

MEMO - July'2026

Focus Areas for July 2026

- INSPIRE Awards MANAK Nominations
- Continous Teacher Professional Development through TheTeacherApp
 - Digital Literacy Programme
 - Life Skills Workshops
 - House & Club Strengthening
 - School Enterprise Challenge
 - Read India Challenge
 - Innovation Club Activities
 - Bharti Airtel Scholarship

Prestigious competitions in focus

1. **INSPIRE Awards MANAK:** 'Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research' (INSPIRE) scheme is one of the flagship programmes of Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. The INSPIRE Awards - MANAK being executed by DST with National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF), an autonomous body of DST, aims to motivate students in the age group of 10-15 years and studying in classes 6 to

The objective of the scheme is to target one million original ideas/innovations rooted in science and societal applications to foster a culture of creativity and innovative thinking among school children. to participate, use the link: <https://www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in/>

The online nominations for 2026-27, will resume from 15th June, 2026. The schools will be able to submit their online nominations till 15th September, 2026.

Important Days

- International Plastic Bag Free Day -July 3
- World Youth Skills Day - July 15
- Nelson Mandela Day- July 18
- Kargil Vijay Diwas - July 26
- World Hepatitis Day- 28th July
- World Nature Conservation Day - July 28

2. School Enterprise Challenge 2026

The **School Enterprise Challenge** is an international entrepreneurship programme that enables students to establish and manage a real school-based enterprise. Through this initiative, students learn business planning, market research, budgeting, financial literacy, teamwork, leadership, communication and problem-solving while generating funds for their school or community.

Objectives

- Develop entrepreneurial mindset among students.
- Promote financial literacy and business planning.
- Encourage innovation and teamwork.
- Build leadership and communication skills.
- Enable students to solve real-life problems through enterprise.

Schools can participate free of cost by registering on the official portal.

Registration:

- [School Enterprise Challenge 2026](#) . The programme is currently open for registrations.

3. **Teachers Forum:** It is a platform for School Teachers by Bharti Foundation to connect and share their experiences, and skills. An orientation session will be conducted on this for more understanding.

Objectives:

To create a network of teachers

To promote a culture of peer learning

To enhance professional development opportunities for teachers

To improve the quality of education by sharing best practices, action research, and innovations among teachers

4. **Digitally literate students:** Bharti Foundation launched a program specially curated for girl students in partner schools to acquire skills, enhance creativity and encourage independent thinking amongst girl child.

Objectives:

- Equip students with essential digital skills and knowledge.
- Foster critical thinking and evaluation of online information.
- Promote responsible technology use and online safety.
- Encourage adaptability and continuous learning in the digital age.

A virtual session on this will be conducted for a better understanding of the program and necessary material will be shared.

5. **Study/Life Skills Workshops:** Selected teachers to continue taking workshops on study and life skills, the study material and modules have been shared.

- Stress Management

6. **Empathy Club Conclave:** The objective of the Club conclave is

- To give an actual understanding of Houses and Clubs.
- Enable collective thinking and teamwork to come up with potential ideas for different activities.
- Sharing best practices through their presentation skills.
- Brainstorm on different future activities that they will be conducting in their respective schools

Other Competitions.

1. Read India Challenge:

Reading is the seed of knowledge, creativity and innovation. The goal of RIC is to encourage students to read something new, diverse, and positive for 10 minutes every day. It is an established fact globally that Gyan and Innovation drive economies and individual success. Reading diverse non-academic books, 'self' and 'situations' opens up the mind and ignites imagination. Gyan (knowledge and knowing) is the essence of living, and no reading means no knowledge and success, and no knowing means no insight and intelligence.

Link for registration and more details: <https://readindia.info/initiatives/ric-2026-international>

2. Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2026

The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) is organized to celebrate the energy, determination, ability, zeal and enthusiasm of our children.

Eligibility:- A child who is an Indian Citizen and is resident of India.

Age Limit: A Child above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July of respective year). The act/ incident/ achievement should have been within 2 years of the last date of receipt of application/ nomination for the year of consideration in the website i.e <https://awards.gov.in/Home/Awardpedia>

Last date : 31st July 2026.

7. Club Conclave: The objective of the Club conclave is

- To give an actual understanding of Houses and Clubs.
- Enable collective thinking and teamwork to come up with potential ideas for different activities.
- Sharing best practices through their presentation skills.
- Brainstorm on different future activities that they will be conducting in their respective schools

8. Bharti Airtel Foundation Scholarship Programme 2026–27

- The **Bharti Airtel Foundation Scholarship Programme** aims to support meritorious students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds in pursuing higher education at India's premier engineering and technology institutions. The scholarship is designed to ensure that financial constraints do not prevent talented students from achieving their academic aspirations.

Objectives:

- Encourage deserving students to pursue higher education in science, engineering and technology.
- Provide financial assistance to students admitted to eligible institutions.
- Promote equal access to quality higher education.
- Create awareness among Class XII students regarding scholarship opportunities after qualifying entrance examinations.

Action Points for Schools:

- Identify eligible Class XII students aspiring to pursue engineering and technology courses.
- Conduct awareness sessions for students and parents about the scholarship.
- Guide students in maintaining all required academic and admission documents.
- Ensure students regularly visit the official scholarship portal for updates regarding eligibility, application dates and required documentation.

Key Highlights:

- Available for students admitted to eligible engineering and technology programmes at premier institutions in India.
- Covers academic expenses as per the scholarship guidelines.
- Preference is given to deserving students from economically weaker backgrounds, in accordance with the programme criteria.

For Registration and Detailed Guidelines:

Bharti Airtel Foundation Scholarship Portal: <https://www.buddy4study.com/page/Bharti-Airtel-Scholarship>

Note: School Heads are requested to disseminate this information among all Class XII students and their parents so that no eligible student misses the opportunity to apply.

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Validity: 31st July 2026

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