

## Fwd: [Aim-atls2] IMP: Engagement of an external agency to conduct assessment of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) all across India

Dear Principals/ ATL in charge,

A gentle reminder that **AIM, NITI Aayog has engaged an external agency to conduct assessment of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) all across India.** The objectives of the assessment are to evaluate the fund utilization, compliance and performance of the funded ATLs. To carry out the above-mentioned objectives, the external agency team would initiate a secondary analysis of the monthly reporting on the dashboard, procurement through GeM, submission of utilization certificates, etc. In this regard, it is suggested that all schools ensure compliance to guidelines established by AIM, Niti Aayog for effective implementation of the Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL).

I would like to bring to your immediate attention the importance of certain essential compliance activities to be mandatorily complied with by the Principals/ ATL in charges for the smooth-running of the ATL at your school.

- 1. It is mandatory that the Utilization Certificates (UC) of your ATL expenses are uploaded in the ATL UC Document portal at end of every financial year:** A Utilization Certificate needs to be generated incorporating all the ATL related expenditure details for every financial year (immediately for schools which received Tranche 1 for a year or more), and uploaded on the UC Document Portal duly signed and stamped by the principal/ auditor.

[https://aimapp2.aim.gov.in/atl\\_tranche\\_document2019/index.php](https://aimapp2.aim.gov.in/atl_tranche_document2019/index.php)

*If you have utilized 80% or more of your first tranche, please apply for the subsequent tranche in the tranche portal:*

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- 2. All ATLs must fill the MyATL Dashboard fully and comprehensively immediately:** MyATL Dashboard has been developed for filling up the details by the schools and submitting their monthly reports. **It is mandatory for all the schools to fill the details on the dashboard, as per the ATL Application and Establishment Guidelines** (Memorandum of Agreement between School and NITI Aayog – 4.3 (iii)) Link: <https://www.aim.gov.in/atl/>
- 3. All purchases of ATL equipment must only be through GEM and not directly from any vendor.**
- 4. Failure to establish an operational ATL within 6 months of receiving the grant** and non-utilization of the grant amount for the ATL operationalization will be considered as non-compliance by the school and the ATL grant may have to be refunded under these circumstances based on audit or third-party assessment.

If you are non-compliant in any of the above counts, please take the necessary steps. **We are confident you will respond well to our request.**

Regards,

AIM Team

