

## In 10 years, Exciting Science Group covers 3,000 students



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**EXCITING SCIENCE** Group – a city-based outreach arm, jointly run by the CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory and the Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER) – recently completed ten years.

Started off modestly in 2008, the group organises popular talks by scientists every month, mostly for school students. The group has so far hosted 125 such talks.

The group is also working with students from eight schools run by the Pune Municipal Corporation, who attend weekly workshops at IISER campus.

“There is still a big disconnect between motives of carrying out research in science and technol-

ogy and the information provided in textbooks. Our activities are designed to convey this exciting problem-solving aspect of research to school children. We have been doing the same by creating an interface between researchers and school students,” said Shraddha Gargatti, senior associate, who has worked with the group for a decade now.

Every year since its inception, the group has managed to reach out to over 3,000 school students.

While Indian scientists working in a range of research fields have been part of the group's activities, students have also got a chance to interact with scientists from renowned international universities namely Caltech, Columbia University, University of Liverpool and also NASA.