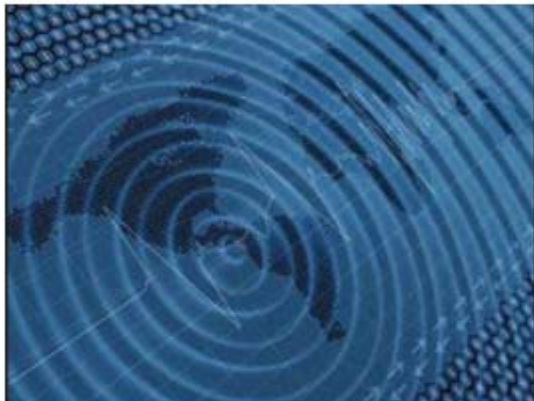


# Pune scientific body plans summer workshops for class 8-10 students

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PUNE: The Exciting Science Group, a volunteer group of scientists from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - National Chemical Laboratory and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune, will organize workshops on "What Killed Dinosaurs?" and "Earthquakes: Locating Epicentres and calculating magnitudes" on May 9 and 12, respectively, for class 8-10 students.

"Each workshop will be conducted in two batches of 30 students at IISER-Pune. The workshop on "Dinosaurs" is aimed to introduce participants to a significant mass extinction event in Earth's history and examine the potential reasons for such a dramatic event including

volcanism in India and the meteorite impact hypothesis," said an official release.

In addition to this, the participants will also do a simple project where they will calculate the energy released from the impact of a meteorite. "The workshop on "Earthquakes" will include a hands-on demonstration of how to locate the epicentre of an earthquake. Additionally participants will learn to calculate the magnitude of earthquakes. In this workshop participant students will also be introduced to an interactive web based activity from the Virtual Earthquake application. These workshops will be conducted by Rahul Chopra, Chair of the Centre for Earth and Environment at FLAME University, Pune," the release stated.

Registration for these workshops funded by Praj Foundation, the Persistent Foundation and the Forbes Marshall Foundation, is free and on a first come basis and interested students should visit <http://www.excitingscience.org/> for the details.