

All Heads of Affiliated Schools

**Sub: IGNITE 2013: National competition of school students' original unaided technological ideas and innovations organised by National Innovation Foundation-India (NIF)**

Dear Principal,

NIF been successfully undertaking the IGNITE competition in collaboration with the Honey Bee Network, CBSE, National/State Education Boards and other partners with the aim to harness the creative potential of school children. The IGNITE 12 contest (October 16, 2011 to August 31, 2012) saw participation of students from 282 districts of 30 States and Union Territories of the country with 14889 entries being received. The awards were announced on October 15th, the birth day of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, celebrated as the Children's Creativity and Innovation Day by NIF. These were given by at the hands of Dr. Kalam on November 10th, 2012 at IIM Ahmedabad.

The Board has decided to partner with NIF so that students of the affiliated schools can also participate in the IGNITE 13 competition, 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 [ignite13@nifindia.org](mailto:ignite13@nifindia.org) is July 31, 2013

**IGNITE 13**  
**National Innovation Foundation-India,**  
**Satellite Complex, Premchand Nagar Road,**  
**Vastrapur, Ahmedabad 380 015, Gujarat**

- 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).
  - iii. Traditional knowledge practices documented from elders in and around one's family.
  - iv. Information about some other innovators in the neighbourhood
- 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, 2013**, 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 on **November 19<sup>th</sup> at IIM Ahmedabad**.
- e. 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.