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**NCL scientists popularising science among students**



This outreach programme is run by a few scientists from NCL in which three main activities are involved. Popular talks by scientists on contemporary topics (including experiments, demos, etc), a mentoring programme for students planning

projects for the National Science and Technology fair and Outreach lectures at few schools.

Talking about this initiative, coordinator of the programme Guruswamy Kumaraswamy said, "I have been a judge at the National Science and Technology Fair (called IRIS--Initiative for Research and Innovation in Science) for the last few years, and I have noticed that there are very few projects that are submitted by students from Pune. The projects that win awards, very often are from students who have had the advantage of excellent mentors. Therefore, we have initiated a programme to help students from Pune to put together exciting projects for IRIS."

This year the activity of mentoring sessions is started to guide the students interested for participating in National Science and Technology Fair. The idea of these sessions is to give students project ideas and provide a forum to discuss with scientists about how to develop their projects. The sessions are being held after the popular talks at Venture centre of NCL once in a month. All outreach events are free to students and science teachers. The interested candidates can register themselves on [register@excitingscience.org](mailto:register@excitingscience.org)

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