Children’s Creativity and Innovation Day

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IGNITE
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What is the IGNITE contest?

IGNITE is a national competition to harness the creative and innovative spirit of school children. Students are invited to send their creative technological ideas and innovations for the same. IGNITE contest was first organised in 2007 by the NIF in the four southern states. Building upon the experience, the NIF partnered with the CBSE in 2008 and launched the contest nationally. For the IGNITE 2008, 961 entries were received from over 62 districts of 19 states. The awards were given by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad on November 26, 2008.

Why the IGNITE contest?

Creativity among children is almost in-born, every child is creative, degrees may vary, but not the basic manifestation. Then what happens during the growth and maturation? Why should children stop asking basic questions? Why do they agree to do repetitive science projects instead of being original? Why do they learn to live with unsolved social and professional problems? We should not allow our children to live with such problems rather urge them to come up with solutions to these.

We want to promote originality, creativity and innovative spirit among our children so that when they become leaders of our society, they ensure an imaginative, inclusive and an innovative future for the country. We want our children to be more sensitive to the problems faced by not just them and their families or neighbors but also other socially disadvantaged sections of the society.

IGNITE 09

The IGNITE 09 contest (April 15, 2009 to September 15, 2009) saw participation of students from 82 districts of 21 states of the country. Over all 1344 entries were received, which ranged from sectors like energy, environment, transport, general household utility items and many even discussed societal problems. The awards were announced on October 15th, the birth day of children’s favorite Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India, celebrated as the Children’s Creativity and Innovation Day by NIF. A total of 19 students won awards in different categories. Two schools were selected for recognition for their efforts to promote originality in the children and to motivate children learn and preserve traditional knowledge. Another student was selected for special recognition for his idea about tiny savings. Read more about them in the following pages (List of award winners annexed).
Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Seven Point Oath for Students

1. I realize I have to set a goal in my life. To achieve the goal, I will acquire the knowledge, I will work hard, and when the problem occurs, I have to defeat the problem and succeed.

2. As a youth of my nation, I will work and work with courage to achieve success in all my tasks and enjoy the success of others.

3. I shall always keep myself, my home, my surroundings, neighbourhood and environment clean and tidy.

4. I realize righteousness in the heart leads to beauty in the character, beauty in the character brings harmony in the home, harmony in the home leads to order in the nation and order in the nation leads to peace in the world.

5. I will lead an honest life free from all corruption and will set an example for others including my home to adopt a righteous way of life.

6. I will light the lamp of knowledge in the nation and ensure that it remains lit for ever.

7. I realize, whatever work I do if I do the best, I am contributing towards realizing the vision of developed India 2020.

(Source: http://www.abdulkalam.nic.in/address_airindia_pres.html)
Automatic Food Making Machine

Abhishek Bhagat
Class X, Adwait Mission Public School, Bhagalpur, Bihar

Who has not wished a machine which would cook one’s chosen recipe every time exactly as one wished it to be? But then such a machine will not elude us any more, if Abhishek’s innovative food machine comes in the market.

*Kitchen King* has 12 boxes containing different ingredients, with a display screen to select options to cook different items. The required quantity of each ingredient will be fed into the machine in the sequence one has pre planned to cook the desired dish.

Pressure Detector for Water Pipelines

Himala Joshi
Class XI, Aryaman, Vikram Birla Institute of Learning, Nainital, Uttarakhand

In many places in India, water is supplied for one or two hours only in a day. People have to keep turning taps on every few minutes to check the water supply. Himala has designed a pressure detector fitted in the pipeline. It rings an alarm immediately on sensing the flow of water; thus alerting people.
Flameless Seal Maker

Masha Nazeem
Class XI, Vidya Vikas School,
Namakkal, Tamil Nadu

The traditional way of sealing covers or boxes is using lac heated at a very high temperature. It is a hazardous job. It has been so used in India since the Mughal Era. The flameless seal maker eliminates the use of fire to melt lac and also ensures uniform treatment or seal imprint. Just fill the device with lac, plug it into power supply and one can then control the flow of the lac with a piston. There is little chance of getting burns too.

Lavatories with Auto Washing Pipe

Sasmita Nayak
Class Seven, Govt. High School, Kendujhar,
Orissa

A toilet fitting connected to a door by a spring mechanism, splashes water on the floor and in the toilette when a person opens the door. This way, toilets in railway bogies can be kept clean with minimal water wastage.
Breathing sensor apparatus to assist physically challenged

Susant Patnaik
Class XI, DAV Public School,
Bhubaneshwar, Orissa

This system consists of a circuit, which uses the changes in breathing patterns to select several options such as food, water etc. It thus enables paralyzed/physically challenged people articulate their wish and be self-reliant in routine activities. The technology has a range of applications like operating a wheelchair, electronic appliances, prevention of accidents, detecting thefts, etc.

Sushant has designed a proof-of-concept electronic circuit of a wheelchair, which can be navigated through commands given by changing breathing patterns, just like a morse code.

Fire Hose Supporter

Abhishek Srikanth
Class IX, Global Indian International School,
East Coast Campus, Singapore

The jet of water that shoots out of a hose is very strong and the reaction force on the fire-fighter is difficult for him to handle. Hence, a foldable stand could be developed which is connected to the fire-hose by a spring mechanism. The angle of the hose is also flexible. This enables less strain and ensures a steady spraying of water jet at desired targets.
Preventing Clothes from Being Wet in Rain

Piyush Agarwal
Class XI, DAV Public School,
Hazaribag, Jharkhand

When it rains, a motor may get triggered by salt that absorbs atmospheric moisture/sensor. It would pull the rope inside on which clothes are hung. This may save housewives, an additional chore!

Body Heat and Pulse to Charge Cell Phone

Sarojini Mahajan
Class IX, St. Mark’s Sr. Secondary School, Delhi

A gadget can be developed to utilize the body heat or the stimulus of pulse to charge a cell phone. Interestingly, this idea was picked up by Stanford University faculty for exploring its feasibility for charging batteries of e-book.
**Bus with approach alert system**

Pallavi Sharma  
Class IX, Police DAV Public School, Jalandhar Cantt., Punjab

Pallavi gives an idea about a high tech school bus, which can give alert signal as it approaches the bus stop. No one would miss any bus this way!! Are not children so busy nowadays that they don’t have even a few minutes to waste.

**Integrating gait with security systems in mobiles**

Anurag Rathore  
Class IX, Police DAV Public School, Jalandhar Cantt., Punjab

Anurag wants to integrate the gait of a person with a mobile. As walking style differ from person to person, the software will be able to identify the signals based on the body movements while walking. If the mobile will sense a different movement once activated, it will lock itself and send a message about its location to a predefined number. The system will also have a password option so that in cases of emergency, the original user can unlock it.

Since no two people walk alike, one’s cell phone will not work in another person’s hands.
**Triangular Wheels**

**Yatharth Saxena**  
Class V, Campus School,  
Pantnagar, Uttarakhand

This is an arrangement of three wheels on both the side of an axle. This may be used in carrying luggage strollers on the stairs.

**Rain water harvesting umbrella with filter**

**Saihiel Bakshi**  
Class VI, Vasant Valley School,  
Delhi

Integrating funnels in an umbrella, Saihiel has made a model, which can harvest rain water. The water from the funnels is led into a filter and then collected in a bottle. This can then be used later.
**Ambulances/fire brigades with integrated GPS**

**Meenakshi Padhi**  
Class VII, DPS Nalconagar,  
Angul, Orissa

In order to stay clear of traffic during emergencies, Meenakshi suggests that ambulances/fire brigades fitted with GPS are integrated with traffic system so that path is cleared for them by appropriate light switching. For instance, as the ambulance comes near a traffic junction, lights will turn green for it to pass through while stopping the traffic across its path.

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**Water clock with a water alarm!**

**Airam Khatoon**  
Class VII,  
Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya Vrindavan,  
West Champaran, Bihar

This is a simple idea about a water clock that sprays water after a preset time.
System to provide a mirror with extended view while over-taking a vehicle

Ujjwal Jain
Class X,
Nirmala Rani High School,
Bangalore, Karnataka

This device mainly shifts the area of view along the axis of the mirror. This is done in order to extend the view behind the vehicle and also to enable the driver to view what is besides him.

Putting to use waste water from RO systems

Ramya Ahuja
Class X, Vasant Valley School, Delhi

It is suggested to use the waste water from RO system for different domestic purposes.
**Travel bags with folding seats**

**Nisha Chaube**  
Class X,  
Ryan International School,  
NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh

Considering the problem commuters have to face while waiting for buses/trains at stations, Nisha has suggested incorporating light-weight folding seats in traveling bags so that the same can be used when needed.

**Apparatus to increase the life of mosquito coils**

**Prakhar Parashar**  
Class XII,  
Saraswati Higher Secondary School,  
Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh

This is a tested apparatus that increases the life of a mosquito coil considerably. Without apparatus five inches of the coil burns in one hour, while with apparatus only four inches burn in the same time. Thus 20 per cent extra life helps in controlling mosquitoes for that much time extra.
Special Mention

Tiny savings through mobile recharges

Praanshu Goyal
Class X, Kendriya Vidyalaya,
Agra, Uttar Pradesh

Praanshu suggests that every time, some one recharges one’s prepaid card for cell phone, a fraction of the recharge amount is invested by the mobile operator in a mutual fund or some other saving scheme. This can be claimed later by the user as per the accumulated savings in his portfolio.

Special Mention

1. Honey Bee Creativity Club, Sri Sathya Sai Lok Seva Vidya Kendra, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka. Teacher Incharge: Mr. Saimon Cardoza

The club has contributed more than 200 ideas and innovation of the students and continues to motivate students to think creatively.

2. Salwan Public School, Gurgaon, Haryana
School Representatives: Mr. Pankaj Gupta and Ms. Hema Malini

The school motivated the children to document and learn traditional knowledge from their elders. The documentation of the same was sent to NIF along with well presented literature.
## Annexure

**IGNITE 09 Award Winners**

### Upto Class Seven

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Do you have an IDEA that can solve a problem, make life better for others and win you a PRIZE!!!!!

National Innovation Foundation (NIF), Ahmedabad

IGNITE 10

An idea and innovation contest for school students.

We are looking for creative solutions for everyday problems, problems that have been there for long. We don’t want you to live with them but solve them.

We are looking for new machines/gadgets that can life or work easier for yourself or others.

We are looking for great practical ideas that have the potential to be converted into reality.

We promise technical and financial support for the most unique and innovative ideas and innovations along with possible patent support & business development opportunity.

If you think you have a creative idea, come and participate.
 Entries are being accepted till August 31, 2010
 The awards will be declared on October 15, 2010 the birth day of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam celebrated as the Children’s Creativity and Innovation Day and given later by him at his convenience

You can send any number of your creative ideas and innovations to the email* ignite10@nifindia.org or send them to our address below

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* Please include your complete name, address, contact number, class and school/college’s name along with the details of your ideas/innovations and pictures/diagrams if any.
A Newsletter on Creativity and Innovation at the Grass Roots

An invitation to join a global movement to conserve biodiversity through documentation, experimentation, value addition and dissemination of local innovations by farmer, pastoralist, artisan and horticulturist men and women. You may also like to join the campaign for the protection of the Intellectual Property Rights of grassroots level innovators.

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The Seventh National Biennial Competition for Green Grassroots Unaided Technological Innovations and Traditional Knowledge

The competition
The NIF, set up by Department of Science and Technology, GOI, seeks entries of unaided technological innovations and traditional knowledge developed by an individual or group comprising farmers, artisans, fishermen and women, slum dwellers, workshop mechanics, students, local communities etc., in managing natural and/or other resources. The innovations can be in machines, gadgets, implements, or processes for farm operations, household utility, transportation, energy conservation or generation, reduction in drudgery, creative use of biodiversity, development of plant varieties, generation of herbal remedies for human or animal health or developing new or any other low cost sustainable green technology related to various aspects of survival in urban and rural areas. Creative ideas for innovative technologies which have not yet been reduced to practice are also welcome. Communities developing People’s Biodiversity Register (PBR) or People’s Knowledge Register (PKR) are encouraged to register/link their knowledge base with the National Register at the NIF.

The awards
The best three innovations and traditional knowledge practices will be awarded Rs 1,00,000, Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 each in different categories. In addition, individuals and/or organizations that make extraordinary contributions in scouting grassroots innovations and traditional knowledge may also get awards worth Rs 50,000, 25,000 and 15,000 respectively besides recognition to many others. There will be several consolation prizes of Rs 10,000 each in different categories depending upon the number of entries and incremental inventiveness and potential social and environmental impact. Three most outstanding innovative ideas may be given prizes of Rs 50,000, 25,000 and 15,000 in addition to consolation prizes of Rs 5,000 each. There are special prizes for innovations by or dealing with, physically challenged people. The innovations/ideas of professionally trained persons are not considered for award or financial support. There are special awards for journalists writing about grassroots innovations and/or traditional knowledge and creating greater awareness about NIF’s missions. The award money may be revised in due course.

Students
Young inventors and innovators are invited to send their ideas or innovations for a special category of awards for them. These should be unsupervised, an outcome of their own creativity, without any support from their teachers or outsiders. There will be prizes worth Rs 15,000, 10,000 and Rs 7,500 for the best three entries and several consolation prizes of Rs 5,000 each in this category.

How to participate
Individuals or groups may send as many entries as they wish on plain paper providing a) genesis of the innovation and traditional knowledge b) its background and c) educational qualification and occupation, accompanied by photographs and/or videos if possible and any other information that may help in replicating the innovations/traditional knowledge. Herbal entries may be accompanied by dried plant samples to enable proper identification procedure. The Seventh National Competition started on February 1, 2009 and entries will be accepted till December 31, 2010. Every entry should include the full postal address to facilitate further communications.

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