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Government of India  
Ministry of Education  
Department of School Education & Literacy

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Kartavya Bhavan-02, New Delhi  
Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

To,

1. The Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016.
2. The Chairperson, Central Board of Secondary Education, Shiksha Kendra, 2, Community Centre, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092.
3. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan, 18 Institutional Area, S.J.S.Marg, New Delhi-110016.
4. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida, G.B.Nagar, U.P.-201309.
5. The Chairperson, NCTE, G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, Landmark – Near Metro Station, New Delhi – 110075.
6. The Chairperson, National Institute of Open Schooling, A-24/25, Institutional Area, Sector - 62, Noida, G.B.Nagar, U.P.-201309.

**Subject: Call for nominations for the 2026 UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education- reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith an email dated 27.04.2026 received from INC, DoHE, forwarding therewith a communication received from Director General, UNESCO requesting nominations for the 2026 UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education.

2. The UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education' aims to reward the contributions towards the achievement of two Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" (Goal 4) and "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls" (Goal 5).

3. The Prize is awarded annually to two laureates, each receiving a monetary award of US \$50,000. Nominations for the Prize must focus on outstanding and innovative practices advancing girls' and women's education. The nominated project/programme must have been established and ongoing for at least two years. Individuals, institutions, or non-governmental organizations may be nominated. Each Member State is allowed to submit 3 nominations. Statutes of the Prize have also been enclosed herewith.

4. It is requested that appropriate nominations, if any, for the 2026 UNESCO Prize for Girls' and Women's Education may be furnished to this Department latest by 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above.

*AK/18.5.2026*  
(Ajay Kumar)

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