPIRE - MANAK is the flagship scheme, jointly executed by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and NIF, an autonomous institute of DST. The scheme, aiming to motivate students to pursue a career in Science and Research, is aligned with the Action Plan of the "Start-up India" initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Under the scheme, any recognised school may nominate the best five ideas/innovations of students studying in classes 6 to 12 until September 15, 2025, through the web portal (https://www.inspireawardsdst.gov.in/) or the INSPIRE MANAK Mobile App. 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.

You may kindly instruct all schools in the District to register on the portal (if not registered) and submit nominations for the MANAK scheme 2025-26 before the deadline. I look forward to your kind cooperation in making this initiative a grand success and instilling in the minds of our young students the seeds of creativity and innovation.

Yours sincerely, Resolution mons (Efor apos)

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