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To

All the Principal/Headmaster,
Govt./Pvt.SSS/HS Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: -

IGNITE 2015-A nationwide campaign to harness the creative and innovative spirit of school children by National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF).

Memo:-

National Innovation Foundation (NIF) an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India organizes the IGNITE- nationwide competition of students' original technological ideas and innovations to promote originality and creativity among school children.

IGNITE-15 Competition is underway and entries will be accepted till August31, 2015. The awards will be announced on October 15, the birthday of former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam celebrated as children's creativity and Innovation Day and the awards will be given away by Dr. Kalam at IIM Ahmedabad and the date of award function will be announced later.

Entries may be submitted in the following categories:

- I. Technological practical ideas to solve any problem in day to day life.
- II. Real life technological projects demonstrating innovative ways of solving problems or reducing drudgery or generating efficiency or conserving resources (projects demonstrating application of known scientific concepts or theories will not be accepted).
- III. Traditional knowledge practices documented from elders in and around one's family.
- IV. Information about some other innovators in the neighbourhood.

Each entry (in case of i and ii above) should be accompanied with a certificate from parents and teachers saying that the idea/innovation has been developed and documented by the student concerned entirely on his/her own without any guidance or support from them. NIF will provide incubation support (patenting, prototyping, etc) in all deserving cases. Winners of the earlier IGNITE competitions have also won awards in NIF's National Competition at the hands of the President of India and other awards.

All school going children up to the class XII of any school can participate in the competitions by sending their entry through email ignite@nifindia.org, on or before August, 31, 2015.

Therefore in view of above, you are directed to guide the interested eligible student's of your school to apply participate in IGNITE 15.

(Dinkar Burathoki)
Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

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the July, 2015

Copy of Information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. Dr. Vipin Kumar, Director and Chief Innovation Officer, National Innovation Foundation -India, Satellite Complex, Premchand Nagar Road, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380015, Gujarat for information please.
2. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education for information and necessary action please.
3. The Technical Officer, Directorate of Higher Education, with the direction to upload the letter in departmental website.
4. Guard File.

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