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2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016

Dear Shri

Government of India has set up the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

- Under the Mission, 500 Atal Tinkering Laboratories will be established in schools to foster creativity and scientific temper in students. A one time grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 lakh will be provided for establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) in schools (grades VI-XII) across India. Further, an amount of Rs. 10 lakh would also be provided for each Lab over a period of 5 years for operational expenses. Thus, an amount of Rs. 20 lakh per Lab will be spent in each selected school. This will enable young children to work with tools and equipment to understand the concepts of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and also give shape to their creativity. Competitions at regional and national scale will also be organized to showcase the innovations developed by the children. For further details on the scheme, the implementation guidelines may be downloaded from <http://niti.gov.in/content/atal-tinkering-laboratories>. I am also enclosing a copy of the letter no. M-13040/16/2016-Infra I dated 25.05.2016 from Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog on this issue.
- NITI Aayog is seeking applications online from schools desirous of applying under the scheme. The last date of submission of applications is **17<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**.
- You are requested to circulate the information about this scheme to all your schools and encourage them to apply.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

**Encl: As above**

Sd/-  
(Dr. S.C. Khuntia)

To,

- The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries, School Education of all States/ UTs
- The Chairman, CBSE
- The Commissioner, NVS
- The Commissioner, KVS
- The CEO, CISCE

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(Dr. S.C. Khuntia)

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25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Shri Khuntia,

**Subject: NITI Aayog launches initiative to establish 500 Atal Tinkering Laboratories in Schools.**

The Government of India has setup the **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** including **Self-Employment and Talent Utilisation (SETU)** at NITI Aayog. The overarching purpose of this Mission is to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

To foster creativity and scientific temper in students, Atal Innovation Mission will establish 500 Atal Tinkering Laboratories in schools. It will provide one time establishment grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 lakh for establishing Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) in schools (grade VI – XII) across India. Further, an amount of Rs. 10.0 lakh would also be provided for each ATL over a period of 5 years for operational expenses of ATLs. Thus, an amount of Rs. 20 lakh per Atal Tinkering Laboratory in each selected school will be spent. Young children will get a chance to work with tools and equipment to understand the concepts of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and also give shape to their creativity. Competitions at regional and national scale will also be organised to showcase the innovations developed by the children. For further details on the scheme, please refer to the implementation guidelines at <http://niti.gov.in/content/atal-tinkering-laboratories>.

We are seeking applications online from schools desirous of applying to this scheme. The last date of submission of applications is 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016. In this regard, we request you to kindly circulate information about this scheme to relevant Government Departments, including State Governments, Central Board of Secondary Education, Indian Certificate of Secondary Education, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti among others and encourage schools to apply. For further queries, please contact us at [mo-aim@nic.in](mailto:mo-aim@nic.in) and 011 – 23096607 / 23092291.

I am enclosing a copy of the scheme guidelines with this letter for your reference and circulation. We look forward to your active support.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Amitabh Kant)

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