

To
Dr. Jagbir Singh
Chairman
Board of School Education Haryana
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Sub: Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE 19 Competition: A nationwide campaign to harness the creative and innovative spirit of school children by National Innovation Foundation-India reg.

Dear Dr. Jagbir Singh,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to your board for support to the IGNITE campaign, which promotes originality and creativity among school children. In the last campaign (2018), an overwhelming response of students (over 90000 submissions) was received from all States and Union Territories of the country. Out of these, 31 student's ideas were selected for awards after rigorous screening. On 17th November 2018 former president Shri Pranab Mukherjee gave the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE Award to creative and innovative students at NIF Campus, Grambharati, Gandhinagar.

The IGNITE awards are announced every year on 15th October, the birthday of Bharat Ratna, former President of India Dr A.P.J Abdul Kalam, celebrated as Children's Creativity and Innovation Day by NIF. The IGNITE competition was renamed as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE Awards 2015 onward to commemorate the ever inspiring memory of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, who had been giving awards to the winners till 2014.

NIF files patents in all applicable cases in the name of the students and develops prototypes of the students' ideas for the award exhibition. Till date NIF has filed 227 applications for patents and design registrations in the name of student awardees. For those ideas, which have market or social diffusion potential, NIF also engages designers/fabricators to develop value added prototypes/ products so that companies or partners for non-commercial diffusion can be approached. NIF's IGNITE Awards winners are eligible to get 3.5 bonus point while applying for admission in B. Tech. Program at Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIITD), an autonomous institute of the Government of Delhi.

In addition to awards and incubation support, NIF also provides IGNITE winners an opportunity to participate in events like Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, Indian Science Congress, etc. You may be pleased to

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know that in the last three 'Innovation Scholar in Residence' programs of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, nine IGNITE award winners were selected for residency at the Rashtrapati Bhavan where they got an opportunity to interact with the Hon'ble President, Prime Minister, Vice President, Ministers, Scientists and Policy Makers among others.

For the current Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE Competition 2019, I would like to request your board to circulate IGNITE campaign information to the affiliated schools so that students of your board can also actively participate in the competition and possibly win award at the national level. The dream of an innovative and inclusive India cannot be fulfilled without making our children creative and compassionate and for this we seek your active support.

Looking forward to your kind cooperation

With best regards,


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Encl: a) Draft circular
b) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE 19 poster
c) NIF Update.