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To,
The Heads of all recognised Secondary &
Higher Secondary Schools,
within the jurisdiction of this Board.

Sub: IGNITE 12: A nationwide campaign to harness the creative and innovative spirit of school children by National Innovation Foundation.

Sir / Madam,

National Innovation Foundation (NIF), an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, aims to recognize, respect and reward grassroots technological innovators and traditional knowledge experts. NIF is striving to make India innovative, self-reliant and a world leader in sustainable technologies. NIF provides an institutional platform for the knowledge-rich, economically poor people.

In order to promote originality and creativity among school children NIF organizes the IGNITE-nationwide competition of students' original technological ideas and innovations. IGNITE 12 is accepting entries till August 31, 2012. As informed the awards for the same will be announced on October 15, 2012, birthday of Hon'ble former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam; celebrated as Children's' Creativity and Innovation Day by NIF. The awards will be given by Dr. Kalam at his convenience thereafter. **All school going children up to class XII** of any school (and even out of school) can participate in the competition either by sending their entries through post or online at ignite11@nifindia.org (For more detail, please log on to <http://www.nif.org.in/ignite/>)

Children can submit entries in any or all of these categories: a. Ideas of technologies not yet developed (avoid teleporting or dream reading etc.) b. Innovative products developed by the students (does not matter if these are crude or just proof of concept) and c. Distinctive traditional knowledge of the elders / communities with some experiments to support the same. Projects guided by teachers / parents will not be accepted.

It is to be noted that ten technologies of IGNITE winners have been showcased in the last three innovation exhibitions organized at the Rashtrapati Bhavan by NIF. Most awardees have been interviewed by leading National and International print and electronic media including DD, Lok Sabha, BBC, Tol, Hindu, Indian Express, rediff and many more. Some of the innovative solutions are also being designed further to take to market through our partnership with Future Group.

All Heads of Institutions are hereby informed to motivate students to participate actively in this competition and possibly win award at National level.

You are further instructed to encourage students to look for other innovators and outstanding traditional knowledge holders also and send report about them to NIF India. Such children will be considered for IGNITE scouting awards. All the entries under annual IGNITE contests are also eligible for biennial Presidential award function.

The content of this circular may be disseminated to all concerned and a copy of this may be displayed on the notice board of your school.

Sd/-
(Bhagirath G. Shetye)
Secretary

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