

Monthly Memo– September 2026

Overview

This monthly memo outlines the key academic initiatives, competitions, institutional processes and skill-based interventions planned for September 2026 across the partner Army Goodwill Schools. The focus during the month shall remain on academic excellence, innovation, meaningful participation in national and international opportunities, and holistic student development.

Important Observances

Date	Observance
1st–7th September 2026	National Nutrition Week
5th September 2026	Teachers' Day
8th September 2026	International Literacy Day
9th September 2026	International Day to Protect Education from Attack
12th September 2026	World First Aid Day
15th September 2026	International Day of Democracy
16th September 2026	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21st September 2026	International Day of Peace
27th September 2026	World Tourism Day

Key Programmes & Initiatives

1. Design for Change – I CAN Earthshot Challenge 2026

Schools are encouraged to engage students in the Design for Change (DFC) I CAN Earthshot Challenge 2026, a national challenge for young environmental change-makers aged 9–17 across India. Students should identify a real environmental challenge, work through the FEEL–IMAGINE–DO–SHARE process, implement a solution and document the impact.

Link: [Official Challenge Page](#)

2. School Enterprise Challenge 2026

Schools shall be encouraged to register for the School Enterprise Challenge 2026, a free international education programme through which student teams create and run sustainable school businesses. The programme develops entrepreneurship, teamwork, leadership, communication, problem-solving and practical business skills.

Link: [Official Programme Page](#)

3. INSPIRE Awards – MANAK

Schools shall complete the online nomination process for INSPIRE Awards – MANAK 2026–27 within the prescribed September timeline. The official DST notification states that nominations opened on 15th July 2026 and remain open till 15th September 2026. Schools may nominate up to five best original and innovative ideas through the E-MIAS portal.

Deadline: 15th September 2026

Link: [Official INSPIRE-MANAK Portal](#)

4. Green School Programme

Schools shall continue environmental awareness and sustainable resource-management activities through student-led audits, waste reduction, responsible use of resources and practical campus-level solutions. Schools should maintain evidence of activities and complete programme documentation within the prescribed timeline.

Link: [Official Green Schools Programme](#)

QSP Processes

A. Student Workshops – Skill-Based Modules

Skill-based student workshops shall continue in structured group formats. Suggested September modules include S- Skills workshops such as Revision Strategy, Exam Writing, Time Management.

B. Bag-less Days Implementation

Schools shall plan structured Bag-less Days for Classes VI–VIII in alignment with NEP 2020. Students should receive experiential exposure through local experts, community practitioners and hands-on activities linked to vocational skills and real-world learning.

C. Innovation & Club Strengthening

Innovation, Eco and Astronomy Clubs should remain active through student-led activities, project development, peer learning and documentation. Schools should use September observances—particularly Literacy, Democracy, Ozone, Peace and Tourism—to create meaningful club-based activities.

D. TeacherApp / Professional Learning

Teachers shall complete all requisite modules under the **Teacher Professional Development Programme (TPDP)** through **TheTeacherApp**, with emphasis on continuous professional learning, NEP 2020-aligned practices, and effective use of **AI-enabled features and digital tools** to enhance classroom teaching and learning. Teachers should ensure timely completion of assigned modules and explore relevant AI features available on the platform for lesson planning, content creation, assessment and classroom support.

E. Principal Conclave

A Principal Conclave shall be organized by Bharti Airtel Foundation in collaboration with the Indian Army during September 2026. The conclave will provide a platform for school leaders to engage in meaningful discussions on school leadership, academic excellence, teacher development, NEP 2020, innovation, technology integration and strengthening the overall school ecosystem across Army Goodwill Schools.

F. Focus on Upcoming Board Examinations

Schools shall undertake focused and structured preparation for the upcoming Board Examinations. Foundation have provided question papers for the last five years. Schools should utilise these resources for regular weekly/monthly tests, revision and practice, while identifying learning gaps. Need-based online classes and academic intervention sessions may also be conducted to provide targeted support and strengthen students' preparedness for the upcoming Board Examinations.

Scholarship Opportunities

Schools are requested to ensure that all eligible students are informed about the following scholarship schemes and are provided with necessary guidance to complete their applications within the stipulated timelines. The designated school representative, nominated by the HOI, shall maintain and regularly update the scholarship records of eligible students, including their eligibility, registration and application status. The representative shall ensure that the required data is complete, accurate and readily available for consolidation and reporting during September.

1. SC/ST Scholarship (National Scholarship Portal):

All eligible SC/ST students should be encouraged to apply for the relevant Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, and Higher Education scholarship schemes available through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

Portal: [National Scholarship Portal \(NSP\)](#)

2. PM-USP Scholarship (Prime Minister's Unified Scholarship Portal – Central Sector Scheme):

Eligible meritorious students should be encouraged to apply for the PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students through the National Scholarship Portal. **Information:** PM-USP Scholarship Details

Application Portal: [Department - Scholarships & Education Loan | Department of Higher Education](#)

3. Bharti Airtel Scholarship:

Students securing admission to eligible undergraduate professional programmes are encouraged to apply for the **Bharti Airtel Scholarship 2026–27**. The scholarship provides comprehensive financial support, including tuition fees and other academic assistance, to eligible students.

Scholarship Details & Registration: [Bharti Airtel Scholarship | Bharti Airtel Foundation](#)