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The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**



**NIHERST makes yet another investment in the national education system via  
the Teach ME programme.**

**Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago:** Over \$55,000 in prizes were received by students and teachers in the latest installment of the Teach ME Teacher's Virtual Curriculum Competition and the Student's Innovation Competition hosted by the National Institute of Higher Education Research Science and Technology.

The Teach ME programme is geared towards improving the levels of creativity in Trinidad and Tobago by building and strengthening capacities in the areas of Science, Technology and Innovation. The objective of the initiative includes but is not limited to increasing teacher's confidence and competence in the transfer of knowledge and technical skills of STEM subjects to students at the primary and secondary levels and improving primary and secondary students' 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills (creativity, critical thinking, communication, or collaboration).

Gracing the podium, Vice President, Science and Technology (Ag.) Ms. Lovaan Superville in her welcome remarks expressed, 'The Teach ME programme mirrors the characteristics required to advance our scholastic system. In its ingenuity, it does not simply feed its participants the required information but places them in an environment that will cultivate their skillset.'

As NIHERST's unwavering support of the programme's core values continues, Chairman, to NIHERST's Board of Governors, Dr. Andrew Hunte, impressed, 'The Teach ME programme is a great example of an initiative that promotes both critical thinking and technological involvement as it aims to equip individuals with the abilities and mindset needed to succeed in the 21st century.'

Also in attendance was Director of School Supervision, Mr. Aaron Ramrattan, who in his featured highlighted, 'The Ministry of Education understands that STEM education is crucial in today's world, where technology is advancing at an unprecedented pace.' He continued his speech stating, 'By encouraging students to explore their creativity and develop their skills, we can help shape the future of technology.'

The Teach ME competitions are held annually with its next edition scheduled to commence on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.



**From Left:** Project Officer and Coordinator of the Teach ME Project, Ms. Josanne Warner, V.P. Science and Technology (Ag.), NIHERST, Ms. Lovaan Superville, Director of School Supervision, Ministry of Education, Mr. Aaron Ramrattan, Senior Specialist, NIHERST, Ms. Ryane Rollock



**[Winners of the National Students' Innovation Competition in the Junior Category]**

**Back Row from Left:** Project Officer and Coordinator of the Teach ME Project, Ms. Josanne Warner, V.P. Science and Technology (Ag.), NIHERST, Ms. Lovaan Superville, Director of School Supervision, Ministry of Education, Mr. Aaron Ramrattan, Senior Specialist, NIHERST, Ms. Ryane Rollock

**Front Row from Left:** St. Xavier's Primary School (Joshua Neckles, Darius Palmer, Ethan Cadette, Ethan Ramdass, Monique Winter), St. Peters Primary School (Azariah Bruce), Holy Faith Preparatory St. Bernadette's (Jacob De Silva)





**[Winners of the National Students' Innovation Competition in the Senior Category]**

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**Front Row from Left:** St. Augustine Girls High School (Enya Cariah), Fyzabad Anglican Secondary School (Thandiwe Bruce & Denelle Richardson), Hillview College (Michael Roberts)



**[Winners of the Teachers' Curriculum Competition]**

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**Front Row from Left:** Five Rivers Secondary School (Jeanette Browne), The University School (Kachet Henry), Morne Diable R.C. Primary School (Anisa Silverton), St. Anthony's College (Chemon John-Harnanansingh), Tacarigua Presbyterian Primary School (Sarah Villafana)

### **About NIHERST**

NIHERST is a statutory body established in 1984 to promote science, technology and higher education in Trinidad and Tobago consistent with national development goals. The Institute is an agency under the Ministry of Education. Its current work focuses on the development of a more diversified, knowledge-driven economy, based on the ingenuity of our people and their ability to create, adapt and use science and technology for wealth generation and national development. Many of its programmes aim to strengthen the innovative, creative and entrepreneurial capabilities of the general population. NIHERST is also engaged in research, such as in foresight

and innovation, to support economic diversification; promoting innovation and the commercialisation of technology in priority sectors; and building global partnerships.



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