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**Atal Innovation Mission launched by government in schools to cultivate 1 million children
in India as Neoteric Innovators: Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’**

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Government of India is encouraging the schools to provide exposure of science and technology to students so that they can be exposed with futuristic technology platforms. Government has setup the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog. The objective of establishing AIM is to create scientific temper and cultivate the spirit of curiosity and innovation among young minds.

In schools, AIM facilitates to set up network of Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) in India. The vision of Atal Tinkering Lab initiative is to ‘Cultivate 1 Million children in India as Neoteric Innovators’. The objective of this scheme is to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds and inculcate skills such as design mind-set, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing, rapid calculations, measurements etc.

A total, 8878 schools have been selected and 4670 schools have been given the ATL grant in aid for establishment of ATL. A total of Rs.1000 crores is currently earmarked for the said mission upto financial year 2019-20.

The information was given by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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