



MEGHALAYA BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

HEADQUARTERS

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From : Smt. M. H. K. Marak,
Executive Chairman,
Meghalaya Board of School Education,
Tura.

To : The Principal/Headmaster/Headmistress.

Subject: Call for entries.

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to announce and invite you and your school to participate in the 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. As an affiliated school of Meghalaya Board of School Education, Tura you have the opportunity to share and encourage your students to participate in this once in a year event, to inculcate the spirit of innovation and competition among our students. The details are attached herewith for your ready reference.

I look forward to seeing your school represent our State of Meghalaya.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

(M. H. K. Marak)

Executive Chairman,
Meghalaya Board of School Education,
Tura.

All Heads of Affiliated Schools

Sub: Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE 2019 Competition: National competition of school students' original unaided technological ideas and innovations organised by National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF)

Dear Principal,

NIF had been successfully undertaking the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE competition in collaboration with the CBSE, National/State Education Boards and other partners with the aim to harness the creative potential of 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 17 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.

With NIF, the Board has planned to initiate Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE 2019 in the academic session 2019-20 with an aim to promote creativity among children, the details of which are mentioned below

- a. The last date for submission of entries to NIF, directly by students or through schools, at the following address or through email at ignite@nifindia.org is **August 31, 2019.**

**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam IGNITE 19 Competition
National Innovation Foundation - India
Grambharti, Amrapur, Gandhinagar-Mahudi Road
Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382650
Tel: 02764261131/ 32/ 38/ 39**

- b. 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).
- c. 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.
- d. The awards will be announced on **October 15, 2019**, birthday of Hon'ble former President of India, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam celebrated as **Children's Creativity and Innovation Day. The Awards function date will be announced later on.**
- e. NIF will provide support for patenting and incubating innovative projects into products in all deserving cases. For the last few years, NIF has been able to file patents for each award winner of the IGNITE competitions apart from facilitating

prototype development in most of the cases. Winners of the earlier IGNITE competitions have also won awards in NIF's National Competition at the hands of the President of India. Many student winners have participated in the innovation exhibitions organised by NIF at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and inaugurated by the Hon'ble President. IGNITE winners have also been selected in the Innovation Scholar-in-Residence program of the Rashtrapati Bhavan in the last three years. Many have been interviewed by leading national print and electronic media.

- f. IGNITE Awards winners are also eligible to get 3.5 bonus points while applying for admission in B.Tech. program at Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIITD), an autonomous institute of the Government of Delhi.

We request you to give wide publicity to this competition amidst students, teachers and parents so as to activate the creative instinct in children to find solutions to the day-to-day problems.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,