

## Nagaland Board of School Education

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## **CIRCULAR**

Dated Kohima, the 9th September, 2025

NO.NBE-8/Ad-Misc(10)/PF-1/2025-26/ :: It is hereby notified for information of all Heads of Institutions that the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) has started the online nominations for the INSPIRE-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) Scheme for the year 2025-26.

As you are aware, the INSPIRE-MANAK scheme is a flagship program to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school students. All schools are hereby directed to take the necessary steps to ensure maximum participation from their students.

The guidelines for the nomination process are as follows:

- 1. Eligibility: Students from Classes VI to XII are eligible to participate.
- Nomination Portal: Nominations are to be submitted online through the E-MIAS (E-Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme) web portal: https://www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in/
- 3. **Nomination Limit:** Each school can nominate a maximum of **five** original ideas/innovations from its students.
- 4. Class XI & XII Quota: Within the limit of five nominations, a maximum of **two** students from Classes XI or XII (Science stream only) can be nominated.
- 5. **Deadline:** The last date for online nominations for the year 2025-26 is 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

All Heads of Institutions are requested to disseminate this information widely among teachers and students and to facilitate the timely submission of the best original ideas from your school. Please ensure that nominations are submitted well before the deadline to avoid any last-minute technical issues on the portal.

Your active cooperation is solicited to make this program a grand success in our state.

Rangumbuing Nsarangbe)

Secretary & Chairperson (Addl. Charge)

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A. Copy for information and necessary action:

1. All the Heads of Registered Institutions under NBSE.

## B. Copy for information:

- 1. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of School Education & SCERT, Kohima.
- 2. The State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 3. The Principal Director, School Education, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 4. The Director, SCERT, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 5. Dr. Arvind C. Ranade, Director, National Innovation Foundation India.

(Rangumbuing Nsarangbe

Secretary & Chairperson (Addl. Charge)