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To,

The Principals/Headmasters,
GSSSs/GHSSs/Private Schools, district Bilaspur H.P.

Subject: Regarding Extension of the Last Date for submitting nominations under
INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme for the year 2026-27.

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to letter No.EDN/SLN/SCERT/INSPIRE/2026-1539-45 dated 17-09-2026 from Principal SCERT, Solan Himachal Pradesh, regarding the subject cited above.

As you are aware, 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.

It is hereby informed that the last date for submitting nominations under the INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme for the year 2026-27 has been **extended till 10.10.2026**. No further extension will be granted under any circumstances. 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.

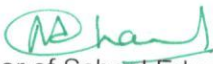
In this regard, it is hereby informed that the online nominations can be submitted **for the year 2026-27 by 10 October, 2026**. All the Heads of schools are direct to nominate up to five best original and innovative ideas and submit their nominations through the following platforms:

INSPIRE-MANAK Web Portal: <https://inspireawards-dst.gov.in>

INSPIRE-MANAK Mobile App: <https://shorturl.at/um31Q>

Kindly note that **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.

We look forward to the continued support of all Heads of schools to further strengthen the outreach and impact of the INSPIRE-MANAK scheme. Let us collectively work towards fostering a culture of creativity and innovation among school students across Himachal Pradesh.


Dy. Director of School Education (Sec.)
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1. The Principal SCERT, Solan, Himachal Pradesh for information please.
2. Office file.


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To

The DDSE (Secondary/Elementary)
All districts of Himachal Pradesh

Subject: Regarding Extension of the Last Date for submitting nominations under INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme for the Year 2026-27.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation to this office letter No. No./EDN/SLN/SCERT/INSPIRE/2026-1385-91 dated 03/09/2026 and with reference to the communication received from the INSPIRE-MANAK Team, NIF-India, it is hereby informed that the last date for submitting nominations under the INSPIRE-MANAK scheme for the year 2026-27 has been **extended till 10/10/2026**. No further extension will be granted under any circumstances.

Further as on 17/09/2026, a total of 2,459 schools from Himachal Pradesh have successfully participated in the online nomination process, representing 6714 student nominations. District wise participation is given below.

District	No of Schools participated	No. of nominations submitted
Bilaspur	162	564
Chamba	256	441
Hamirpur	242	794
Kangra	506	1116
Kinnaur	22	65
Kullu	138	265
Lahaul and Spiti	06	08
Mandi	228	606
Shimla	235	661
Sirmaur	130	355
Solan	279	759
Una	255	1080
Total	2459	6714

In this regard, you are requested to inform all recognized Government, Private (aided/unaided) schools under your jurisdiction about the extended deadline and encourage them to submit nominations promptly through the MANAK E-MIAS web portal (<https://www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in/>) or Mobile App (<https://shorturl.at/um31Q>) by **October 10, 2026**. Unregistered schools should also be urged to register on the E-MIAS portal at the earliest to ensure timely submission and avoid last-minute issues.

17.9.2026

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1. The Secretary (Education), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, please.
2. The Director School Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, please.
3. The State Project Director (SS), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, please
4. Dr. Sandeep Bansal, Scientist 'C', DST Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi - 110016, please.
5. The Director National Innovation Foundation Gandhinagar, Gujarat, please.
6. Dr. Nitin Maurya Scientist- & NIF Coordinator-INSPIRE-MANAK, NIF-Noida Regional Office, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201309, please.
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