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

**Sub:- IGNITE 2014 – A nationwide campaign by NIF to harness the creative and innovative spirit of school children to generate solutions to problems all round.**

Sir/Madam,

National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF) has been successfully undertaking the IGNITE competition in collaboration with the Honey Bee Network, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), National/State Education Boards and other partners with the aim to harness the creative potential of school children. It is to be noted that many of the ideas / innovations chosen for recognition address everyday problems.

In the words of **Dr. R. A. Mashelkar**, Chairperson, National Innovation Foundation, "**The sensitivity in our children towards their social context has to be preserved and nurtured today so that India of tomorrow will be more inclusive innovative and imaginative**".

This year's schedule is as per the details given below:-

- \* The last date is **August 31, 2014**, for submission of entries to NIF, directly by students or through schools at the following address or through email at [ignite@nifindia.org](mailto:ignite@nifindia.org) with a copy to [sec-gbshse.gov@nic.in](mailto:sec-gbshse.gov@nic.in).

**IGNITE 14**  
**National Innovation Foundation-India,**  
**Satellite complex, Premchand Nagar Road,**  
**Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380 015, Gujarat.**

- \* 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).
  - iii. Traditional knowledge practices documented from elders in and around one's family.
  - iv. Information about some other innovators in the neighbourhood.

- \* Each entry (in case if (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.
- \* The awards will be announced on October 15, 2014, birthday of Hon'ble former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam celebrated as **Children's Creativity and Innovation Day. The awards will be given away by Dr. Kalam and date of award function will be announced later as per his convenience.**
- \* NIF will provide incubation support (patenting, prototyping, etc) in all deserving cases. Winners of the earlier IGNITE competitions have also won awards in NIF's National Competition at the hands of the President of India and other awards.
- \* All school going children up to the 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 [ignite@nifindia.org](mailto:ignite@nifindia.org) (For more details, please log on to [www.nit.org.in/ignite](http://www.nit.org.in/ignite))

The Heads of institutions are therefore, informed to give wide publicity to this competition amidst students, teachers and parents so as to evolve the creative instinct in students to face confidently the day to-day problems and also motivate students for active participation in the competition at national level.

Sd/-  
(Bhagirath G. Shetye)  
Secretary

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