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PMC-school student cracks IISER admission test

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PUNE: A Pune Municipal Corporation student Akshay Tawale has cracked the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research entrance test to gain a spot in IISER Tirupati.

Akshay's parents are farmers and hail from Osmanabad district. Because of his interest in academics, Akshay moved to Pune to stay with his uncle and aunt and enrolled himself in PMC run Vasantdata Patil Vidya Niketan.

As a student, he attended a science club organized by the Exciting Science Group which is a volunteer group from CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory and IISER-Pune that provides a forum for scientists to interact with school students. Impressed with Akshay, the Exciting Science Group provided him with an opportunity to work in a research laboratory during the summer school holidays.

'During his internship, he came into contact with Disha, a student organization at IISER-Pune and was selected for their Science Nurture programme. Disha volunteers at IISER-Pune provided coaching for Akshay, helping him score 91.8% in his SSC board exams. He enrolled in the science stream at PMC's Rajiv Gandhi e-learning Junior College. The Disha volunteers continued to mentor him through their Prerna programme, to help him prepare for his HSC board exam and various competitive examinations. Based on his performance, Akshay secured admission into the BS-MS programme at both IISER-Bhopal and IISER-Tirupati. He has decided to join the undergraduate programme at IISER-Tirupati,' said the official release from ESG.